### **APPROVED MINUTES**



# **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Special Meeting of the Board**April 13, 2020 | 7:00pm | Virtual Meeting

# **OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

**Present:** D. Nanang (Chair), P. Quesnele (Secretary)

J. BelisleM. NadeauS. TaylorP. DupuisM. NogaloA. Trudeau

Rev. L. Grawbarger E. Pitcher A. Vezina (President)

S. Horn (Chancellor) M. Pitcher
R. Linklater S. Schell
M. Moraca S. Shaver

**Regrets:** A. Lambert, P. Sewell, H. Stevenson

Guests: Algoma U: R. Battisti, C. Fowler, B. Krmpotich, D. Rogers, K. Rousseau

#### 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

### 1.1 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair focused his comments on teamwork between the Board, Senate, and Administration. He thanked everyone for their tremendous efforts and stressed the importance of remaining flexible, kind and compassionate in these uncertain times.

#### 1.2 Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None.

#### 1.3 Approval of Agenda

**MOTION:** To approve the OPEN agenda as circulated.

Moved by: E. Pitcher Seconded by: S. Taylor Carried.

#### 2.0 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

### 2.1 President's Report (verbal)

A. VEZINA shared the four priority areas senior administration was focused on in its immediate efforts to manage the risks associated with COVID-19: (1) successful completion of the Winter term, (2) Spring/Summer programming, (3) Budget, (4) Fall programming. She advised of changes in Federal policy that will increase opportunities for international students to begin studies in their home countries (remotely). Further, the report outlined retention strategies, including a newly formed Student Emergency Fund. As part of the report, Student Governors shared feedback with the Board with respect to the Student Emergency Fund and retention efforts.

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3.0 PRESENTATIONS - None

- 4.0 BUSINESS ARISING None
- 5.0 ITEMS FOR DECISION/DISCUSSION None
- 6.0 **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS None**

### 7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

### 7.1 Residence Strategy for COVID-19 [Appendix 1]

The report was presented.

## 7.1 Advancement Update: Student Emergency Fund [Appendix 2]

The report was presented. A. VEZINA outlined the establishment of the Student Emergency Fund to assist students who are in high need. A call for donations was made to the Board members and a request for Board members to share the call with their circles of influence. All donations would be backed by charitable receipts. The Board discussed opportunities for M. NADEAU to connect the committee to DSSAB to avoid duplication of funding sources.

#### 8.0 MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** That the Board move into CLOSED Session.

Moved by: S. Taylor Seconded by: M. Nogalo Carried.

### 9.0 APPROVALS OF MOTIONS MADE IN CLOSED SESSION

**MOTION:** To approve the motions that were made in the CLOSED Session of the April 13, 2020

special meeting of the Board.

Moved by: M. Moraca Seconded by: M. Pitcher Carried.

#### **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** That the April 13, 2020 special meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors be

adjourned.

Moved by: S. Taylor Seconded by: A. Trudeau Carried.