



Notes on CU Board Meeting of June 9, 2015

The Board considered a Mandate Letter from Andrew Wilkinson, Minister of Advanced Ed, outlining strategic priorities: BC's Skills for Jobs Blueprint; Aboriginal post-secondary, balanced budgets; Administrative Service Delivery Transformation. All Board members are required to sign, acknowledging statutory obligations.

Ken Haycock presented a policy for a 'consent agenda' to move along non-controversial items through Board meetings more quickly. He also presented a motion to allow holding committee meetings by electronic means or email. Both motions passed.

The Board considered a self-evaluation, which suggested most members are happy with the Board's operation, although a majority believes we do not fulfill our role in advocacy, and one commented that elected board members should be reminded of their role to serve in the best interests of the university.

The Board reelected Shelley McDade as Chair for 2015/16.

Rick Gale presented motions on the establishment and discontinuance of faculties, and on policy development and management. The motion passed. He also presented a motion governing public input at board meetings; restricting the input to individuals who apply 7 days in advance to the Board Secretary, are permitted to speak by the Chair, and restricted to 5 minutes. This motion was sent back to committee, to consider reducing the time limit to a period after the agenda is out, and to allow the Chair to recognize speakers who have not applied in advance.

Stephen Williams reported for the investment committee that investments returned 12.8% last year, and 11.5% for the Foundation.

Soon Kim gave the Audit Committee report, and the Board appointed KPMG to be auditors for the coming year. He also presented the financial statements, showing actual budgets of \$90.7 million for 2013/14, and \$87.6 million for 2014/15.

Cindy Turner reported the 2014/15 year ended with a surplus of \$1.2 million. The provincial grants account for 44.4% of revenue, and tuition 38.6%. Salaries and benefits account for 68% of expenses. The University provided 1502 students with aid and tuition waivers amounting to \$1.7 million. The President's salary was \$187,500; the Vice Presidents' \$156,000, and Irene Chanin \$134,250. No other Cap employees earn more than \$125,000.

At the end of the summer add-drop period, total revenues are up 2.8% from last year, due to an increase in international student revenues being larger than the decrease in domestic revenues.

Cindy Turner presented an updated 5 year capital plan, and reported the University received \$240,000 for the Library boiler replacement and \$600,000 for replacement of hot water pipes and HVAC pneumatic controls as a result of last year's 5 year capital plan.

Irene Chanin presented a Communications & Advancement Plan which, hopefully will improve the University's image in the community, government and help attract and retain students. One objective of the Plan is to have employees think "Cap is a great place to work. I'm proud to work at Cap. I feel valued at Cap" and to tell others Cap is a great place to work. Another objective is to convince the government to "fund Cap equitably." Plans are underway for a 50th anniversary celebration in from January 2018 to June 2019.

Rick Gale presented the Accountability Report for submission to the Ministry. The CapU objectives are: 1. Student success in achievement of learning and employment outcomes; 2. Student success in professional and career preparation; 3. Student success in engaged, informed, committed citizenship; and 4. Student success in cultural, ecological, fiscal and social responsibility. The Report is a fine summary of where Cap is, and should be up on the Cap website July 17.

We got through the 165 pages of agenda and attachments for this meeting. The next scheduled meeting is September 22, 2015 in Birch 126.

This is my last board report. Thank you for letting me represent you on the Board of Governors for 11 years. I appreciate the honour. I have great confidence that Auralea Mahood and Michael Fleming will provide excellent representation for you on the Board.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Harris, Faculty representative to the Board. June 10, 2015



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