

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Location: Community Room, Gordon Willey Building, A144

Members Present: Franklin Wu, Chair
Ron Chatterton, Vice-Chair
Dan Borowec
Garry Cubitt
Kevin Dougherty
Darren Fisher
Don Lovisa, President
Doug McKay
Michael Newell
Donna Raetsen-Kemp
Mary Simpson
Judy Spring
Pierre Tremblay
Jennifer Clark, Secretary

Members Absent: Thomas Coughlan
Joanne Dykeman
Carlee Fraser
Sanjay Surendran

Guests: Paul Bishop, registrar
Kristen Calis, education reporter, Oshawa This Week
Darrin Caron, principal and dean, Whitby Campus
David Chambers, associate vice-president, Office of Development
Marianne Cochrane, Katherine Cummings, Gail Lindsay, Sandra Mairs, professors of nursing, DC-UOIT Collaborative Nursing Program
Sue Coffey, director of Nursing
Kathy Lazenby, director, Campus Health Services
Dave Smith, OPSEU
Susan Sproul, dean, School of Health and Community Services
Susan Todd, dean, School of Science and Engineering Technology

Staff: Scott Blakey
Sarah Brathwaite
Margaret Greenley
Nevzat Gurmen
Judy Robinson

1. CALL TO ORDER

With quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Margaret Greenley, vice-president of Student Affairs, introduced guests.

3. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

None noted.

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Horticulture - Food and Farming

A video describing the program was screened and Judy Robinson, vice-president, Academic and Susan Todd, dean, Science and Engineering Technology provided further context. The first year of the new two-year Horticulture program has just concluded; the focus is on landscaping, nursery management and soil and plant nutrition. The Food and Farming program is set to launch this September. This program focuses on growing food crops and processing food, and complements our existing culinary programs, bringing food right from the field to the table. Both programs and research into the food industry will be centred on the Whitby campus.

Durham College is already working with many Horticulture partners, and is receiving many enquiries about the Food and Farming program that will likely result in many strong partnerships in this field. Program cards were made available.

5.2 RPN to BScN Transition: In and Out of a Program - Back into the Profession

This presentation is one of three DC-UOIT pathways presentations given at the ONTrans Student Pathways in Higher Education Conference in February. The RPN to BScN Transition research is attracting attention across the country and abroad; the researchers have been invited to share their findings at Cambridge, UK in the fall. Nursing is a highly regulated program and profession and the DC-UOIT Collaborative Nursing Program is ranked very highly in Ontario. Susan Sproul, dean, School of Health and Community Services, Sue Coffey, director of Nursing, and Marianne Cochrane, Katherine Cummings, Gail Lindsay, Sandra Mairs, professors of nursing, DC-UOIT Collaborative Nursing Program – all members of the research team - were present to provide highlights of their investigation. Nine years of data from the DC-UOIT Collaborative BScN Program, including three years of data from Georgian College, which joined the collaboration in 2009 and seven years of data from the RPN to BScN bridging

program started in 2005 were studied. Stereotypes exist positioning diploma-to-degree nursing programs as “back-doors” into the profession; this research dispels the stereotype, proving that on average, students and graduates of the bridging program perform at levels on par with or higher than students and graduates of traditional programs. The research identified characteristics of RPN to BScN bridging program students that are being used to tailor recruitment, orientation and teaching strategies, for both bridging program and traditional stream students.

In response to questions, it was noted that the range of time between initial diploma and return to school is very broad, from 0 to 29 years; the average is approximately 3 years.

5.3 Health Services Survey

K. Lazenby, director, Campus Health Services presented a summary of results from the January 2013 survey to determine student awareness of, usage, and satisfaction with services and gather recommendations for improvements. The survey garnered almost 2000 responses from Durham College and UOIT students. Pleased to see that many first year students are aware of and satisfied with services.

Three common themes emerged from the student comments: information regarding privacy and handling of confidential information needs to be communicated earlier in students’ interaction with Health Services Students, before they meet with staff. This may encourage more students to access the services. Greater privacy is requested when conversing with reception staff; the physical layout of the Centre and the approach of staff to determining the purpose of an appointment request can be modified to accomplish this. An extension of the hours of service was also requested; the Centre is aiming to extend its hours.

In response to questions, it was noted that students pay for a health insurance plan provided through the Student Association. There are no college-sector-wide surveys of this type for the College to benchmark itself against. Employees are also able to access the services of the Centre; this is a great benefit.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Items 7, 11, 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, and 13.1 were included in the consent agenda.

Moved by Governor Cubitt

Seconded by Governor Spring

THAT the Board of Governors approves the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED.

7. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

7.1. Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Board of Governors of April 30, 2013

Approved under the consent agenda.

8. ACTIONS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were none.

9. CHAIR`S REPORT

There was no report from the Chair.

