
Douglas College Board Meeting Minutes
MARCH 20, 2014 OPEN SESSION MEETING
5:00 p.m., New Westminster Campus Boardroom

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IN ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Administration

Observers

Graeme Bowbrick

Mark Darville

Gerry Gramozis

Jillian Griffin

Peter Kendrick, AFC Chair

Nicole Liddell

Scott McAlpine, President

4. CHAIR, COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Board Chair

4.2 Board Executive and Governance Committee (BEGC)

a) Chair's Report

The Chair reported that, along with the Education Council Chair and College President, she had co-hosted two information forums the previous week for prospective candidates for election to the Board or Education Council. 2014 marked the third year of such forums hosted by Board Chairs and, while turnout was low, the Chair found it gratifying that five students had filed nomination papers for election to the College Board. The Registrar's Office would conduct such elections electronically, between April 2 and 8, 2014.

Members suggested researching other institutions' efforts to encourage candidacy for election to the Board, and the Chair encouraged greater outreach.

At the Chair's invitation, the President expanded on imminent travel to China, where he and the Vice President, International Education and Strategic Partnerships (VPIESP) would, with representatives of partner institution Shanghai University of International Business and Economics (SUIBE), welcome the Hon. Chris Alexander, Minister, Citizenship and Immigration Canada, to SUIBE. While in China, the President also looked forward to welcoming the Minister to the College's signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shanghai Redleaf Women's Hospital.

Members queried whether any financial support would be made available to Nursing students travelling to China for practica at Redleaf Women's Hospital, which led to discussion of College scholarships that are available specifically for students who study abroad.

b) Board Insights: Development of the College's Next Strategic Plan

The Chair advised that, given the College's success in attaining early completion of its current Strategic Plan, the Board Executive and Governance Committee (BEGC) recommended that the Board hold a special strategic planning session in support of the upcoming strategic planning process, before breaking for the summer. She offered that stakeholder consultation would soon commence, and that the BEGC recommended allocating time for a Board members' strategic planning session on June 19, 2014, in advance of that day's regular Board meeting. The Chair asked members to assess availability for a twul

- 4. CHAIR, COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS , cont'd
- 4.5 Report: Education Council , cont'd
- c) Education Council Liaison's Report

Education Council Liaison Mark Darville reported that Education Council had received and considered