



Board of Governors' Meeting Minutes February 10-11, 2017 via Videoconference (Campus Locations)

In Attendance:

- Kathy Tsetso, Chairperson, Board of Governors**
- Mary Beckett, Vice-Chairperson, Board of Governors**
- Lynn Napier-Buckley, South Slave Representative (February 11 – only)**
- William Koe, Elder Representative**
- William Kellett, Yellowknife Representative**
- Celine Zoe, North Slave Representative**
- Bambi Amos, Staff Representative**
- Shania Clark, Student Representative**
- Jane Arychuk, President, Aurora College**
- Heather Meacock, Executive Assistant**
- Jolie Gareis, Vice President, Research (Outgoing) – In part**
- Pippa Seccombe-Hett, Vice President, Research (Incoming) – In part**

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Occupational Health & Safety - Tool Box**
- 3. Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda**
Motion#BG01-2017: To adopt the agenda as presented with the addition of Variance Reporting under section #12. Finance.
Moved by: Mary Beckett
Seconded by: William Kellett
Unanimous/Carried (February 10, 2017)
- 4. Meeting Process**
 - a. Action Items (October 2016) - Summary & Status**
 - b. Email Poll - Summary**
- 5. Declarations of Interest**
No declarations were made.
- 6. Scheduled Deputations**
No scheduled deputations.
General Public in Attendance:
February 10 (PM) and February 11 (in part – Prior to In Camera)
Kellie Donohue, Director of Human & Education Resources, Inuvialuit Regional Corporation
Robert Charlie, Director of Gwich'in Services, Gwich'in Tribal Council
Ms. Donahue and Mr. Charlie both raised concerns on behalf of their organizations in regards to College reductions.
Sheila O'Kane, Counsellor – Aurora Campus, Aurora College
(February 10 – PM only)
Stefanie Pandke, Student, Business Administration Program
- 7. Board Correspondence**
- 8. Members' Round Table**
Individual Board Members brought forward their concerns over the budget cuts announced on February 2, 2017 for Aurora College, specifically the impact on students, regional centres (CLCs) and staff. The Board also noted their disappointment in how the decisions were brought forward with little consultation or discussion with the Board.

The student sessions hosted with the President via videoconference prior to each Board meeting were well attended and the concerns brought forward were regarding the recent announcement of budget cuts, including the impact of the increase to tuition and rent for students and how this will impact their Student Financial Assistance (SFA). How is the College looking to include more indigenous aspects to the Business Administration and Office Administration programming and lastly, that students are looking for more flexibility in electives for programming.

The staff sessions hosted with the President via teleconference prior to each Board meeting also brought concerns forward with regards to the budget cuts and how that will impact staff and students as well as research grants and other external funding for the College. The staff session also questioned the Truth & Reconciliation Calls to Action and the Skills-4-Success Strategy and how the cuts to both the Bachelor of Education and Social Work programming were in direct contradiction to both.

9. President's Update

The Board has requested a more detailed, but easy to read and understand table of statistics that is presented in the same format and includes numbers for regional deliveries, continuing education and the programming information for the Schools, including enrolment/grad numbers. The presentation of statistics needs to be consistent between various reports for the Board to allow ease of reference.

The accreditation process for the Trades programming at Aurora College is currently in a hold pattern due to the lack of Journeymen available for each trade to come together and complete the requirements for the full process. Currently this is with the Department of Education, Culture and Employment and once a timeline has been established an update will be provided for the Board.

The College is very excited to announce a Chair, Trades, Apprenticeship and Industrial Training has been hired after four years of unsuccessful attempts to staff.

The accreditation process for the Nursing program has been completed and came back as adequate. In follow up there are no set standards in place for space and facilities, therefore the accreditation process does not follow standards for their assessment. It is hoped that this will change in the near future and standards will be developed allowing the College to ensure they meet those standards for this program.

10. Risk Management

a. Update (IN CAMERA)

Motion#BG09-2017: To move IN CAMERA at 10:08am on February 11, 2017.

Moved by: William Kellett

Seconded by: William Koe

Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

Motion#BG10-2017: To move out of IN CAMERA at 10:21am on February 11, 2017.

Moved by: Shania Clark

Seconded by: William Koe

Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

11. Education, Culture & Employment (ECE)- 11:00am on Saturday February 11, 2017 (Yellowknife)

a. Minister, Education, Culture & Employment, Alfred Moses

Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour & Income Security, Andy Bevan

Ministerial Special Advisor, Maia Lepage

Motion#BG11-2017: To move IN CAMERA at 10:57am on February 11, 2017.

