Approved June 25, 2019

Board of Governors
Open Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 29, 2019
Okanagan College Kelowna Campus

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chris Derickson (Chair)
Gloria Morgan (Vice Chair)

Charity Gerbrandt
Raghav Mahajan
David Porteous

OTHER STAFF:

Curtis Morcom, Vice President, Employee & Corporate Services

ACTION

Motion:

B. McGowan/
D. Rubadeau

An observer noted that higher tuition might increase instances of plagiarism due to pressure on students to achieve academically. The Interim VP, Students noted that this is being addressed in various ways and that measures to support students academically are in place.

This increase will be implemented in September 2020.

6.1.4 Line of Credit

Motion:

B. McGowan/
D. Rubadeau

Under provincial government regulations the College is not permitted to take on debt that would span fiscal years. The Line of Credit is set to the amount that the College would need to bridge payroll in the event it was required. This is approved annually and has never been drawn on before.

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Motion:

T. Lee/
G. Morgan

This policy was the first policy to go through the 30 day intuitional consultation process. Feedback was received. The Director of Legal Affairs and Policy Development met with the Committee and shared the feedback prior to finalizing the policy.

D. Olson left the meeting

6.3 Education Council ς C. Newitt

6.3.1 Program Revision

Motion:

B. Edwards/
T. Lee

There have been problems with the sequencing of the prerequisites. Education Council is recommending the Board endorse this revision as students do not require all the prerequisites.

6.3.2 New Program

Motion:

B. Edwards/

ACTION

D. Rubadeau

6.3.3 Memorandum of Understanding

Motion: T. Lee/ D. Rubadeau

This is one of a number of agreements Okanagan College has around the world; JAMK University of Applied Sciences is a highly accredited business school in Finland.

6.3.4 Dual Credit Program

Motion: S. Morgan/ B. McGowan

This dual credit program will give students in Vernon access to the Early Childhood Education Certificate program. There is great need for skilled workers in this field. It is a certificate program that will allow students to transfer to the diploma program.

6.3.5 Education Council Update

A degree quality assessment panel visited the College to evaluate the BBA Associate of Arts degree. Students are very excited about this program.

The Chair of Education Council attended an Academic Governance Council last week. They discussed indigenization at Okanagan College. Education Council has some ideas to implement this into the Education Council processes.

7. VERBAL REPORTS

7.1 Board Chair Report ς C. Derickson

The Chair has received a letter from Minister Mark requesting each institution review their money laundering policies and to respond to her by June 30th. The VP, Employee and Corporate Services noted that this does not seem to be a problem at Okanagan College as the amount of cash being collected is declining. Most fee payments are done electronically. The College will be reviewing policies and will address any gaps identified.

The Chair noted a number of events that are occurring this month such as Convocation.

Members were directed to fill out the meeting evaluation that is on the table and return it to the Board office.