



Minutes

Public Board Meeting

October 29, 2009 – 5:00 pm
Room 420 Downtown Campus

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Deanne Bates
Don Fairbairn
Peter Legg
Ted McGurk
Maggie Murray
Marina Pratchett

Karen Shortt
Charmaine Waters
Tom Wong
Cathy Young
Janet Zlotnik

REGRETS

Pam Aikman
Lisa Coltart

Jim Storie

STAFF

Helen Allen
Rob Henderson

Deanna Rexe

Gae Sellstedt (Recorder)

Regrets:

Lyndon Scott

Pat Bawtinheimer
Sandra North
Frank Cosco
Brenda Appleton
Sal Ferreras
Nimmi Takkar

Sandra Bailey
Daniel Rohloff
Ingrid Kolsteren
Stephen Barrington
Lila Heilbrunn
Melissa Ficke

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm

Don Fairbairn welcomed Helen Allen, VCC's new Vice President of Education.

1. Approval of the Agenda

There were two items added to the agenda:

Agenda Item #3.1 – Constituency Reports

Agenda Item #3.5 – Announcement of VCC's Participation in International Week.

The Agenda was re-ordered: Item #3.1 was moved to the end of the Agenda.

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

Carried

2. Confirmation of the Minutes of the September 24, 2009 Public Meeting

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Minutes of the September 24, 2009 Public Board meeting be approved as circulated.

Carried

3. Regular Business

For Information:

3.1 Constituency Reports

VCCFA

A VCCFA report was distributed that included the following topics:

- Community Colleges and Poetry
- Chat with Board Chair, Members and Interim President
- International Education
- Lobby in Victoria
- Strategic Planning
- Publicity
- October Meeting Package
 - Budget Principles
 - Tuition Fees

Frank Cosco welcomed Helen Allen as the new Vice President, Education.

SUVCC

Melissa Ficke reported on behalf of the SUVCC that the Fall was very busy and that there were three AGMs held before amalgamating the three students' unions into one student union which is now officially called the Students' Union of Vancouver Community College.

The October 21st UPASS bash was well attended by students and some faculty from VCC, Douglas College, Emily Carr University of Art & Design, Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Capilano University and UBC. There was representation from Vancouver City Council who declared October 21st to be UPASS Day. There was also good media coverage. The SUVCC has a meeting scheduled with Shirley Bond, Minister of Transportation, in November to continue talks.

CUPE

There was no report

AVCCA

Lila Heilbrunn talked about the United Way Campaign and said that the goal this year is to raise \$30,000. There are several events planned and the committee is looking forward to increased participation.

3.2 Tuition and Fees Brief

In Lyndon Scott's absence, Peter Legg reported on the memo that was included in the board package on pages 15 through 23. The report is intended to explain the tuition framework, types of tuition and fees that a student would be subject to as well as the Provincial tuition framework that VCC operates under.

Don Fairbairn commented that this subject will continue to be examined and evaluated so that the board members and college community will gain a solid understanding of the financial impact on students at VCC.

3.3 Strategic Planning Update

A Strategic Planning Leadership Team has been established that will be responsible for the first phase of the strategic plan. The Team is in its very early stages and will be bringing feedback to subsequent board meetings.

3.4 Presidential Search Update

The candidates and constituency group meetings have been concluded. The Board of Directors will meet with the two final candidates on Saturday, October 31st. Don Fairbairn acknowledged the Presidential Search Committee for its members' commitment and the quality of the engagement.

3.5 International Week

International Education Week is taking place November 16-20 and the theme is global citizenship. Information will be forthcoming in the News Digest and posters have been put up around the college.

For Approval:

3.5 Budget Guiding Principles

There was a detailed discussion on the subject. The Board of Directors agreed to the following amendments in the document:

- To reorder Guiding Principle "C" to become Guiding Principle "A" even though the principles are not prioritized.
- To add the word "accessible" to the new Guiding Principle "A" so that it reads "High-quality accessible education is our core purpose"
- To re-word Guiding Principle "B" to restate in the positive: "The college should strive to maximize predictable revenue sources to fund ongoing operations"
- To remove the last two sentences under the description of Guiding Principle "D" in order not to limit the Principle in dollar value
- To re-word Guiding Principle "D": "VCC's 2010-2011 budget will include adequate allocations for supporting employees and innovation"

It was moved and seconded

THAT the Board of Directors approve the Budget Guiding Principles, as amended, for the fiscal year 2010/2011.

Carried

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.