Moved by: William Kellett

Seconded by: Mary Beckett

Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

Motion#BG12-2017: To come out of IN CAMERA at 12:09pm on February 11, 2017.

Moved by: William Kellett

Seconded by: William Koe
Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

12. Finance

a. Reductions

The Board discussed the concerns, issues and media surrounding the recent announcement of the reductions further to that discussed in agenda item #8 Members Round Table noting the following:

- Reductions were in part based on information coming out of the Skills 4 Success strategy and the information provided in the research portion of the College Strategic planning process.
- Program reviews generally run every 2-3 years for a specific program.
 - The Bachelor of Education program was on schedule for a program review this year.
 - Teacher Education Program (TEP) funding ended in 2015 with the end of the TEP Strategy through ECE.
 - Total cost for the program annual is approximately \$1.4 Million.
- The College's target for reductions over the next two years is \$3 Million and regardless of what the cuts are it will be hard to accept for any program, regional centre, staff member or student population.
- The rent and tuition increases have been approved to help minimize part of the impact of the cuts with the ability to increase revenue for the College.
- Social Work Program will be reviewed and through the program review will look to present a business case for a Social Work degree program which will better meet the employment demands today and into the future.
- Students in all programs targets for cuts will be provided time to complete their programs and supports to work out the path for them to be successful in completion of the program. Students and staff of the programs affected have been contacted directly and supports are in place to assist.
- The Board's role and legislated responsibilities in conflict with current practice. This puts the Board in a challenging situation. The Board feels like they were not the decision makers and have been portrayed as such in the messaging response and media.
 - The Board discussed and agreed upon an approach and strategy for meeting with the Minister, ECE (on February 11, 2017) and items they would like to bring forward.
 - Student Issues – increases to tuition and rent – Impact on Student Financial Assistance.
 - Reductions and communication.
 - Board's role in governance, accountability and participation.
 - Culture integration into programming and college business.
 - Tri-council funding impact – research.

b. Variances

The Chair, Finance Committee has requested that variances be part of each and every regular Board meeting. They were not presented at the October 2016 meeting and have not been made available for the Finance Committee to review and bring forward to the Board at this meeting.

The Finance Committee will be called for a meeting as soon as the variances are available, expected March 2017. Variances will also be a standing item on the agenda for Board meetings with the College working to ensure timelines match for collection and preparation to have available for the Board.

c. Surplus Requests

i. Aurora Research Institute – Logistic Equipment

Motion#BG02-2017: The Board of Governors approves an allocation of surplus funds for the 2016-2017 fiscal year in the amount of \$60,000 to support the purchase of field equipment at the Western Arctic Research Centre of the Aurora Research Institute.

Moved by: Mary Beckett

Seconded by: William Kellett

Unanimous/Carried (February 10, 2017)

ii. **Strategic Plan – Additional Costs**

Motion#BG03-2017: The Board of Governors approves spending up to the amount of \$15,000 to cover travel costs of the Steering Committee and Working Group face-to-face meeting.

Moved by: Kathy Tsetso

Seconded by: Shania Clark

Carried (1 vote against) (February 10, 2017)

d. **BOG Budget Forecasting**

i. **Upcoming Meeting Dates & Locations**

- **June 13-14, 2017 in Yellowknife (Travel on June 12 and 15)**

13. **Governance**

a. **Policy & Program Committee Minutes (January 26, 2017) – For Approval**

Motion#BG08-2017: The Board of Governors approves the minutes from the January 26, 2017 Policy & Programs Committee teleconference, including the following recommendations, as presented:

Motion#PP02-2017: The Policy & Programs Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that policy B.16 – Non-Academic Documents of Recognition be approved as revised and presented, effective March 1, 2017.

Moved by: Kathy Tsetso

Seconded by: Shania Clark

Unanimous/Carried (January 26, 2017)

Motion#PP03-2017: The Policy & Programs Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that policy C.44 – Registration be approved as revised and presented, effective March 1, 2017.

Moved by: Shania Clark

Seconded by: Kathy Tsetso

Unanimous/Carried (January 26, 2017)

Motion#PP04-2017: The Policy & Programs Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that policy B.08 – Honourary Certificates and Diplomas be retired, effective March 1, 2017.

Moved by: Kathy Tsetso

Seconded by: Shania Clark

Unanimous/Carried (January 26, 2017)

Motion#PP05-2017: The Policy & Programs Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that policy C.51 – Dual Credit be approved as presented and implemented as of March 1, 2017.