10. CO-POPULOUS GOVERNORS' REPORT

Governor Tremblay noted that at the April 18, 2013 meeting of the UOIT Board of Governors, four matters of note by the Durham College Board were addressed: a professional development presentation was given on pension plan governance, the 2013-2014 university budget was presented, approval was given for tuition fee increases of 2-3% for domestic students and up to 10% for international students (ancillary fee increases were the same as those for Durham College), and, funding was made available to UOIT through the Federal budget for partnership opportunities.

11. PRESIDENT`S REPORT

11.1. President's Report - D. Lovisa

The report was received through the consent agenda.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

12.1. Audit and Finance Committee Report 8 of April 30, 2013

The report was received for information under the consent agenda.

12.2. Executive Committee Report 6 of April 30, 2013

The report was received for information under the consent agenda.

12.3. Nominating Committee Report 3 of May 2, 2013

The report was received for information under the consent agenda.

13. CONTINUING BUSINESS

13.1. Program Advisory Committee Minutes

The minutes were received for information under the consent agenda.

14. NEW BUSINESS

14.1. Approval of Tuition Fees

Paul Bishop, registrar, outlined the rationale for a 3% across-the-board increase in tuition fees for domestic students, as provided for by the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. This increase is less than students have experienced in previous years. Assuming that the same increase is approved next year, tuition for programs will then be the same for each year of the program. No increase in international student fees was recommended, as Durham College's fees are already near the high end of the college sector range.

Moved By Governor Newell

Seconded By Governor Tremblay

THAT the Durham College Board of Governors approves the proposed 2013-14 tuition fees as presented.

CARRIED.

14.2. KPI Report

President Lovisa and J. Robinson summarized the recently received Key Performance Indicator (KPI) survey results. KPI results for Employer Satisfaction, and Graduate Employment, and Graduation Rate are slightly above the system average while Student Satisfaction and Graduate Satisfaction are a few percent below the system average. Internally, Graduate Satisfaction, Graduate Employment and Employer Satisfaction increased slightly compared to last year; Student Satisfaction is unchanged; Graduate Rate fell a few percent.

Moved By Governor Spring

Seconded By Governor Newell

THAT the Durham College Board of Governors receives the Key Performance Indicators (KPI) Update for information.

CARRIED.

14.3. New Academic Program - Non-Destructive Evaluation - Fast Track Program

J. Robinson noted that the "Fast Track" delivery model was developed for this program to provide graduates of university engineering and physics programs and international students with greater pathways options and future employment opportunities. As the two-year Diploma program curriculum has already been approved and offered at Durham College for a number of years, existing

resources will be used to deliver it as a “Fast Track” program at little additional cost.

Moved By Governor Dougherty

Seconded By Governor Chatterton

THAT the Durham College Board of Governors receive the Mechanical Engineering Technician – Non-Destructive Evaluation Fast Track program summary for information.

CARRIED.

14.4. Academic Pathways Report

President Lovisa and UOIT President McTiernan met recently with the Deputy Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities; she was very impressed with the growth in the number of pathways programs developed by DC and UOIT and in the strength of the relationship between the two institutions. She asked for a summary of the pathways. The report to the Board is based on this summary.

J. Robinson provided highlights from the summary, concluding by noting that DC and UOIT have gone beyond our own expectations of potential pathways partnerships, as we are now undertaking research to understand their outcomes. Our next goal is to create a pathway for engineering; this is particularly challenging due to the stringent regulations of the profession.

Long-serving Governors noted how satisfying it is to see this very important priority achieved with such success.

Moved By Governor McKay

Seconded By Governor Dougherty

THAT the Durham College Board of Governors receives the DC-UOIT Academic Pathways Update for information.

CARRIED.

15. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

16. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Correspondence was circulated for viewing.

17. INQUIRIES AND COMMUNICATIONS

None noted.

18. UPCOMING EVENTS

Chairman Wu encouraged every member to participate in at least one or two Convocation sessions, noting how wonderful the event is for students and families.

ACTION: Board Secretary to follow up with governors to schedule their participation.

19. MOVE TO IN-CAMERA SESSION

Durham College By-law No. 1 provides for the Board of Governors to address, in-camera, items of corporate business respecting human resources or litigation matters, confidential items covered under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and, items that the Board deems to be confidential to the College. Chairman Wu noted that we have 11 items to discuss in-camera.

Moved By Governor Cubitt

Seconded By Governor Tremblay

THAT the Durham College Board of Governors recess the public session of the meeting and move in-camera at 7:40 p.m.

CARRIED.

The Board returned to public session at 8:35 p.m.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Governor Spring

Seconded by Governor Dougherty

THAT the May 8, 2013 meeting of the Board of Governors adjourn at 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED.



Franklin Wu
Chair



Jennifer Clark
Secretary