

THE GEORGE BROWN COLLEGE
OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

BOARD OF GOVERNORS
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2009
290 ADELAIDE ST EAST, TORONTO
5:30 P.M.

Present:	Rahul Bhardwaj (<i>via phone</i>) Laurie Cook Michael Eubanks, Chair Chris Griffin, Vice-Chair Marilou Martin	Marjorie McColm Maureen O'Halloran Christine Raissis (<i>via phone</i>) Jan Rush	Anne Sado Tom Tomassi David Wilkes Bob Wong (<i>via phone</i>)
Guests	Michael Cooke Terry Comeau Eugene Harrigan	Yves Hébert Nancy Hood	Jen Norman Lorie Shekter-Wolfson
Regrets:	James McPhedran	Lynn Nagle	
Minutes:	Diane Fantinato		

Note: Items do not necessarily appear in the order they were discussed.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
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1.0 Chair's Report

Chair Michael Eubanks brought the meeting to order. He welcomed back the members and advised on how delighted he is as the incoming Chair and looks forward to an exciting year at GBC. This year we are trying a different Board format with bimonthly meetings of the full Board and Committee meetings in alternate months. A key goal for our Board for this year will be to help drive the creation of a new strategy for GBC for 2020. Knightsbridge Consulting has been retained to help facilitate collection of input for the plan development.

Michael introduced our newest Board member Laurie Cooke, Partner at Borden Ladner Gervais LLP. Another new member, James McPhedran, Senior Vice President, Scotiabank, Ontario Region will be joining us at our next Board meeting and will be formally introduced at that time.

The President's annual performance and compensation review was completed this summer. Michael thanked the members for their input. The Executive Committee reviewed the feedback with Anne and has adjusted her salary as per George Brown College policy following the College's Compensation and Appointment's Council guidelines.

The Executive Committee met in August to discuss the Waterfront. A full Waterfront update will be presented at the Private Board session which will include the outcome of the Executive meeting.

ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION
2.0	<p>Approval of the minutes of the Board of Governors meeting of June 10, 2009. There were no questions arising.</p>	
	<p>MOTION THAT the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the June 10, 2009 Board of Governors meeting as presented. Moved: Chris Griffin Seconded: Christine Raissis CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION 09-01-01</p>
3.0	<p>Approval of the minutes of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting of May 13, 2009. There were no questions arising</p>	
	<p>MOTION THAT the Board of Governors approve the minutes of the May 13, 2009 Academic and Student Affairs Committee as presented. Moved: Marilou Martin Seconded: Chris Griffin CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION 09-01-02</p>
4.0	<p>Approval of the 2008-09 Annual Report, 2009-10 Business Plan and Multi-Year Accountability Agreement (MYAA) Report Back</p>	
	<p>A. Sado advised that the Annual Report is a requirement of MTCU and needs to be approved by the Board. The report was due July 31 and a draft was submitted to MTCU. A final copy will be sent to the Ministry after the Board review. The format is the same as previous years. It is a factual report which refers back to the strategic goals set within a five-year period and of the accomplishments of the previous year based on our balanced scorecard. The Board also received a bound version which was created for use as a marketing tool to stakeholders. This version focuses on our student graduate success stories and on donors for a fundraising point-of-view. The final report will be available on-line.</p>	
	<p>The Business Plan is also a requirement of MTCU and needs to be approved by the Board. The draft plan was submitted to the Ministry by the required due date. The plan outlines our 2008-09 accomplishments and our objectives for 2009-10, including our key strategic initiatives. The financials were in the format requested by the Ministry. This plan reflects the end of the previous five-year plan to 2010. The Business Plan mirrors the operating plan approved by the Board in the spring.</p>	
	<p>The Multi-Year Accountability Agreement (MYAA) Report Back was also submitted in draft format to MTCU by the required due date. A. Sado noted that Marjorie McColm and Nancy Miyagi, of the Office of Academic Excellence, gathered most of the data for the report. Anne reviewed all of the key sections and outcomes for the Access and Quality elements of our commitments. The Board discussed both the value and the challenges of the reporting framework.</p>	
	<p>MOTION THAT the Board of Governors approve the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2008-09 Annual Report ▪ 2009-10 Business Plan ▪ and the Multi-Year Accountability Agreement (MYAA) Report Back as presented. <p>Moved: Chris Griffin Seconded: David Wilkes CARRIED</p>	<p>MOTION 09-01-03</p>
7.0	<p>President's Report The President's Report is structured to align with the Balanced Scorecard and the college objectives for 2009-10. As such, A. Sado brought forward the following items for information and discussion:</p>	

Financial Viability

- **Enrolment** - Enrolments for Sept 2009 are strong. We have met and slightly exceeded both domestic and international enrollment targets. We also achieved both new student and returning student targets. Final numbers, which our funding will be based on, will be made available after the November 1 audit date.

Staff Success

- **President's Breakfast** – The 6th Annual President's Breakfast which kicked off the academic year was held on August 31. We had a strong turnout – over 1,000 staff were in attendance. Thanks to external governors Christine Raissis, Maureen O'Halloran and Laurie Cook for attending on behalf of the Board. As usual, we also gave out the GBC Achievement Awards recognizing staff. Thanks to Marilou Martin and Tom Tomassi for assisting with the Support Staff and Faculty awards respectively. The theme of Anne's speech this year was "digging deep" and how we have to continue to focus on our key priorities - but dig deep in ensuring we implement the Academic Strategy, improve on the student experience, continue to develop our people, go deeper in developing a culture of innovation, and ensure we are using our scarce resources effectively.

Student Success

- **President's Breakfast** – This year's President's Breakfast focused on student success and putting student learning first. We had a video where recent graduates talked about what they valued in their GBC experience. Our keynote speaker this year was a recent graduate who had come back to school at age 42. He completed the Mechanical Engineering Technology and Tool and Die programs and is now enrolled in Aerospace Engineering at Ryerson University. In addition, we had two students speaking – one from the ACET program and one from Fashion Techniques and Design. We ended the program with a video of new students and their expectations during their time at GBC.
- **Student Orientations** – All orientations were held during the week of August 31. We had record turnouts at all of the events with almost 4,800 students in attendance and over 200 friends and family who accompanied them. We continued to build on the model of previous years (ie induction ceremony) designed by Wayne Poirier (Director, Student Service and Campus Life) to ensure students had an excellent start to their GBC experience.
- **Student and Career Services Centre** – The reconfigured space for the new centre in the basement at St. James is nearing completion. The expansion of the learning commons will be the next priority.

Other

- **Academic Bargaining** - The faculty union contract has expired as of August 31. Management and the union completed 25 days of bargaining this summer. A conciliator was appointed and recommended a recess in bargaining which is expected to commence again in October. We remain committed to reaching a settlement with the union.
- **Part-time Update** - In response to a question, the Board was advised of the status of the part-time certification process. The non-full time faculty certification process is still underway at the Ontario Labour Relations Board. The union and colleges are awaiting feedback on next steps. OPSEU has now also filed an application to represent part-time support staff at all colleges. Lists of eligible voters were provided by all colleges and voting will take place primarily in October. George Brown college part-time support staff will have an opportunity to vote on October 22 at Casa Loma and October 27 at St. James.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to a Private session.