



DURHAM COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY BOARD OF GOVERNORS REGULAR MEETING PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Location: Oshawa Campus, Durham College Boardroom A144

Members Present: Gail Johnson Morris, Board Chair
Lisa Allen, Board Vice-Chair
Ian Ball
Jim Brown
Melissa Bosomworth
Elizabeth Cowie
Kalyan Chakravarthy
Jeff Dornan
Kelly Doyle
Don Lovisa, President
Ian Murray
Jerry Ouellette
Peter Pryce
Dwight Townsend
Nathan Wilson

Members Absent: Aakash Chib

Staff Present: Scott Blakey, Chief Administrative Officer
Peter Garrett, Mgr., Strategic Reporting & Government Relations
Tara Koski, Dean, Students
Barbara MacCheyne, VP, Administration/Chief Financial Officer
Elaine Popp, Executive Vice-President, Academic
Melissa Pringle, Board Secretary
Janse Tolmie, AVP, IT Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

With quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The Chief Administrative Officer introduced the following guests:

- Carol Beam, Associate Vice-President, Communications and Marketing
- Dale Burt, professor, Faculty of Social and Community Services
- Debbie Johnston, Associate Vice-President, Academic (Enrolment & International Education)
- Jennifer Cosway, Associate Vice-President, Human Resources + Equity
- Kathan Biswas, Graduate, Walls to Bridges Program
- Laura Bogaert, Executive Assistant, Office of the President
- Marisa Mei, Sexual Violence Education & Prevention Coordinator
- Neil Gonsalves, Interim Director, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Ralph Hofmann, Executive Dean, Faculty of Social and Community Services
- Thom MacDonald, Dean, International Education
- Zak Amara, Graduate, Walls to Bridges Program

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest to declare. None noted.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Program Spotlight: Walls to Bridges Program

The Board received a presentation from the Executive Dean, Faculty of Social and Community Services, D. Burt, Professor, Faculty of Social and Community Services, and program graduates Kathan Biswas and Zak Amara regarding the Walls to Bridges program and its impact.

The Board questioned the presenters.

4.2 Update on the International Student Landscape

The Board received a presentation from the Executive Vice-President, Academic and Dean, International Education, providing an update on key issues related to international students, including the sector's overreliance on international enrolment and lack of diversification, unscrupulous education agents, international student vulnerability, and how Durham College (DC) was addressing the sector challenges. The presenters also discussed the Standards of Practice for International Education and contingencies for disrupted India enrolment.

The Board questioned the presenters regarding DC's recruitment tactics, diversification strategies, enrolment targets, international student fees, health insurance, and mental health supports.

4.3 Presentation of Advanced Good Governance Certificates

The Board presented Governor Bosomworth, Governor Pryce, and Governor Wilson with their advanced good governance certificates.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair reminded Governors about the purpose and use of the consent agenda.

Moved by Governor Ball

Seconded by Governor Bosomworth

"That all items listed under the heading of consent agenda be adopted as recommended." CARRIED

5.1 Approval of Public Session Agenda - October 11, 2023

That the public agenda for the October 11, 2023, Board of Governors meeting be approved as presented.

5.2 Approval of Public Minutes from the Board of Governors Meeting of June 7, 2023

That the public minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of June 7, 2023, be approved as presented.

5.3 Approval of Public Minutes from the Board of Governors Meeting of June 19, 2023

That the public minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of June 19, 2023, be approved as presented.

5.4 Approval of Public Minutes from the Board of Governors Meeting of August 8, 2023

That the public minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of August 8, 2023, be approved as presented.

5.5 Report of the Governance Review Committee - September 20, 2023

That the report of the Governance Review Committee from September 20, 2023 be received for information.

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair offered the following report:

- Governors were reminded to complete and submit their annual leadership agreement and to register for the platform party at the fall convocation ceremonies.
- The Chair reported that the College had received confirmation that the provincial government had reappointed Ian Murray for a three-year term as an LGIC Governor and that the Board was still awaiting news on an appointment to fill the vacancy left by Kenneth Michalko.
- The Chair announced that Governor Cowie was recently awarded an honorary CPA from the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario, and Governor Townsend completed the work for his Master of Health Law program at York University-Osgoode Hall Law School.
- The Chair discussed recent attendance at the Hail & Farewell event, Employee Service Awards, and the Barrett Centre for Sustainable Urban Agriculture Grand Opening.

7. CO-POPULOUS GOVERNORS' REPORT

The Chair advised that Ontario Tech University (OTU) was sent the expressions of interest from Jerry Ouellette and Dwight Townsend to serve as a co-populous governor. To date, OTU has advised they are reviewing its governance structure and will respond later this fall.

8. DECISION ITEMS

There were no decision items.

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Sexual Violence and Harassment Action Plan Statistics Report

The Board received a report from the Sexual Violence Education & Prevention Coordinator and Interim Director, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion about the annual sexual violence reporting statistics and campus advocacy work.

The Board questioned the presenters regarding the pro-rated reporting period, academic accommodations available to survivors, and incidents reported (on-campus versus off-campus).

9.2 Domestic and International Enrolment Update – Fall 2023

The Board received a report from the Associate Vice-President, Academic (Enrolment & International Education), who reported that for fall 2023, DC had 8,738 domestic and 3,890 international students.

Governor Chakravarthy temporarily left and re-entered the meeting.

The Board questioned the Associate Vice-President, Academic (Enrolment & International Education), regarding the tactics used to increase domestic enrolment.

9.3 First Update on the 2023-2024 Business Plan

The Board received a report from the Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations, which focused on the “Our Students” pillar and progress toward achieving the 2023-2024 business plan objectives.

Governor Ball temporarily left and re-entered the meeting.

The Board questioned the Dean, Students and Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations regarding objectives delayed in the business plan related to Indigenous relations.

9.4 Engagement Plan for Renewal of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan

The Board received a report from the Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations, providing a framework for stakeholder engagement and renewal of the 2020-2025 strategic plan. Additionally, the Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations reported that the Board would receive a report in February providing a summary of the completion of objectives in the current strategic plan.

9.5 Government Relations Update

The Board received a report from President Lovisa and the Manager, Strategic Reporting and Government Relations, providing an update on government relations activities and government policies currently affecting the college sector.

Governor Murray temporarily left and re-entered the meeting.

The Board questioned the presenters.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.1 President's Report - June to October 2023

10.2 Program Advisory Committee Semi-Annual Report (October 2023)

The Board questioned the Executive Vice-President, Academic, regarding the status of the trades Program Advisory Committees, which appear to be having issues with quorum.

11. UPCOMING EVENTS

The Chair drew attention to the following upcoming events:

- Fall Convocation - October 25 & 26, 2023 - Tribute Communities Centre
- Higher Education Summit - November 25 & 26, 2023 - Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto

12. 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 that the Board deems to be confidential to the College.

Moved by Governor Brown

Seconded by Governor Cowie

“That the Board of Governors move in-camera after a 10-minute recess.” CARRIED

The Board recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened in-camera at 8:00 p.m.

The Board rose from the in-camera session at 8:48 p.m.

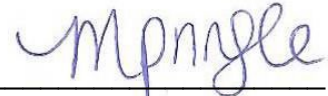
During the in-camera session, the Board discussed recommendations from its Standing Committees and the future of the Durham College Foundation and received updates from the Presidential Selection Committee.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting ended at 8:49 p.m.



Gail Johnson Morris
Board Chair



Melissa Pringle
Corporate and Board Secretary