

KEYANO COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

A regular meeting of the Keyano College Board of Governors was held in the Governors' Boardroom on March 25, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: John Wilson, Jim Foote, Brennan Conroy, Barbara Armstrong, Carna MacEachern, John Rhind, Jeff Pardee, Eugene Carnegie, Lorraine Demers

REGRETS: Peter Duda, George McGuigan

STAFF: Cindy Amerongen, Ann Everatt, Al Adibi, Shelley Jury

GUESTS: Gilbert Perras, Brendan Clarke, Kiran Malik-Khan, Russell Thomas, Rose Viscount, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Louis Dingley (Keyano College), Kevin Brown (President KCSA) and approximately 24 Keyano College students current living in single or family residence.

1 Approval of Agenda

The following item was included on the agenda:

5.8 Wall of Fame Nominee (Cindy Amerongen).

J. Wilson noted that it would be Al Adibi and Cindy Amerongen (not Ann Everatt as noted on the agenda) addressing item 5.5 Knowledge Infrastructure Program Proposal.

MOTION: "that the Agenda be approved as adjusted."

MOVED: J. Rhind
B. Conroy
Carried

2 Approval of Minutes

MOTION: "that the Committee of the Regular Minutes of 2009 01 27 be approved as presented."

MOVED: J. Pardee
E. Carnegie
Carried

3 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

4 Committee Reports

4.1 Academic Council

4.1.1 Minutes – February 12, 2009

4.1.2 Minutes – March 12, 2009

The minutes were presented as an information item.

Academic Council Chair, Gilbert Perras, provided an overview of the activities of the Academic Council.

A newly formed sub-committee will review the Academic Council mandate and make recommendations for changes. The revised mandate will be presented to the Board for approval.

4.2 Education

4.2.1 Minutes – February 11, 2009

The minutes were presented as an information item.

C. MacEachern provided an overview of the February 11 meeting which included presentations from the Human & Community Services program and the Environmental Technology program.

4.3 Campus Development

J. Wilson provided a synopsis of the activities of the Campus Development Committee. He highlighted the following projects:

- The leaking roof on the SSWC continues to be proving a problematic issue to rectify. A resolution is expected soon.
- The Fort Chipewyan Campus project is moving forward. College Administration continues to consult with the Fort Chipewyan community on the initiative. The community remains supportive.
- The business case and the projected costs for the SEIC Student Housing project has been completed and the Board is recommending Administration proceed with the project.
- The revised Trades & Technology Expansion business case is completed and will be submitted to government.

5 New Business/Information

5.1 Academic Update

Vice President Academics, Ann Everatt

Keyano College continues to strive and succeed in all areas of academics.

Contracts for funding have been secured for English as Second Language (ESL) training for skilled immigrants and through Alberta Employment and Immigration (AEI) for the Syncrude Aboriginal Trades Preparation Program (Janvier). Also, funding (AEI) for computer training, safe food handling, camp worker safety WHIMIS, OSSA, CSTS and first aid administered through Workforce Development at the Janvier Campus and \$40,000, through eCampus Alberta, for the development of four online courses.

Keyano College will continue involvement with the Enbridge Famous Five dinner series celebrating leadership in women.

Under the direction of the Vice President, Academics, academic leadership will consult with stake holder groups to draft a five-year academic plan and a strategic enrolment plan. The drafts will be presented to Education Committee.

5.2 Program Presentation: University Studies (Louis Dingley and Kathleen Fitzgerald)

Keyano's University Studies Program provides students an opportunity to take first and, in some cases, second year university courses leading to degrees. Students can also complete a degree at Keyano through a program offered in conjunction with Athabasca University and through collaborative degree granting through the University of Alberta.

L. Dingley and K. Fitzgerald provided a comprehensive overview of the program via a PowerPoint presentation.

5.3 Student/Staff Housing Rental Rates

S. Paul, Manager Business Operations, provided a comprehensive review (via PowerPoint) of the current status of Keyano College Housing.

