

Open Board of Governors Minutes

Algoma University - Board of Governors Mar 31, 2022 at 5:30 PM EDT @ Virtual

Attendance

Members Present (Remote):

Irene Barbeau, Sonja Kosuta, Rose Linklater, Mike Moraca, Jake Pastore, Elaine Pitcher, Mark Pitcher, Shelley Schell, Mario Turco, Asima Vezina

Members Absent:

Melanie Borowicz-Sibenik, Cecilia Bruno, Paul Dupuis, Rebekah Gwynn, Cheyanne Herder, Hugh Stevenson

Guests Present (Remote):

Shannon Brooks, Ashley Foster, Robin Isard, Jane Omollo, Paul Quesnele, Donna Rogers, Kramer Rousseau, Mary Wabano-McKay

External Guests Present (Remote):

Anna Brown (Emsi), Stephen Pool (Emsi)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER (Presenters: Shelley Schell)
 - 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

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1.3. Declarations of Conflicts of Interest

Mark Pitcher noted a conflict with item 7.1.

APPROVALS OF MOTIONS MADE IN CLOSED SESSION (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

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

Motion moved by Mario Turco and motion seconded by Jake Pastore. Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

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

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

- 3.1. OPEN Agenda for Board Meeting
 - Open Board of Governors Agenda Mar 31, 2022.doc
- 3.2. OPEN Minutes for Previous Meeting
 - Open Board of Governors Minutes Jan 27, 2022.pdf

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Simple Booklet Version

President's Report - March 2022 - revised.pdf

The President provided an overview of the March 2022 edition of the President's Report, focusing on progress made with respect to the six strategic priority areas of the university. She highlighted the continued growth on all three campuses, enabling key strategic investments related to student supports, programming, faculty hiring and strategic partnerships. Further, signicant capital investments are being made in Brampton and Sault Ste. Marie, as well as a new continuing education centre for the three regions served by Algoma University. Additionally, she highlighted the important work underway with respect to Indigenization, equity, diversity and inclusion to ensure marginalized students, faculty and staff are welcomed, included, safe and successful within their time at the university.

5. PRESENTATIONS

- 5.1. Researcher of the Month Robin Isard, Assistant Librarian (Presenters: Robin Isard, Assistant Librarian)
 - BOG REPORT OPEN March 31, 2022 Research Presentation-Robin Isard.pdf
 - Presentation Slide Deck Researcher of the Month Robin Isard.pdf
 - Researcher of the Month Poster.pdf
 - Written Report .pdf
 - D. Rogers introduced R. Isard, who presented his research related to empowering universities with smaller archives by giving them direct control over their data. The Board was appreciative of the presentation, the work R. Isard was doing for the University and asked questions related to how this method could be applied across varying contexts.

- 5.2. Economic Impact Study Report Sault Ste. Marie (Presenters: Ashley Foster, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, Anna Brown, Vice President of Education Consulting, Emsi, Stephen Pool, Economic Analyst, Emsi)
 - AU SSM Economic Impact Report Full.pdf
 - BOG REPORT OPEN Mar 31, 2022 SSM Economic Impact Study.pdf
 - AU SSM Economic Impact Report Slide Deck.pdf
 - AU SSM Economic Impact Report Executive Summary.pdf

A. Foster, Manager of Strategic Initiatives, invited Emsi Burning Glass representatives A. Brown and S. Pool to present the Algoma University Sault Ste. Marie Economic Impact Report slide deck. The study was conducted to measure the economic impact of Algoma University on the business community and to highlight the economic benefit the university generates in return for the investments made by its key stakeholder groups, students, taxpayers and society. The Board discussed the importance of a robust communications strategy to socialize the results of the study within and across the wider community. The President shared that the administration is moving forward with communications plans (through Advancement and Communications) to ensure the communities understand the impact that Algoma University is having. The Board also shared interest in how the results would compare to other universities in Canadian communities.

- 5.3. Algoma University EDI Climate Study
 - March 31, 2022 EDI Board Report .pdf
 - March 31, 2022 Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Climate Study Presentation to AU Board of Governors.pptx
 - J. Omollo, EDI Manager, and V. Jimenez-Estrada, EDI Academic Lead, provided an update with respect to the EDI Climate Study underway at the university, focusing on summaries of phases one and two, followed by an overview of the upcoming next steps for phases three and four. E. Pitcher advised that the Governance Committee has received two presentations from EDI Committee members related to suggestions for EDI at the governance level, and that the Board is on a journey and taking steps forward to thoughfully develop a plan. The Board discussed the importance of ensuring the priority for advancements in I-EDI is led and modelled by the Board of Governors and that strategy and action are supported through the entire organization. The President invited members of the Board to attend any of the events and panels hosted at Algoma University

wherein students and employees share their stories to bring awareness and lead to a community that is safe and inclusive.

- BUSINESS ARISING N/A
- 7. ITEMS FOR DECISION / DISCUSSION
 - 7.1. Election of Committee Chair (Presenters: Elaine Pitcher)
 - E. Pitcher provided an overview of the vacancy related to the Chair of the Risk and Finance Committee.

Motion:

To elect Mark Pitcher as the Chair of the Risk and Finance Committee for the period of March 31, 2022 to June 30, 2022.

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

- 7.2. Election of Committee Members (Presenters: Elaine Pitcher)
 - E. Pitcher provided an overview of the committee vacancies.

Motion:

To elect members to the following Board of Governors committees from March 31, 2022 - June 30, 2022:

- Risk and Finance Committee: Cecilia Bruno
- Anishinaabe People's Council: Irene Barbeau
- Board Executive Committee: Mark Pitcher

Motion moved by Elaine Pitcher and motion seconded by Jake Pastore. Carried.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1. I-EDI Training and Development for Board Members (Presenters: Elaine Pitcher)
 - BOARD REPORT OPEN March 31, 2022 I-EDI Training for the Board of Governors.pdf

E. Pitcher provided an overview of the board report, outlining the requests of the Governance Committee with respect to current member training and development in the areas of Indigenization, equity, diversity and inclusion. Specifically, all Board members were asked to complete the available Harvard Implicit Association Test(s) prior to the April 28, 2022 Board meeting; and were encouraged to participate in the free webinars and resources from the Canadian Centre for Diversity and Inclusion. Further educational opportunities and times

for discussion will be developed for future Board meetings to enable the Board to be able to lead in this capacity.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.1. Executive Summary and Implementation Plan Biology Program
 - BOG REPORT OPEN March 31, 2022 Executive Summary and Implementation
 Plan Biology program.pdf
 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY Biology Program January 2022.pdf
- 9.2. Questions on Information Items

None.

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10. ADJOURNMENT (Presenters: Shelley Schell)

Motion:

That Board of Governors meeting be adjourned.

Motion moved by Elaine Pitcher and motion seconded by Jake Pastore. Carried.

SIGNATURES

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