

Open Board of Governors Minutes

Algoma University - Board of Governors Jan 27, 2022 at 5:30 PM EST @ Virtual

Attendance

Members Present (Remote):

Irene Barbeau, Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik, Cecilia Bruno, Paul Dupuis, Rebekah Gwynn, Sonja Kosuta, Rose Linklater, Mike Moraca, Jake Pastore, Elaine Pitcher, Mark Pitcher, Shannon Taylor, Mario Turco, Asima Vezina

Members Absent:

Cheyanne Herder, Shelley Schell, Hugh Stevenson

Guests Present (Remote):

Shannon Brooks, Casey Burgess, Craig Fowler, Karen Hudson, Brianne Pringle, Paul Quesnele, Donna Rogers, Kramer Rousseau, Mary Wabano-McKay

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Acknowledgement of Traditional Territories

We wish to acknowledge that we are on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek Nation. We also acknowledge that we are on sacred lands set aside for education as envisioned by Chief Shingwauk for our children and for those as yet unborn.

1.2. Chairs Opening Remarks

M. Moraca fulfilled the duties as Chair given that S. Schell sent her regrets.

1.2.1. Welcome to New Members

- Irene Barbeau Children of Shingwauk Alumni Association Representative
- Cheyanne Herder Shingwauk Anishinaabe Students' Association Representative
- Cecilia Bruno Order in Council (member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council)

New members, I. Barbeau and C. Bruno, introduced themselves to the Board.

1.3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

APPROVALS OF MOTIONS MADE IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion:

To approve the motions that were made in the CLOSED Session.

Motion moved by Elaine Pitcher and motion seconded by Mark Pitcher. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

That all items listed under the 'Consent Agenda' be approved as recommended.

Motion moved by Jake Pastore and motion seconded by Shannon Taylor. Carried.

- 3.1. OPEN Agenda for Board Meeting
 - Open Board of Governors Agenda Jan 27, 2022.pdf
- 3.2. OPEN Minutes for Previous Meeting
 - Open Board of Governors Minutes Nov 25, 2021.pdf
 - Member's Meeting Minutes Nov 25, 2021.pdf

4. REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

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President's Report - January 2022.pdf

The President provided an overview of the January 2022 edition of the President's Report, focusing on progress made with respect to the six strategic priority areas of the university. Additionally, she also highlighted the initiation of the strategic planning process for the next few years, the progress of the Mukwa Waakaa'igan design components, the diligent work of the CSAA in conducting the Site Search, a framework for continuing education that is in development, and the continual work on the feasibility study for a mental health and addictions research and training institute. The Board expressed their thanks to the various teams for the efforts of the university in achieving record enrolment as well as the extensive progress made in the strategic priority areas that are having impacts on the communities in which Algoma University is located.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1. Researcher of the Month: Dr. Casey Burgess
 - BOG REPORT OPEN January 27, 2022 Research Presentation-Dr. Casey Burgess combined.pdf

Dr. Donna Rogers introduced Dr. Burgess and provided a brief overview of her research as well as providing detail on the upcoming Research Week. Dr. Burgess provided a brief explanation of her dissertation research related to self-

regulation and how educator understanding of self-regulation impacts the learning environments they create for their students. The Board expressed their appreciation for the presentation and asked a number of questions including the potential to isolate variables and the potential for incorporation of cross-cultural practices in approaches to stress reduction.

- 6. BUSINESS ARISING N/A
- 7. ITEMS FOR DECISION / DISCUSSION
 - 7.1. Sexual Violence Policy

MOTION: That the board approves the proposed changes to the amended policy.

BOG REPORT OPEN 01.27.22 Sexual Violence Policy.pdf

B. Pringle, Director of People & Culture, and K. Hudson, Director of Student Success & Wellbeing, shared in their presentation that given the amendments to the requirements for post-secondary institutions related to sexual violence policies, a small number of revisions were required for the existing policy. The President acknowledged the tremendous leadership and effort that the two directors have shown in helping to ensure ongoing safety for the students.

Motion:

That the board approves the proposed changes to the amended policy.

Motion moved by Shannon Taylor and motion seconded by Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik. Carried.

- 7.2. Budget Planning and Principles Review (Presenters: Kramer Rousseau)
 - Budget Principles (BOG).pdf
 - K. Rousseau provided an overview of the budget planning and principles for the fiscal 2022-23 budget as per the report. He advised that pandemic budget scenarios would be included in the presentation of the budget. Some of the principles highlighted were that the budget would implement a zero based approach, there would be a focus on efficiency and effectiveness, and a responsibility centred management (RCM) budget model. The Board discussed how the RCM model would be rolled out and it was confirmed that it would be aligned to a new three dean structure and simplified as an RCM-lite model to begin with while the various information systems are getting upgraded to allow for a wider implementation.

The President took an opportunity to express her confidence and appreciation for the newest member of the Senior Executive Team, S. Brooks, Vice-President, Finance and Operations. S. Brooks briefly outlined her initial first impressions of the university and outlined the tremendous efforts of the various teams. She expressed how happy she was to be part of the university community and how wonderful her first experiences have been.

- 8. NEW BUSINESS N/A
- 9. INFORMATION ITEMS
 - 9.1. NORDIK Institute Annual Research Report 2020/21
 - 21.11.26 NORDIK Annual Report (2021).pdf
 - 9.2. Questions on Information Items

The Secretary to the Board gave a reminder on the Board-Senate Retreat focused on approaches to strategic planning. Additionally, the Board discussed the economic, cultural, social, and research impact that Algoma University is having in the three communities and the importance of communicating this impact publicly, perhaps through the development of a Corporate Social Responsibility report.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion:

That Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Motion moved by Elaine Pitcher and motion seconded by Mario Turco. Carried.

SIGNATURES

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Chair

Secretary