

REGRETS

The Chair noted regrets from Governors Mike Shields and Phillip (Rocky) Simmons, and Executive Team members Bev Balenko, Richard Levin, Don Sinclair and Ross Stevenson.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

At the request of the Chair, Ann Mars acknowledged guests Judy Spring, Dean of the School of Integrated Studies; Ernie Rainbow, former Governor and Professor and Coordinator, Sports Admin and Sports Management Programs; Kathleen Stewart, Professor, Legal Admin; and Neil McCallum and Derek Lindsay, second year Journalism students representing the Chronicle newspaper.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None was noted.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None was noted.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

There being no errors or omissions in the minutes of the Regular Board meeting of October 8, 2002, the Chair declared the minutes accepted as presented.

DECISION ITEMS

Sports Administration Program Modification from 2 Year to 3 Year Program

MaryLynn West-Moynes reported that the Sports Administration Program was a flagship program for DC. She advised that two years ago two universities launched a similar program and we've worked very hard to maintain market share. Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann questioned how many other Ontario colleges have changed to incorporate a third year? Ernie Rainbow replied one. Lorraine then asked if this would have direct articulation with UOIT. Ernie stated the program was better suited as a three-year program to have articulation and this will be discussed with UOIT. MaryLynn stated we were going to have all students move to a web registration model and students would select programs which would help them with a transfer to a university program. This particular application will be aligned with the Commerce degree. Lisa Grande noted the Sports Research course and thought it was a great idea which could be incorporated into other programs.

Moved by Carol Beam

Seconded by Gail MacKenzie

MOTION #4661 "That the Board of Governors of Durham College of Applied Arts and Technology approve the modification of the Sports Administration Program from a 2 year to a 3 year Program, as presented."

CARRIED

Judy Spring and Ernie Rainbow left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REPORTS

Bob Strickert congratulated Governor Lisa Grande on her recent award presented to her by the Chemical Institute of Canada for greatest improvement in academic standing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

The items on the consent calendar were accepted as presented.

INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORT

Don Hargest reported that there were no significant changes from the October report and things were progressing smoothly. He noted the total revenue year-to-date compared to last year had increased by approximately \$13M. Bob stated there seemed to be a healthy surplus and asked Don for a prediction for year-end. Don felt we would reach at least the current projection of \$2.8M.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION – COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS

None was noted.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Double Cohort Report

MaryLynn West-Moynes noted this item was at the forefront in the media and we would be ready for the double cohort. She commented that the double cohort was a result of the secondary school reform whereby students were graduating from two different systems of curriculum (OAC and Grade 12). She stated the new curriculum was a four-year program with designated pathways for students, which include college, university, college/university or workplace. She stated there is new, more rigorous curriculum and evaluation, and mandatory testing for teachers.

MaryLynn advised that the typical predictors for enrolment planning include increased participation rate, demographics and new programs, but for 2003/04 the influence of UOIT and the impact of the double cohort must be considered. She stated the system total for enrolment growth from 1996-2002 was 9.9% but Durham's was 32.2%. Current enrolment projections were based on numbers of 10%, 15% (best guess) and 20%. She felt Durham would be at approximately 14%.

MaryLynn noted with enrolment growth more faculty and support staff would be required to serve the double cohort. Durham projected 35 faculty would be required for 2003-04. She advised the effects of the double cohort were being felt with increased traffic in our service areas, such as Admissions and Registration. She advised two new student recruiters had also been hired.

She stated Durham was well positioned with facilities and a capacity to deliver and gave examples such as building expansion in both Whitby and Oshawa, a modest increase in Library seats, and the construction of two new Residences.

MaryLynn reported that the double cohort would mean serving students with different skills/needs, as it would entail two different streams, two curriculums and students of different ages. She commented that both students and parents were feeling anxiety over the double cohort and students were also caught in the current funding debate. MaryLynn advised that in preparation for the double cohort, Durham had participated in secondary school curriculum consultations, held an Academic Deans Retreat to review the 2002/03 plan, reviewed processes in Admissions and Registration and hired a double cohort liaison. She commented that we were working closely with School Boards and had increased communications with secondary students and their parents.

