

6. INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION

6.1.1 BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU)

Mark Ferley had nothing to report.

6.1.2 Douglas College Faculty Association (DCFA)

At the Chair's invitation, Peter Wilkins supplemented his written report with an update on recent meetings in Victoria.

6.1.3 Douglas Students' Union (DSU)

The Chair noted that the agenda package included a report from Alessandro Iachelli, but that Mr. Iachelli had since relayed his regrets for the evening, due to illness.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Board Chair

Paul Wates reported on recent undertakings, as follows.

- The Board Chair and Executive Assistant met in October 2009 with Board Resourcing and Development (BRDO) Director Ann Wicks regarding the three Order In Council vacancies on this Board, and received indication that two of the three appointments may be in place prior to the November 2009 Board meeting; all such appointments must be approved by provincial Cabinet.
- The two President's Receptions were held in late September. Scott McAlpine was well received, and had the opportunity to meet a number of College people.
- The Chair reported on his brief trip to Osaka, Japan for partner St. Andrew's University's celebration of its 125th anniversary as an incorporated school, and its 50th anniversary of the establishment of Momoyama Gakuin as a university.
- The Chair joined Associate Vice President, External Relations Hazel Postma at two recent meetings to advocate for terminus of the Evergreen Line at the David Lam Campus. He noted the brochures contained in the Board agenda packages, and the references to the "Douglas College Station". While there are hurdles yet to be crossed, and funding challenges, it is reported that TransLink hopes to break ground on the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project in 2010.
- A number of College representatives attended The Training Group's *Entrepreneur of the Year* awards evening October 21, 2009, and it was an inspiring event.

The Chair also reported on two significant upcoming visits to the David Lam Campus. Advanced Education and Labour Market Development (ALMD) Minister Moira Stilwell would arrive at the David Lam Campus for meetings and a tour on October 23, 2009 and planned to be accompanied by MLA Doug Horne (Coquitlam – Burke Mountain) and the Honorable Iain Black (Port Moody – Coquitlam), Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development. Dovetailing with the conclusion of the Minister's visit, the College also planned to host His Excellency, the Vice President of Uganda, Prof. Gilbert Balibaseka Bukenya and His Excellency, George Abola, Uganda's High Commissioner to Canada, on October 23, 2009.

7.2 Education Council

7.2.1 Chair's Report

7.2.2 Board Liaison's Report

The Chair relayed regrets from both Susan Meshwork and Peter Kendrick; the Board looked forward to receipt of their November 2009 reports.

7. REPORTS, cont'd

7.3 President

7.3.1 President's Report

The President reported on strong enrolment growth, which was up seven percent overall – and up 12% in university transfer courses – this semester. He reported that, as a launch of the strategic planning process, a survey would be posted to the President's website for a ten-day period on October 23, 2009. The President planned to hold a meeting with the strategic planning advisory group in early November 2009, after his return from a one-week trip to join Associate Vice President, International Education Guangwei Ouyang in China.

Scott McAlpine reported that advocacy for the Evergreen Line Rapid Transit Project represented a common theme in all his meetings to date with area politicians – mayors, MLAs and MPs. He looked forward to Minister Stilwell's visit the following day, and intended to acknowledge and thank the Minister for the government's support of BC colleges.

On the President's invitation, Jan Carrie updated Board members on a collaboration with the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (VANOC). She reported that this initiative, supported by BC Colleges (BCC) Presidents, resulted in Douglas College posting opportunities for those of our students interested in securing three-month jobs with the 2010 Olympics, at a salary of \$7,500 for the three months. Douglas College posted the opportunity within two days of developing the agreement; this represented an opportunity not only for students currently engaged in ongoing or co-operative education, but also for students who are not currently enrolled but have studied at the College in the recent past. Scott McAlpine thanked Jan Carrie and all involved at Douglas College for taking on this project on very short notice.

7.3.2 Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Grant Proposal: Youth Internship Program

Scott McAlpine noted the details, contained in Board members' agenda packages, on the College's intended application to CIDA. Jan Carrie, who with Guangwei Ouyang was a proponent of the application, highlighted the potential internship opportunities for Douglas College graduates to work in Uganda and build on mental health and dental health projects Douglas College has already undertaken in that country.

It was moved by David Guedes, seconded by Michael Hwang and unanimously resolved:

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THAT the Douglas College Board support Douglas College's application to the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for a grant under its International Youth Internship Program

8. BOARD COMMITTEES AND LIAISON

8.1 Audit and Finance Committee

8.1.1 Planned Activities

The Chair reported that, since all three Audit and Finance committee members were unfortunately unable to attend the evening's Board meeting, committee Chair Peter Kendrick had provided him a report following the committee's October 8, 2009 meeting. Reviewing the report, Paul Wates noted that the committee had reviewed September 2009 financial reports and anticipated a surplus of \$2.1 million. The committee had also reviewed the College Board budget; expenses were slightly under budget on a year-to-date basis and would be close to plan once the January 2010 retreat costs were considered.

The Audit and Finance Committee was also considering development of a policy under which employees could raise any matters of financial concern. Discussion of ensuring compliance with the College mandate followed identification of this matter. The committee intended to review its Terms of Reference during its December meeting. The Chair invited questions; there were none.

8. BOARD COMMITTEES AND LIAISON, cont'd

8.1 Audit and Finance Committee, cont'd

8.1.2 Financial/FTE Reporting to September 30, 2009

Paul Wates noted attachment “G” in the agenda package and questions relating to the report. Peter Wilkins checked whether protocol was such that he could ask questions. Paul Wates advised that this was not the case for Constituency Group Leaders, but that he would be happy to speak with Constituency Group Leaders outside the meeting. Paul Wates reflected that the report of the \$2.1 million surplus was very good news.

8.2 Human Resources Committee

Acting Chair Mike Russell reported that the committee had not met since September 2009.

8.3 Douglas College Foundation

The Chair conveyed Mary Hemmingsen’s regrets.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chair observed that, as reflected in the Debate of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of BC (Hansard): First Session, 39th Parliament (August 31, 2009; Standing Order 25B), Doug Horne, MLA for Burke Mountain – Coquitlam, had been very kind in his comments regarding Douglas College.

The Chair noted the 2009 edition of the *Douglas College Fact Book*, included in Board members’ agenda packages, and the interesting information contained therein. He asked that the President relay the Board’s appreciation for the scope of the report.

The Chair encouraged Board members to attend upcoming events: the November 5, 2009 *Board Recognition* event, the 12th annual *Employee Retirement Reception*, the December 6, 2009 *Envision Financial Light the Lake* event, and the December 17, 2009 *Seasonal Social* to exchange good wishes with employees. He asked that Board members keep in mind the Board retreat planned for January 15 and 16, 2010 and the three Winter 2010 graduation ceremonies scheduled for February 5, 2010.

10. ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETING

There were no such issues arising.

11. DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the David Lam Campus.

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

CHAIR

PRESIDENT