

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

**May 15, 2008  
New Westminster Campus Boardroom**

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Approved June 19, 2008

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**ATTENDANCE**

Board Members: G. Bowbrick, B. Clarke, C. Codrington, C. Gibson, A. Kitching, A. MacGrotty, S. Meshwork (Ex-officio), M. Russell, N. Steinman, A. Taylor (Chair), P. Wates

Regrets: M. Hemmingsen, S. Witter (Ex-officio)

Observers: Constituency Group Leaders H. Chaudhry, C. Ellson; *regrets* from S. Briggs

Administration: B. Barber, H. Postma, Acting Vice President, Educational Services T. James, Acting President J. Lindsay, K. Maynes, G. Ouyang, C. Worsley; *regrets* from M. Exmann, B. Jensen

Guests\*: M. Ablitt, C. Areschenko, D. and D. Bruneau, E. Bruneau, J. Conran, S. Ding, A. Delaplace, N. Desmarais, F. Doyle, V. Doyle, C. Fabbro, G. Fabbro, J. Fabbro, N. Fabbro, S. Fabbro, C. Garneau, W. Harris, S. Hawkins, B. Hobson, D. Jamieson, D. Kelliher, R. Kivi, J. Laidlaw, C. Lee, B. le Nobel, D. le Nobel, R. le Nobel, B. Logelin, P. Leigh-Spencer, C. Livingstone, L. Lucas, M. McGuechess, V. Miller, H. Pearce, J. Pearson, A. Peressini, G. Peressini, L. Peressini, C. Shih, N. Spibey, R. Spibey, M. Steinbach, D. Swindells, A. Taylor, G. Taylor, S. Taylor, T. Taylor, K. and K. Toderas, S. Toderas, L. Walkow, C. Yanko, D. Yanko, K. Yanko; *regrets* from B. Robertson, S. Wells, S. Webber

Recording: S. Donnelly

\* attended a portion of the meeting

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

It was moved by Ann Kitching, seconded by Neal Steinman and resolved:

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*THAT the agenda be approved as distributed.*



**5. 2008/09 OPERATING BUDGET: DELEGATIONS TO THE BOARD, cont'd****5.5 Rachel Kivi**

Ms. Kivi reviewed her long term involvement as a Special Olympics coach and special coordinator, and the similar service the Customer Service and Cashier Training programs provide for adults who have barriers and disabilities. Speaking of the students' willingness and dedication, and of how impressed she was with the manner in which they presented themselves, Ms. Kivi outlined her experiences in conducting mock interviews with such Douglas College students. She expressed her hope that such unique programming can remain available.

**5.6 Vanessa Miller, Katie Toderas, Daniel Yanko, Cindy Lee and Lori Walkow**

Ms. Walkow, Douglas College Transitions Program Instructor, introduced herself and other members of the delegation; she also conveyed Brandon Robertson's regrets. She referenced the detailed submission she had provided the Board, and offered her perspective on the Transitions program, which is a joint pilot project between Douglas College and School District # 43 (Coquitlam). She outlined the program's primary goals: helping students transition to life after high school by determining realistic career goals and developing educational and vocational plans to achieve those goals and, secondly, connecting students with community organizations to ensure that they are provided with support upon leaving the educational system.kow





## **7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes of April 17, 2008.

## **8. INFORMATION/COMMUNICATION**

### **8.1.1 BCGEU**

The Chair thanked Catherine Elson for taking on the role of Acting BCGEU Constituency Group Leader, and advised the Board that Ms. Elson and other alternates would fill the role until BCGEU elections take place in Fall 2008. Ms. Elson responded to the Chair's invitation to address the Board by confirming that she would be among those serving as Acting BCGEU Chair until the Fall, and that she and others serving in the same capacity would be working hard to keep College and union relations strong.

### **8.1.2 DCFA**

The Chair noted Ms. Briggs' regrets.

### **8.1.3 DSU**

The Chair welcomed Hassan Chaudhry and thanked him for his first submission to the Board and asked if he wished to add anything to his report. Mr. Chaudhry thanked the Chair, and advised that he was looking forward to fulfilling this role.

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 BOARD CHAIR**

Andrew Taylor advised that the opening ceremonies of the Health Sciences Centre at the David Lam Campus were highly successful, and that attendance was good. He reported on positive comments from the Premier, Minister Coell and MLA Iain Black, including the Premier's identification of Douglas College at a post-opening Chamber event as a role model for identifying community and demographic needs, assembling a business case and partnering with government to fund endeavours. The Chair commended all involved in coordinating the opening ceremonies, Education Fair and Counsellors' Day.

### **9.2 EDUCATION COUNCIL**

**9.2.1 Chair's Report** – Susan Meshwork referenced her written report and offered to answer any questions. None were proffered.

#### **9.2.2 Education Council Advice on 2008/09 Operating Budget**

Susan Meshwork explained, for the benefit of newer Board members, that Education Council formulates its advice on operating budgets to the Board in accordance with the College and Institute Act. She reviewed the process leading to the formal advice submitted to the Board following Education Council's May 12, 2008 meeting and relayed Education Council members' hope that the advice would inform the Board's decision making.

#### **9.2.3 Board Member Liaison Report**

Ann Kitching attested to the diligence Education Council members applied to the process of formulating its advice to the Board on the 2008/09 operating budget.

**9. REPORTS, cont'd****9.3 PRESIDENT****9.3.1 President's Report**

Acting President Jan Lindsay referenced the May 2008 President's report she'd submitted on behalf of Susan Witter, highlighting recent announcements of five new BC universities as well as the need for clarity of mandate for BC colleges. She explained that the Senior Management Team would host a series of College-wide discussions, beginning with a June 3, 2008 gathering. That event will focus on the "Future of Douglas College in Today's Post-Secondary Landscape"; such dialogues with employees will support the ongoing academic planning process, leading to a Fall 2008 draft update to the plan. The Acting President further noted that the College has received base funding to offer a new Aboriginal Child and Youth Care Training Stream; this will commence in September 2008. Further Aboriginal project work is also underway.

Jan Lindsay invited questions, and responded to Board members' queries about post-secondary system reaction to the transformation of BC's university-colleges.

**9.3.2 Ministry Communications**

The President's April 18, 2008 correspondence to the Ministry of Education, 2008-04-18, is available at [www.douglascollege.ca/0009\\_Tlf-5y-colt\\_e\)5.62he plan. The Act316Codto the n\)Tlfduto thc0009 TI cseTJ Co](http://www.douglascollege.ca/0009_Tlf-5y-colt_e)5.62he plan. The Act316Codto the n)Tlfduto thc0009 TI cseTJ Co)

**10. BOARD COMMITTEES**

**10.1 Finance Committee**

**10.1.1 Planned Activities** – Neal Steinman invited Karen Maynes to update the Board. She reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the budget as it had been proposed to the Board, recognizing that any amendments that might be required subsequent to the evening's meeting would be incorporated prior to the May 29, 2008 meeting. She noted that the committee has also spent time on its Terms of Reference.

**10.2 Human Resources Committee**

**10.2.1 Planned Activities** – Committee Chair Cathie Gibson had nothing to report.

**10.3 Policy and By-Law Review Committee**

**10.3.1 Planned Activities** – Ad hoc committee Chair Ann Kitching reported that the committee expected to bring recommendations to the Board's June 2008 meeting.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION**