



NORTHERN COLLEGE

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING NO. 397

GENERAL SESSION

Tuesday, November 1, 2011
1:30 p.m.

Haileybury Campus Boardroom
Videoconference and Teleconference

PRESENT:

Board:

D. McGirr (Chair)
R. McBean (First Vice-Chair)
D. Wyatt (Second Vice-Chair)
D. Bérubé (Governor at large)
F. Gibbons (President)
T. Rosko
L. Irvine
M. Miller
M. Milinkovich
N. Bolduc
G. Kemp
R. Pineault
M. Scott

Staff:

P. Fortier, Executive Assistant, Office of the President and Board of Governors
P. MacLean, V.P., Academic and Student Success
L. Charbonneau, V.P., Finance, Administration and Aboriginal Services
B. Mack, V.P., Community, Business and Employment Services

REGRETS:

C. Bender
S. Louttit
J. Brunski
J. Plaunt

1. OPENING PROCEDURES

(a) CALL TO ORDER

Chair McGirr moved the meeting into the General Session, time noted at 1:39 p.m.

(b) CHAIR'S REMARKS

On behalf of the Board, Chair McGirr welcomed everyone to the General Session.

2. AGENDA

(a) MODIFICATIONS/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS

Nil.

(b) ADOPTION

Moved by: T. Rosko

Motion

Seconded by: M. Scott

97-11

THAT the agenda for the Meeting No. 397 of the Board of Governors of Northern College of Applied Arts & Technology dated November 1, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST – DECLARATIONS

The Chair called for disclosures of actual, potential, or perceived conflict of interest. None were expressed.

4. COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

President Gibbons invited Ms. Sara Munroe, LEID and Learning Technology Coordinator to make a presentation on the Learning Excellence and Innovation Department micro-site. The portal aims to provide support to faculty, staff and administration from a teaching and learning perspective, as well as serve as a repository of resources for professional development purposes.

Chair McGirr thanked Ms. Munroe for her very informative presentation.

President Gibbons invited Ms. Lynn Berthiaume, Director of Student Services, Institutional Research and Registrar to make a presentation on student enrolment for the 2011-2012 academic term. A copy of the presentation will be posted to the Board portal.

Chair McGirr thanked Ms. Berthiaume for the presentation and discussion opportunity.

5. STANDING ITEMS/BUSINESS ARISING

(a) APPROVAL OF GENERAL SESSION MINUTES NO. 396

(Meeting Held September 23, 2011)

Moved by: N. Bolduc

Motion

Seconded by: D. Berube

98-11

THAT the minutes of Meeting No. 396 dated September 23, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Motions from the Committee of the Whole minutes of Meeting No. 396, dated September 23, 2011 follow.

Moved by: M. Miller *Motion*
Seconded by: T. Rosko *71-11*
THAT the Committee of the Whole Agenda No. 396 dated September 23, 2011 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by: M. Milinkovich *Motion*
Seconded by: D. Berube *72-11*
THAT the Committee of the Whole Minutes No. 395 dated June 14, 2011 be approved as presented.
AND THAT motions 49-11 to 56-11 be recorded in the General Session of the minutes.

Carried

Moved by: D. Wyatt *Motion*
Seconded by: B. McBean *73-11*
THAT the Board of Governors receive the minutes of the Board Executive Committee Meeting held JUNE 1, 2011 as presented.

Carried

Moved by: D. Wyatt *Motion*
Seconded by: M. Milinkovich *74-11*
THAT the Board of Governors receive the minutes of the Board Executive Committee Meeting held July 8, 2011 as presented.

Carried

Moved by: L. Irvine *Motion*
Seconded by: D. Berube *75-11*
THAT the Board of Governors receive the minutes of the Board Policy Review Committee Meeting held May 24, 2011 as presented.

Carried

Moved by: L. Irvine *Motion*
Seconded by: M. Milinkovich *76-11*
THAT the Board of Governors receive the minutes of the Board Policy Review Committee Meeting held June 24, 2011 as presented.

Carried

Moved by: G. Kemp *Motion*
Seconded by: M. Miller *77-11*
THAT the Board of Governors approve the recommendation that the Board Executive Committee serve as the Presidential Evaluation Committee and that it establish a formal evaluation process.