MaryLynn noted opportunities and challenges such as our commitment to access, managing change and insisting on quality. She stated Durham would make this work for the students.

Gail MacKenzie noted that current discussion also indicates that impact may be seen as late as January 2004 as many of the high school students may stay longer in high school. MaryLynn stated this also was

under discussion and perhaps offering a combination of college and university credits for those students not sure of where they would like to go. This would help them understand the expectations at both college and university. Gail stated the key was flexibility, for example full and part-time programs as well as on-line. MaryLynn stated we were well positioned to handle part-time students. As well, she reiterated that the University has approximately 1,000 new spots. She also stated the University Deans were looking at utilizing a summer semester.

Garry Cubitt referred to the current parental anxiety and stated that the question may well be does every member of the double cohort have the same opportunity to avail themselves to courses or programs as their predecessors did and get into their field of choice? MaryLynn stated there will always be over-subscribed programs, and we would look at other options, and that a related question may be whether all the graduates get jobs in their field. She stated work opportunities would also be closely monitored and options in employment strategies reviewed. Gail MacKenzie stated that not every student in a “normal” year got into his or her program of choice and all students should look at a variety of options.

Allan Shapira, an actuary with Hewitt, arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Gary stated the next year would bring major change and there will be consequences for students for the next 1 – 3 years; however he does not believe it is as awful as portrayed by the media. He reiterated that Durham College would take everyone who is qualified and also stated that the University will offer 1,000 – 1,300 spots. He felt we had an obligation for a strong communications plan to communicate the truth as students are smart and parents are anxious. MaryLynn advised that we are about to step this up including Open House on November 28 and the College strategy “A Place for You”.

Bob Strickert asked about funding the double cohort. MaryLynn advised that the Ministry was reviewing this issue.

Gary stated the bottom line is funding has gone from \$5500/student to \$2800/student, moving to \$2700/student next year. If the Government defines success as the benchmarking of quality of services compared to other provinces, this trend might be viewed as problematic. Gary noted that this is not the case at Durham and we continue to provide quality service due to our relatively unique situation.

Premier’s Awards Proposal for a Two-Phase Process

Governors agreed with the proposed new process and requested that Cathy provide this feedback to the Council of Regents.

Action: Cathy to provide this feedback to the Council of Regents.

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

School/College Work Initiative

It was agreed to include information on this item in the December Board meeting package.

Action: Cathy will include this information in the December Board meeting package.

Academic Upgrading Students’ Success

Gary noted examples had been provided of how well our academic upgrading students perform and that more information would be provided in the next Board package. Bob Strickert stated he had the opportunity to meet some of these students at the recent Scholarship Award Ceremony. Garry Cubitt stated he had officiated at a Durham Region Social Services’ Learning, Earning and Parent program, which supports young single parents, and the stories were both moving and impressive, and many of these students have moved on to Durham College programs.

ISO External Audit

Gary reported that Whitby had undergone a successful audit and was ISO re-certified.

Brazil Project Summary

Gary noted this information had been provided in the Board package.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Upcoming Events:

Bob noted that Durham was hosting an ACAATO New Governor Orientation Session on November 20 and encouraged new Governors to attend these informative sessions.

Summary of ACAATO General Assembly Meeting held October 16, 2002

Bob stated that he and Gary had attended the General Assembly meeting at which Minister Cunningham had discussed college enrolment planning. More emphasis will and needs to be placed on enrolment planning. The Minister also stated that SuperBuild III funding would be less and a sound business case would be required to obtain funding. Bob also reported that in the future the Board will be negotiating with Administration re salary and clear communication would be required. ACAATO stressed strategic advocacy as a single voice and was continuing to work on the funding case. Transferability between colleges was also discussed and it appeared there were a lot of barriers between colleges but it was felt that colleges should be able to make this a policy. He also noted discussion regarding the Charter and that its timelines were ambitious and would continue to roll out.

TVO Website – Career Information

Bob advised this is a very informative website which includes information regarding careers as well as college and university programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Bob Strickert, Chair

Gary Polonsky, President