Moved by: Kathy Tsetso

Seconded by: Shania Clark

Unanimous/Carried (January 26, 2017)

Moved by: Lynn Napier-Buckley

Seconded by: Bambi Amos

Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

14. **Research Update**

a. **Research Advisory Council (RAC) – Meeting Report – Chair, Research Advisory Council**

15. **Strategic Plan – Aurora College – Update**

The Steering Committee and Working Group for the development of the strategic plan spent the past two days in a group session with the facilitator defining the mission, vision and goals. There was a discussion surrounding Board involvement and allowing the Board to review prior to a final stage draft going through ECE and to the Standing Committee of the GNWT. The final draft is expected to be presented to the Board at the June 2017. The Board is represented on the Steering Committee by the Chair and Student Rep along with external stakeholders, staff, students and other invested individuals that were seen as beneficial participants in the planning stage. The Board will be provided the second draft for review and discussion as a group via teleconference and any suggested

changes will then be provided back to the contractor for consideration in the final draft. The updated draft will then be provided to the Standing Committee and ECE for feedback and is expected to come to the Board for final approval as earlier as the June 2017 meeting.

16. Other Business

a. International Travel Request

Motion#BG04-2017: The Board of Governors recommends to the Minister of Education, Culture and Employment that international travel be approved for Dr. Pertice Moffitt to travel to Dublin, Ireland to participate in the July 2017 Nursing Research Congress and the associated pre-conference workshop.

Moved by: Mary Beckett

Seconded by: Shania Clark

Unanimous/Carried (February 10, 2017)

b. Convocation Ceremonies

i. Thebacha Campus (Fort Smith) – Friday April 21, 2017

- Completion Ceremony (ALBE/Access) – Thursday May 25, 2017

ii. Yellowknife North Slave Campus – Saturday April 29, 2017

- Completion Ceremony (ALBE/Access) – Wednesday May 31, 2017

iii. Aurora Campus (Inuvik) – Friday May 5, 2017

- Completion Ceremony (ALBE/Access) – Friday May 31, 2017

c. Committee Membership – Elections

Motion#BG05-2017: The Board of Governors appoints William Kellett to sit as a member on the Finance Committee of the Board.

Moved by: Mary Beckett

Seconded by: Celine Zoe

Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

Motion#BG06-2017: The Board of Governors appoints William Koe to sit as a member on the Policy & Programs Committee of the Board.

Moved by: Shania Clark

Seconded by: William Kellett

Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

Motion#BG07-2017: The Board of Governors appoints William Koe to sit as an internal member on the Research Advisory Council (RAC) of the Board.

Moved by: Mary Beckett

Seconded by: William Kellett

Unanimous/Carried (February 10, 2017)

d. Board Members' Term End Dates - For Information

e. Workshop Item (Outside of Official Meeting) – Member Screening Criteria & Board Policies

17. Looking Forward

18. Closing Prayer & Adjournment

Motion#BG13-2017: To adjourn the meeting at 2:21pm on February 11, 2017.

Moved by: Mary Beckett

Seconded by: Lynn Napier-Buckley

Unanimous/Carried (February 11, 2017)

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Mary Beckett, Vice Chairperson (Beaufort Delta), Board of Governors
William Kellett, Yellowknife Representative
Bambi Amos, Staff Representative
Shania Clark, Student Representative

Alfred Moses, Minister, Education, Culture & Employment (ECE)
Sylvia Haener, Deputy Minister, ECE
Andy Bevan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour & Income Security (ECE)
Harjot Sidhu, Executive Assistant to the Minister, ECE

Diane Reed, Acting President, Aurora College
Heather Meacock, Executive Assistant

Regrets:

Celine Zoe, North Slave Representative
William Koe, Elder Representative

1. Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm on March 3, 2017 by the Chairperson.

2. Discussion with the Minister, Education, Culture & Employment (ECE) (IN CAMERA)

Motion#BG14-2017: To go IN CAMERA at 4:03pm on March 3, 2017.

Moved by: Shania Clark

Seconded by: Bambi Amos

Carried (3 votes for; 1 abstention) (March 3, 2017)

Motion#BG15-2017: To come out of IN CAMERA at 4:15pm on March 3, 2017.

Moved by: Shania Clark

Seconded by: William Kellett

Unanimous/Carried (March 3, 2017)

3. Adjournment

Motion#BG-16-2017: To adjourn the meeting at 4:16pm on March 3, 2017.

Moved by: Mary Beckett

Seconded by: William Kellett

Unanimous/Carried (March 3, 2017)