

MINUTES
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

NIAGARA COLLEGE OF APPLIED ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY

September 16, 2010

A meeting of the Board of Governors of Niagara College of Applied Arts and Technology was held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. in the Welland Campus Boardroom.

Present:	L. Crispino, Chair G. Dalton D. McCann D. Patterson R. Taylor	C. Ashby G. Hunchak M. Nantel A. Schmidt	T. Clutterbuck D. Matovic D. Pastirik L. Simpson (teleconference)
Staff:	S. Hudson T. Quinlin	S. Kennedy K. Rose	C. Kissmann
Absent:	T. Harris D. Sevenpifer	D. Moody	B. Rose
Guests:	Brigitte Chiki, Director of Student Services Bob Hann, Director of Enrolment and Registration Services Jesse Carter, Student Reporter		

The Board of Governors completed a tour of the expansion at the Welland Campus

1. WELCOME NEW GOVERNORS

Chair Crispino commended Niagara College staff on the tremendous work that has been done so far on the expansion of the Welland Campus.

Chair Crispino welcomed the guests named above and the attending student reporter

Chair Crispino introduced and welcomed the three incoming Governors; Richard Taylor, David Pastirik and Grant Dalton.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Moved by:	G. Dalton
Seconded by:	M. Nantel

THAT the September 16, 2010 Board of Governors agenda be approved.

Motion Carried

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflict of interest was declared.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Moved by:	D. McCann
Seconded by:	A. Schmidt

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held June 10, 2010.

Motion Carried

5. ENROLMENT UPDATE

Bob Hann, Director of Enrolment and Registration Services presented a report on the current enrolments. He reported that Niagara College has again seen historical enrolment growth. Enrolments from outside the region have remained constant. Recruitment strategies are changing to showcase the new facilities. International enrolment is up by close to 30% with students from over 60 countries. Governmental regulations on international students have changed allowing students to remain in Canada for two years following graduation and regulations regarding pt work while studying have also been amended.

6. REPORT ON ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

Brigitte Chiki, Director of Student Services presented a report on the Accessibility Plan. Last year, Niagara College had over 1100 students with identified disabilities. Niagara College has been consistently training all staff with respect to accessible customer service standards.

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Moved by: A. Schmidt
Seconded by: D. Pastirik

THAT the Board of Governors receive the Report on the Accessibility Plan.

Motion Carried

7. PRIORITIES AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Moved by: T. Clutterbuck
Seconded by: C. Ashby

THAT the Board of Governors receive the minutes of the Priorities and Planning Committee meeting held June 10, 2010.

Motion Carried

8. NIAGARA COLLEGE: A COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Vice President Kennedy presented this strategic agenda item.

Niagara College has three major thrusts for external connections:

- Linkages to employers and industry
 - Program Advisory Committees (91)
 - Student placements, co-ops etc (over 2,600 students/year)
 - Workforce and Business Development Services, contract training etc
 - Applied research and innovation
- Supporting the community
 - Hosting numerous community events and activities
 - Participating or sponsoring community events (Grape and Wine Festival, Rankin Run etc)
- Bringing the community to Niagara College
 - Partnerships with key organizations (Children's Safety Village, YMCA, Ball Hockey International etc)
 - Organizations and businesses utilizing Niagara College facilities for various activities or events
- Students,
 - Ensuring their success in the workforce
 - A Student Leadership and Community Involvement Strategy to be developed and implemented over the next 3-5 years
 - Alumni services

Gord Hunchak, Director of Marketing and Communications presented "NC Connects Opportunities to showcase campuses, students, programs, enterprises and services

- Enhancing the community should be included in the college goals

Discussion Questions

- 1) As a highly connected community college, there is often an expectation that Niagara College be “all things to all people”. Balancing this expectation with the reality of finite resources and Niagara College’s strategic plan objectives, what community resource areas are of highest priority over the next couple of years?
 - Focus on what we can do with the new facilities when they’re not used by students
 - The Niagara Region being somewhat fragmented (127 politicians) Niagara College needs to be more of the glue to bring the region together
 - NEDC, Brock and Niagara College are all key players in forging a more regional focus with thoughtful leadership
 - Regional Innovation Centre (RIC) – vital for this initiative to succeed in order for the Niagara Region to thrive. Niagara College must be in the forefront.
 - Niagara College and Brock are perceived in Niagara as non-biased driving force in economic development

- 2) As we strive to “tell our story” to profile and highlight the many ways Niagara College is a true resource to the Niagara Community, where are the largest gaps between the level of significance and general public awareness of key college activities?
 - The assisting of other businesses
 - Alignment of our programs and services with newly emerging sectors
 - Get the message to parents about what Niagara College can do for their children, develop a recruiting strategy aimed at the parents (Niagara College can kick start your BA)
 - Tackle the stigma of college versus university
 - Niagara College as the glue – need to determine what that “glue” is
 - Consider bringing key players together as a facilitator/host for an annual summit on economic development. Could perhaps partner with Brock and NEDC for this. This must include education, industry and NGO’s

9. FINANCIAL RESULTS AS AT JUNE 30, 2010

Vice President Quinlin presented the financial results as at June 30, 2010.

- The \$1.5M deficit is timing related
- It is considered to be a balanced budget

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Moved by: M. Nantel
Seconded by: D. Pastirik

THAT the Board of Governors receive the Financial Results as at June 30, 2010

Motion Carried

10. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

- Chair Crispino thanked Tim Clutterbuck on his involvement in securing a bursary from Welland Hydro
- He also congratulated President Patterson on receiving the RBC Business Citizen of the Year award
- Ontario Economic Summit, (Nov 1-3) Themes: transportation infrastructure, investing in innovation, nature of the future workforce.

11. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- President Patterson commended Vice President Quinlin on her tremendous work and dedication to the capital expansion. These projects have remained on time and ahead of budget. Bridge financing will likely not be required until December 2010 (one year of debt interest savings).
- Niagara Day – Marc Nantel was thanked for bringing greetings on behalf of the Board
- Five new programs were launched this September
- Vice President Hudson presented the new branding of the “Canadian Food and Wine Institute”. Alan Schmidt added that this branding was a large part of the College being honoured with the RBC business award in relation to the Niagara Wine Festival.
- Student produced television commercials were presented. This is the second year for this project. This year, the priorities presented by the Board will be put forward as areas for the commercials to focus on.

12. OTHER BUSINESS
▪ None reported

13. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by: G. Dalton
Seconded by: T. Clutterbuck

THAT the Board of Governors adjourn the September 16, 2010 meeting.

Motion Carried



D. Patterson, President and Secretary
Niagara College Board of Governors



L. Cripsino, Chair
Niagara College Board of Governors