Carried

Moved by: L. Irvine *Motion*
Seconded by: N. Bolduc *78-11*
THAT the Board move into the General Session, time noted at 10:19 a.m.

Carried

(b) BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

(i) Standing Committee & Adhoc Committee Appointments

Further to our last meeting, participation on standing and adhoc committees was invited.

Moved by: T. Rosko	Motion
Seconded by: D. Berube	99-11
THAT the Board of Governors appoint Rachel Pineault to the Board Vacancy Nominating Committee.	Carried

(ii) Role of the Board of Governors Executive Committee

As requested at the last Board meeting, a document was prepared outlining the role of the Board Executive. A revision will be made to the document to reflect more clearly that responsibilities of the Executive Committee are delegated from the Board and that this delegation will be reviewed annually at the Board Planning meeting.

Moved by: D. Berube	Motion
Seconded by: M. Milinkovich	100-11
THAT the Board of Governors affirms the Role of the Board Executive Committee, as amended.	Carried

(iii) Participation at the 2011 Higher Education Summit and Governor Orientation

President Gibbons confirmed we will have good representation at the upcoming conference and orientation session with seven governors taking part in the orientation and 8 members participating in the conference that follows.

(iv) New Strategic Plan Process

The President explained that further to an RFP process to select a consultant to work with the college on the new strategic plan and Clearlogic Consulting was selected as the provider. It is our intent to present a new strategic plan to the Board for approval by September 2012.

The President introduced Mr. Ron Leduc from Clearlogic Consulting who was invited to provide the Board with an overview of the planning process that will soon be undertaken.

Mr. Leduc thanked the Board and College for the opportunity to work with the college on this project. Mr. Leduc continued to describe the 3-step process that will be used which includes an engagement process; an environmental scanning process; and a data analysis and themes process. The first of the engagement sessions will be arranged with the Board in the near future to provide direction for future consultation sessions and for the planning process.

Mr. Leduc will prepare a 1-page synopsis of his presentation for distribution to the Board. Chair McGirr thanked Mr. Leduc for his presentation. Any questions can be relayed to Mr. Leduc through the President or through the Executive Assistant.

(c) FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Loran Charbonneau, V. P., Finance, Administration and Aboriginal Services presented the financial report for the period ended September 30, 2011. Ms. Charbonneau explained the report structure and reviewed financial notes. She also invited members to contact her at any time for clarification on financial reports.

6. NEW BUSINESS

**(a) ANNUAL REPORT ON JOINT HEALTH AND SAFETY
AND APPROVAL OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY**

The annual report was provided to the Board for review.

Moved by: T. Rosko	Motion
Seconded by: D. Wyatt	101-11
THAT the Board of Governors receive the report of the Joint Health and Safety Committee; AND that the Occupational Health and Safety Policy be accepted as presented.	
	Carried

(b) TRADES CENTRE DONOR RECOGNITION – FACILITIES NAMING

Moved by: G. Kemp	Motion
Seconded by: M. Scott	102-11
THAT the Board of Governors accepts the recommendation of the Facilities Naming Committee and that facilities at Porcupine Campus be designated as follows:	
THAT Electrical Lab F108 be named after Hydro One;	
THAT Lecture Theatre H116 be named after Xstrata; and	
THAT the Trades Shop be named after Lake Shore Gold Corp.	
	Carried

Formal dedication ceremonies will be held and the Board will be invited to attend.

(c) IMPACT OF NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ON EDUCATION

President provided the Board with his impressions on the impact of the new minority government on postsecondary education. The government's fiscal realities will translate into some funding reductions for transfer agencies, including colleges.

(d) NORTHERN COLLEGE FOUNDATION REPORT

President Gibbons indicated the annual report on the Northern College Foundation provided to the Board reflects activities held over the past year as well as fundraising and alumni activities planned for the upcoming term. There were no questions on the report.

(e) INSTITUTIONAL DIFFERENTIATION

The Board was provided with a background report regarding institutional differentiation. In initial discussions with Ministry staff, differentiation was largely understood as meaning additional degree-granting opportunity for colleges already offering degrees. This was seen as a tactic to mitigate 2/3 of the additional 60,000 new postsecondary seats automatically going to universities. However, as this item remains on the government's agenda and in light of the government's fiscal challenges, the President elaborated on how this could represent risk or opportunity for colleges with considerations such as whether there is a different model for college program delivery through Ontario at a lesser cost; or whether colleges do a better job at addressing the needs of employers and learners.