College Administration is requesting approval for the following:

- 8% increase in rental rates for Clearwater Hall (single residence);
- 7% increase in rental rates for Riedel and Penhorwood (family residence);
- Security deposit increase to \$200.00 (from \$100.00) for Clearwater Hall (single residence);
- 7% increase in rental rates for Keyano staff; and,
- Rents are to be paid by semester for Clearwater Hall.

J. Wilson commented that Keyano College's student housing costs remain one of the lowest in the province among educational institutions. The rents are the

lowest comparable accommodation costs in Fort McMurray. Considering both tuition and housing costs, the financial situation offered to Keyano College students is a notable benefit. The College is not funded for capital upgrades so revenue for deferred maintenance is generated through auxiliary services.

A lengthy discussion ensued between College Administration, Board Members and Keyano College students.

Keyano College students spoke openly about their concerns including the percentage increase being too high, maintenance issues, the bi-semester payment and the overall dissatisfaction with the lack of services available in College residences.

J. Wilson responded by stating that it is the Board's mandate to ensure education remains accessible and affordable and the Board will work toward that mandate in a fiscally accountable manner while maintaining the integrity of the institution. He expressed his appreciation for the comments from the many students in attendance and added that the Board will take time to review the circumstances and table the motion until the April 22 meeting.

Board members supported J. Wilson's decision.

5.4 Simulator Purchase/Business Case

Industry has indicated a requirement for approximately 1000 new operators locally. By utilizing simulators, the College can significantly increase the number of graduates generating revenues while continuing to meet the labour needs of industry.

The following motion was presented for approval:

- MOTION: "1. Pursuant to Section 73 of the Post-secondary Learning Act and subject to the prior approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Board of Governors, for the purpose of Keyano College, authorizes and approves the borrowing of an amount to the Mine Operations Truck Transport Program project fund not to exceed \$2,100,000 in Canadian Funds;
2. To borrow from a lender which is the Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA);
3. And that within the foregoing parameters, the establishment of the amount, term and interest rate be made by the President."

MOVED: J. Rhind

B. Conroy
Carried

5.5 Knowledge Infrastructure Program Proposal

J. Foote and C. Amerongen provided an explanation around the Federal Government's stimulus package for post-secondary infrastructure projects.

A list of the projects submitted for Keyano College is provided on page 27 of the agenda package.

5.6 SEIC Housing Project

The following motion was presented for approval:

- MOTION: "1. That the College proceeds with the SEIC Student Housing Project as presented and;
2. Pursuant to Section 73 of the Post-secondary Learning Act and subject to the prior approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Board of Governors, for the purpose of Keyano College, authorizes and approves the borrowing of an amount to the SEIC Student Housing project fund not to exceed \$19 million in Canadian funds; and,
3. To borrow from a lender which is the Alberta Capital Finance Authority (ACFA); and,
4. That within the foregoing parameters, the establishment of the amount, term and interest rate be made by the President."

MOVED: E. Carnegie
B. Conroy
Carried

5.7 Chair's Report

5.7.1 Volleyball Championships

Board members expressed their appreciation for the recent success of the National Volleyball Championship event. Participants and visitors were very impressed with Keyano College, the Syncrude Sport & Wellness facility and the Fort McMurray community.

5.7.2 2009 Distinguished Citizen

Members reviewed and discussed the nomination of Dr. Michel Sauve for Keyano College's 2009 Distinguished Citizen Award and the following motion was presented for approval:

MOTION: "that Dr. Michel Sauve be recognized as the Keyano College 2009 Distinguished Citizen."

MOVED: C. MacEachern
J. Rhind
Carried

5.8 Wall of Fame Nominee

Members reviewed and discussed the nomination of Dr. Cora Voyageur for the Keyano College Alumni Wall of Fame and the following motion was presented for approval:

MOTION: "that Dr. Cora Voyageur be recognized for the Keyano College Alumni Wall of Fame."

MOVED: J. Pardee
J. Rhind
Carried

6. Correspondence

J. Wilson provided an overview of the correspondence on pages 28-39 of the agenda package.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: "that the meeting be adjourned."

MOVED: J. Rhind

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



Chair



President