# Algoma

# **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

# **Annual General Meeting**

June 18, 2020 | 5:30pm | Virtual Meeting

# **MINUTES**

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

P. Dupuis E. Pitcher, A. Trudeau

A. Lambert, M. Pitcher A. Vezina (President)

R. Linklater S. Schell M. Moraca H. Stevenson

M. Nogalo

Regrets: J. Belisle, Rev. L. Grawbarger, S. Horn (Chancellor), M. Nadeau, P. Sewell, S. Shaver,

S. Taylor

**Guests:** R. Battisti, C. Fowler, D. Rogers, K. Rousseau

## 1.0 CALL TO ORDER

## 1.1 Chairs Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including the media, and also requested a moment of reflection for George Floyd, his family and the Black community as a whole. He additionally addressed ACCANO's statement and the University's solidarity with the black community.

The Chair asked if there were any conflicts of interest, none were reported.

## 2.0 AGENDA

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

Moved by: E. Pitcher Seconded by: R. Linklater Carried.

**Amendments:** Minor changes to the item numbers will be reflected in the minutes.

## 3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 AGM.

Moved by: R. Linklater Seconded by: S. Schell Carried.

## 4.0 COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

D. Nanang reflected on the year we've had and what AU has achieved. He indicated that he personally feels it's not the tangible items, it's how the Board works with the Senate and Administration and additionally how the Board has focused on strategic prioritization. He

commented on how happy he is to see Board members becoming more involved in the events truly becoming part of the AU community. D. Nanang thanked the Board for their dedication and expressed his hope that the Board will continue to plan strategically as the university grows. Further, he articulated the importance for the Board to focus on bringing graduate programs to the institution. He ended by recognizing that AU's Special Mission needs to be at the forefront of everything we do.

E. Pitcher asked for the following motion to be brought forward:

**MOTION:** 

To recognize David Nanang for his very dedicated service to Algoma University and

express our thanks for his leadership on the Board of Governors.

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

#### 6.0 PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR: ANNUAL REPORT

• 2020-21 Strategic Priorities

A. Vezina began by thanking D. Nanang for his time, energy and expertise on behalf of the Board. She referenced the Anishinaabe word Baamaapii gi-gaa-waa-baa-min miin-waa, sharing that there isn't a "goodbye" in the Ojibwe language but instead this phrase which means "until we meet again."

A. Vezina re-capped the February Board/Senate retreat and shared the polished Strategic Priorities that emerged from that working session. She also shared that when COVID-19 hit, the Senior Executive and Board Secretary had to review and re-analyze all of the data. A decision was made to stay the course and modify some of the action items. Spring has demonstrated that the students have confidence in our University and the faculty has worked hard to ensure the transition to remote delivery. A. Vezinaoutlined each of the five revised priorities at a high level. She recognized the great relationship between the Board, Senate and the Administration and that while COVID-19 may slow our trajectory, she reiterated and confidently shared that she felt the University, with these priorities are still headed in the right direction.

#### 6.0 ITEMS FOR DECISION

#### 6.1 Re-election to the Board of Governors

E. Pitcher explained the need for the housekeeping resolution and the context behind it.

**RESOLUTION:** Whereas the records of the Corporation do not appear to have properly recorded the re-election of certain Governors when their terms expired, although such terms were intended to be extended for a further term;

> And Whereas the said Governors have continued to attend duly called meetings of the Board of Governors and have performed their duties as a Governor since the time of the expiry of their previous term;

> And Whereas the Members wish to formalize and correct the records to confirm that the election of these Governors is duly recorded in the Corporation's documents as of the effective date of such persons election to the Board of Governors;

Now therefore, be it resolved that:

Michael Moraca's election as a Governor for the period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Mark Pitcher's election as a Governor for the period of October 5, 2019 to June 20, 2022

is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Moved by: E. Pitcher Seconded by: A. Trudeau Carried.

# 6.2 Election of Board Members from Internal Groups [Appendix 3]

**MOTION:** Due to the current situation (COVID-19), the Board approves that Rose Linklater's

position as staff representative of the Board of Governors be extended until the staff union has had the opportunity to select their next representative for election by the Board, as per the AUSS' request, or until October 31, 2020 whichever is sooner.

Moved by: M. Pitcher

Seconded by: E. Pitcher

Carried.