The President suggested that the Board may wish to dedicate a substantial amount of time on our January Board meeting agenda or convene a separate meeting for an in-depth discussion, depending on how fast this item progresses on the government's agenda. Members indicated they would make themselves available as required.

7. ROUTINE ITEMS

(a) CORRESPONDENCE AND VERBAL REPORT BY CHAIR

Chair McGirr thanked today's presenters as well as the Board for their engagement during the presentations. Chair McGirr also stated he received positive feedback further to the announcement about the launch of the BScN program in KL.

(b) NORTHERN COLLEGE ABORIGINAL COUNCIL ON EDUCATION

Governor Miller indicated the NCACE will meet on Friday November 4, 2011 and he will share an update at the January Board meeting.

(c) PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President's Report is provided in the Board package. The President provided further comment on his recent visit to China. President Gibbons also confirmed that officials from Taizhou Teachers College will be visiting Porcupine campus next week while a delegation from Yangzhou College of Environment and Resources is expected later this November. There are current 93 students enrolled in Northern College programs in China.

(d) EXECUTIVE TEAM REPORTS AND STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

Mr. Bob Mack, V.P., Community Business Development and Employment Services reported that there continues to be remarkable increase in activity in their area. In planning for the future, the division will expand in the area of distance/video delivery of programs and further efforts will be aimed at providing Academic Upgrading along the coast.

Mr. Peter MacLean, V.P., Academic and Student Success shared that a new Manager of Distance Education was hired recently to take this initiative forward to diversity and expand distance education as a core competency of the college.

Ms. Loran Charbonneau, V.P, Finance, Administration and Aboriginal Services indicated that all video equipment is now in place and working well; faculty is engaged and continues to learn about the limitless capabilities of this new mode of delivery. Professional development will be offered to faculty in the spring by Dr. Lance Ford on how to best use this type of equipment in the classroom.

A new webmaster has recently been hired by the College and members will note a refreshed website, with additional improvements expected by January 2012.

(e) REPORTS FROM BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Governor Berube reported on the Building Inspection Technician Advisory Committee meeting and on the program evaluation process that is under way. Valuable input was received from the PAC on evaluating the curriculum and providing suggestions for changes.

Governor Irvine shared that the Environmental Technician: Water Wastewater Systems Operations Program is moving forward with a plan to build a lab facility for its program at the KL campus.

Governor McBean reported on the Welding Engineering Technician Program Advisory Committee and on suggestions from an ad-hoc committee for improvements in the area of marketing. It was suggested that the program will benefit in recruiting students from outside the catchment area with the availability of student accommodations in the new residence.

(f) ADVISORY COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

As provided in the package.

(g) BOARD MEMBER COMMUNITY-RELATED UPDATES

Governor Wyatt noted that participation and assistance from our Paramedic Program students was greatly appreciated and recognized during a local fundraising event held for the benefit of Spruce Hill Lodge.

Governor Pineault shared very exciting news about receiving approval on a joint application to the Federal government with Governor Miller for skills training valued at up to \$3.7M. They are eagerly awaiting confirmation on the funding amount to providing skills training for future jobs at the Detour site. Furthermore, the mine has hired its first mining crew, starting October 26.

Governor Milinkovich shared that the Wahgoshig First Nation is planning its first annual First Nations canoe race to take place at the Black River in Matheson next year.

(h) BOARD OF GOVERNORS WORK PLAN

The Work Plan is provided in the Board package.

(i) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No requests.

(j) NEXT MEETING

Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Porcupine Campus – Videoconference - Teleconference

8. INFORMATION REPORT

Noted.

9. PROPOSED MOTIONS

As recorded in the minutes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by: B. McBean	Motion
THAT the meeting be adjourned.	103-11
	Carried
Time noted at 4:00 p.m.	

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

College personnel left the meeting for in-camera sessions with the Board and President, followed by Board members only.

P. Fortier,
Executive Assistant to the Board