



Okanagan College Board of Governors Regular Open Session

Tuesday, May 21, 2024

S103B Executive Office Boardroom Kelowna Campus

Approved June 18, 2024

IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members

- Dale Safinuk, Chair
- Andrea Alexander, Vice Chair
- Cindy Battersby
- Juliette Cunningham
- Neil Fassina, President and Ex-officio
- JoAnn Fowler
- Matt Kavanagh
- Tina Lee
- Destiny McNish

Administration

- Curtis Morcom, CFO and Vice President, Corporate Services
- Samantha Lenci, Provost & Vice President Academic
- Gill Henderson, Associate Vice President, People Services
- Joanna Campbell, Manager, Executive Office
- Helen Jackman, Executive Director, Okanagan College Foundation
- Kristen Wiebe, Governance and Privacy Coordinator

REGRETS

- Jenn Goodwin, Associate Vice President, College Relations

ACTION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 12:17p.m.

It was respectfully acknowledged that the meeting was held on the unceded traditional lands of the Indigenous people who have inhabited and used the lands since time immemorial.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves the May 21, 2024 meeting agenda and thereby approves consent agenda.”

D. Baulkham
CARRIED

2.1. Consent Agenda

2.1.1. Open Session Minutes – March 12, 2024

2.1.2. Policy Renewal Progress Workplan

2.1.3. Education Council Chair Report

2.1.4. Annual Programming Plan

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the 2024/2025 Annual Programming Plan as presented.”

2.1.5. Skilled Trades BC Training Plan

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the 2024/2025 Industry Authority Training Plan as presented.”

2.1.6. Line of Credit

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve a short-term line of credit with TD Canada Trust in the amount of \$2.5 million as recommended by the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.”

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

There were no conflicts declared.

4. REPORTS

4.1. Chair Report

The Chair noted the Executive Committee met on May 10 and reviewed the Board calendar for the upcoming year.

The Chair thanked members who attended the Student Housing Milestone Celebration on March 27.

The Chair noted several updates to the Board’s membership:

- C. Battersby has been reappointed for a two year term.

- The Board will have four new elected members as of August 1, 2024.
- An orientation for members will be held in the summer.

4.1.1. Annual Board Calendar

The President asked for feedback on the annual schedule. A member suggested that including additional meetings could provide additional Board oversight. The President noted the College follows a quarterly cycle aligned with operational requirements and that the Board has the ability to hold special meetings under the bylaws if issues arise.

Members agreed that moving the May meeting to the Wednesday following the long weekend would be preferred.

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the 2025 and 2026 Board meeting dates as recommended by the Executive Committee and as amended.”

D. McNish
CARRIED

4.2. President’s Report and Analysis

The President provided a report that included an update on the Indigenous OC Roadmap and Community Partnership Tables. The Talent acquisition strategy was also highlighted.

4.3. Governance Committee Report

The Committee Chair noted the Committee met on May 10 and reviewed, and are recommending, several policies for Board approval. The Committee also discussed professional development sessions and will receive and review an updated proposal.

4.3.1. Media Relations Policy

The President provided an overview of the policy noting it codifies how we are already managing media relations.

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the Media Relations Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.”

J.
Cunningham
CARRIED

4.3.2. Program Advisory Committee Policy

The Provost and Vice President thanked Education Council for reviewing the policy. A member noted updates discussed at the Governance Committee are reflected in the language in section 4.3, however should have been made to section 4.2. It was noted the update will be made before the policy is posted.

A member suggested that some policies that have received considerable review could go in the consent agenda.

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Okanagan College Board of Governors approve of the Program Advisory Committee Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee as amended.”

D. McNish
CARRIED

4.3.3. Admissions Policy

The Provost and Vice President advised that the policy describes how we admit students to programs. A member asked about flexible admissions and it was noted this is recognized in the Prior Learning Policy.

Motions:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve rescinding the OC Calendar – Admission Policies as recommended by the Governance Committee.”

A. Alexander
CARRIED

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the Admissions Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.”

D. Baulkham
CARRIED

4.3.4. Prior Learning Assessment Recognition Policy

The Provost noted this policy recognizes prior learning may be acquired in a variety of ways.

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.”

D. Baulkham
CARRIED

4.3.5. Integrity in Research and Scholarship

The Provost noted this is a policy to outline the responsibilities and expectations around research and how we monitor them.

Motions:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors rescind the following policies as recommended by the Governance Committee:

- ***Scholarly Integrity Policy (2008)***
- ***Scholarly Misconduct Policy (2008)***
- ***Conflict of Interest in Research Policy (2011)***

D. Baulkham
CARRIED

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the Integrity in Research and Scholarship Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.”

D. Baulkham
CARRIED

4.3.6. Library Collections Policy

The Provost noted that this policy recognizes the importance of EDISJ and applies an Indigenous lens in our library collections.

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the revised Library Collections Policy as recommended by the Governance Committee.”

D. Baulkham
CARRIED

4.4. Education Council

4.4.1. New Programs

The Education Council Chair provided an overview of student pathways provided by stacking the micro-credentials and noted that after completing the Spa Practitioner Foundations micro-credential, students can select a stream of expertise.

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the following new programs as recommended by Education Council:

- ***Spa Practitioner Foundations Micro-credential***
- ***Esthetics and Spa Therapy Micro-credential***
- ***Nail Technician Micro-Credential***
- ***Spa Operations and Management Micro-credential.”***

C. Battersby
CARRIED

4.4.2. Program Revisions

The Education Council Chair provided an overview of the program revisions outlined in the proposals noting that the updates improve student pathways.

A member noted their appreciation for hearing from Education Council.

Motion:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the following program revisions as recommended by Education Council:

- ***Associate of Science: Mathematics and Statistics Emphasis***
- ***Mechanical Engineering Technology Diploma***
- ***Okanagan College to UBC-Okanagan Electronics Engineering Bridge***
- ***Post Baccalaureate Diploma in Data Analytics and Economics.”***

A. Alexander
CARRIED

ACTION

5. OTHER BUSINESS AND BUSINESS ARISING FROM CONSENT AGENDA

The Board Chair thanked Matt Kavanagh and Destiny McNish for their contributions during each of their terms.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:10p.m.

CARRIED