**MOTION:** To elect Yahaya Alphonse as AUSU representative of the Board of Governors from July 1,

2020 - June 30, 2021.

Moved by: R. Linklater Seconded by: A. Trudeau Carried.

**MOTION:** Due to the current situation (COVID-19), the Board approves that Angela Trudeau's

position as SASA representative of the Board of Governors be extended until September

30, 2020 as per SASA's request.

Moved by: S. Schell Seconded by: M. Pitcher Carried.

# 6.3 Election of Board Members from External Groups

NOTE: Awaiting external recommendations for:

Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie Representative

Shingwauk Education Trust Representative

• Garden River First Nation Representative

## 6.4 Election of New Board Members [Appendix 4]

**MOTION:** To elect Dr. Sonja Kosuta as external member of the Board of Governors from July 1, 2020

- June 30, 2023.

Moved by: M. Nogalo Seconded by: R. Linklater Carried.

## 6.5 Appointment of Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair

**MOTION:** To appoint Shelley Schell as Chair of the Algoma University Board of Governors from

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

Moved by: D. Nanang Seconded by: A. Trudeau Carried.

**MOTION:** To appoint Mike Moraca as Vice-Chair of the Algoma University Board of Governors from

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

Moved by: R. Linklater Seconded by: M. Nogalo Carried.

NOTE: Past-Chair will remain vacant.

## 6.6 Election of Committee Chairs

**MOTION:** To elect Shannon Taylor as Chair of the Finance Committee from July 1, 2020 -

June 30, 2021.

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

**MOTION:** To elect Elaine Pitcher as Chair of the Nominating and Governance Committee from

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

Moved by: M. Nogalo Seconded by: R. Linklater Carried.

### 6.7 Election of Committee Members

**Executive Committee** 

**MOTION:** To elect Mark Pitcher to the Executive Committee as an external member from

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

Moved by: R. Linklater Seconded by: A. Lambert Carried.

**Finance Committee** 

**MOTION:** To elect Mark Pitcher to the Finance Committee as an external member from July 1, 2020

- June 30, 2021.

Moved by: A. Trudeau Seconded by: M. Nogalo Carried.

**Board-Senate Liaison Committee** 

**MOTION:** To elect Mark Pitcher to the Board-Senate Liaison Committee as an external member

from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

Moved by: A. Lambert Seconded by: R. Linklater Carried.

**MOTION:** To elect Mike Nadeau to the Board-Senate Liaison Committee as an external member

from July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

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

**MOTION:** To elect Dr. Deborah Woodman to the Board-Senate Liaison Committee as a Senate

member upon the recommendation of Senate for the 2020-21 senate year.

Moved by: A. Trudeau Seconded by: P. Dupuis Carried.

**MOTION:** To elect Dr. Michael Graydon to the Board-Senate Liaison Committee as a Senate

member upon the recommendation of Senate for the 2020-21 senate year.

Moved by: H. Stevenson Seconded by: M. Pitcher Carried.

**Joint Working Group** 

**MOTION:** To elect Mike Moraca to the Joint Working Group as the Chair's designate from

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021.

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

**Aninshinaabe Peoples' Council** 

**MOTION:** To elect Mike Nadeau to the Anishinaabe Peoples' Council as the Chair's designate from

July 1, 2020 - April 28, 2021.

Moved by: A. Trudeau Seconded by: M. Pitcher Carried.

**Board Representative for Senate** 

**MOTION**: To elect Hugh Stevenson as the Board of Governors Representative to serve on the

Algoma University Senate for the 2020-21 senate year.

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

## 6.8 APC Terms of Reference Amendments [Appendix 5]

**MOTION:** To approve the revisions to Appendix D: The Anishinaabe Peoples' Council Terms of

Reference within the By-Laws as presented.

Moved by: A. Trudeau Seconded by: M. Nogalo Carried.

## 6.9 Ratification

**MOTION:** That the Board of Governors approve the ratification of all deeds, contracts, bylaws,

proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted by the Governors since the

last annual meeting of 20 of June 2019.

Moved by: R. Linklater Seconded by: D. Nanang Carried.

## 7.0 ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** That the Annual General Meeting of the Algoma University Board of Governors for

June 18, 2020 stand adjourned.

Moved: M. Pitcher Seconded: A. Lambert Carried.