

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
DOUGLAS COLLEGE BOARD
Open Session**

**January 21, 2010
New Westminster Campus Boardroom**

Open Meeting File No. 2010-01-21

Approved March 18, 2010

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: B. Clarke, D. Guedes, M. Hwang, C. Jellinck*, P. Kendrick, S. McAlpine (ex-officio),
E. McCausland (ex-officio), M. Regan, M. Russell, S. Tomchenko, P. Wates (Chair)
Regrets: G. Bowbrick, M. Hemmingsen, S. Meshwork (ex-officio)
Observers: M. Ferley
Administration: Regrets from A. Iachelli, P. Wilkins
B. Barber, J. Carrie, M. Exmann, B. Jensen, K. Maynes, G. Ouyang,
H. Postma, C. Worsley
Recording: S. Donnelly
* late arrival

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Paul Wates called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and relayed regrets from Brad Barber, Graeme Bowbrick, Mary Hemmingsen, Alessandro Iachelli and Peter Wilkins.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Peter Kendrick, seconded by Michael Hwang and unanimously resolved:

1/2010 *THAT the agenda be approved as distributed*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2009

It was moved by Sydney Tomchenko, seconded by Mike Regan and unanimously resolved:

2/2010 *THAT the minutes of the December 17, 2009 meeting be approved with an edit to the final sentence of paragraph one of item 8.1.2, to reflect that the discussion referenced involved consideration of the "pros" and "cons" of the proposal*

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

There was no such business arising.

5. INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION

- 6.1.1 BC Government and Service Employees' Union
- 6.1.2 Douglas College Faculty Association (DCFA)
- 6.1.3 Douglas Students' Union (DSU)

The Chair noted regrets and reports sent by Peter Wilkins of the DCFA and Alessandro Iachelli of the DSU. He invited Mark Ferley to provide any report he might have to the Board; there was no such report.

6. REPORTS**6.1 Board Chair**

Paul Wates noted the outstanding Board vacancy from September 2009, and that the Board office had recently received a communication from the Board Resourcing and Development Office, anticipating progress in this regard in early Spring 2010.

The Chair reported that he and President Scott McAlpine had attended a BC Colleges (BCC) meeting of their peers with Advanced Education and Labour Development (ALMD) Minister Stilwell and her team. The Ministry has addressed the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) issue; colleges will now receive approximately 75% of the HST paid on their purchases. The Minister reiterated in the January 2010 meeting that deficit budgets would not be permitted, and identified two topics of focus: a policy surrounding the promotion of Science as more of an ongoing priority and the internationalization of education, which could manifest in a number of ways, including revenue growth as well as cultural enrichment.

6.2 Education Council**6.2.1 Acting Chair's Report**

The Chair acknowledged Elizabeth McCausland's report.

6.2.2 Board Liaison's Report

Peter Kendrick had no news to report.

6.3 President**6.3.1 President's Report**

The President provided his insights on the constructive BCC meeting with Minister Stilwell, and invited questions of his written report; there were none.

7. BOARD COMMITTEES AND LIAISONS**7.1.1 Audit and Finance Committee**

Peter Kendrick reported that the committee had recently met with representatives of the Auditor General's office, and that the annual audit had begun. The committee planned to liaise with the auditors over the next three months, and then review audit results with them. The Audit and Finance Committee also, during its recent meeting, reviewed the annual budget; it planned to schedule its next meeting for March 2010.

The Committee Chair noted the budget proposal received from the Board EA for this year's Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) annual conference. The committee had found value in the Board's decision to send four delegates to the 2009 conference, and recommended that the Board send up to four members to this year's conference in Niagara Falls. Paul Wates outlined the criteria for selection of delegates, and invited people to review the ACCC conference website and advise the Board EA within the next couple of weeks of any interest in attending. Board members who attended past conferences provided newer Board members with their perspectives on the merits of such participation.

8.1 Human Resources Committee

Acting Chair Mike Russell reported that the Committee met on January 19, 2010.

8.3 Douglas College Foundation

Board Liaison Mary Hemmingsen was not in attendance.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION

The Chair highlighted the three graduation ceremonies planned for Friday, February 5, 2010, and encouraged Board members to attend and wish our graduates well.

9. ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETING

The Board acknowledged concerns about the timing of the next Board meeting, scheduled for the evening preceding the opening of the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. Given anticipated traffic delays and an influx of visitors to the area, the Board agreed to cancel the meeting planned for February 11, 2010.

The President offered to contact the College's 2010 Faculty Emeritus honorees to reschedule their recognition to March 18, 2010, conveying the Board's desire to appropriately honour them and welcome their guests. It was further agreed that the March meeting would, with such guests in mind, be held at the New Westminster Campus. The President suggested that the Senior Management Team (SMT) could also meet independently with the three Constituency Group Leaders (CGLs) during February 2010 to present and consider 2010-11 College budget planning.

10. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

There were no such reports.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CHAIR

PRESIDENT