

LANGARA COLLEGE

MINUTES Langara Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 Room C408 at 0935 hours

Members:

Linda Arnold	Terry Kornutiak
Lynn Carter (absent)	Gerda Krause
Chris Chow	Grace Makarewicz
Jason Costa	Michael Marriott (absent)
Laura Cullen	Gordon McNeil (absent)
Caitlin Davidson-King (absent)	Kevin Paul (absent)
Deanna Douglas (absent)	Ken Pawlak
Charlotte French	Brian Pendleton
Martin Gerson	Joanne Rajotte
Margaret Heldman	David Ross
Ian Humphreys	Roger Semmens
Ken Jillings	Doug Soo (absent)

Guests:

Barry Coulson, Director, Financial Services
Korena Jang, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors
Cheryl McKeeman, Instructor, Mathematics and Statistics (for Lynn Carter)
Clayton Munro, Director, Athletics and Intramurals (for Kevin Paul)
Ajay Patel, Department Chair, Human Kinetics (incoming Division Chair, Health Sciences)
Tomo Tanaka, Department Chair, Professional Photo-Imaging (incoming Division Chair,
Creative Arts)

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with the following changes/additions:

- Item 4e) Provincial Budget Update will be highlighted under Item 3a)
- Add Item 4e) Federal Budget - Briefing

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held January 26, 2010

The Minutes of the Meeting held on January 26, 2010 were approved as attached to the agenda.

3. FOR ACTION

a) Budget 2010-2011

D. Ross provided a summary of Langara College's 2010-2011 Budget. He noted that status quo is balanced as a result of increased enrolment and the approved increase to tuition fees, and he identified a number of strategic items that will be included in the budget. Projected FTEs will

place the college over 100% of government expectations. He further noted that materials fees and building legacy fees will increase by 2%, and parking fees will increase May 1st due to the parking tax implemented by the City of Vancouver. The parking increase will not provide new revenue but will maintain revenue at previous levels. D. Ross identified two items in the budget that could not be funded (completion of the wireless project in Building A and completion of enhanced classrooms) but expressed opinion that funding will be secured so both projects can proceed in the near future.

D. Ross provided a summary of the Provincial Budget noting that this year's provincial grant to the institution has been maintained for next year with no new monies to be provided. Capital funding for the maintenance of the existing buildings has been reduced from \$1.4M to \$300,000 which means the college will need to find additional funding to support this shortfall. Student aid in the form of student loans, scholarships and bursaries, has been reduced by \$6.2M on targeted areas. D. Ross announced that Dr. Philip Steenkamp will be the new Deputy Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development effective April 5, 2010. Other leadership challenges in the Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development continue to be addressed.

It was moved by M. Gerson, seconded by L. Cullen

THAT, the draft Operating Plan and Budget for 2010-2011, as described, be recommended to the President.

Carried.

4. FOR INFORMATION

a) 2010 Olympic Games – Debrief

D. Ross queried members to determine if there was anything the College could take forward from its involvement with the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games. It was noted that the two-week break was well received by faculty and students and it was suggested that future breaks consist of one week. Evan Eichler, Langara's Olympic Torch Bearer, will present the torch to the College at the public session of the Board meeting being held on Thursday, March 25, 2010. Plans are being developed to display the torch in a secure area.

b) Community Report 2009

D. Ross distributed a copy of the Community Report 2009 noting that copies have been distributed to political leaders, college and university presidents, Ministry representatives, school counsellors, libraries, etc. He encouraged members to obtain additional copies from Communications and Marketing for distribution to leaders within the community who might be able to assist the institution with future capital projects and funding. He noted that the Community Report will be published on an annual basis and is available on the college website.

c) Strategic Plan 2009-2013

D. Ross distributed a copy of the Strategic Plan 2009-2013 noting that it highlights and provides clear targets of the college's strategic plan. He encouraged members to obtain copies from Communications and Marketing for distribution. He noted that the document will be updated annually and will identify the college's challenges and successes. In response to a question about

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re-branding, I. Humphreys noted that he will be giving a presentation at the Chairs Workshop on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 on brand renewal.

It was noted that C. Chow, C. French, and G. Krause left the meeting at 1030 hours.

d) Institutional Heraldic Design

D. Ross noted that the College has engaged the Canadian Heraldic Authority to begin the heraldic design process which will take 12-18 months to complete. J. Rajotte has been selected as chair of an institution-wide committee that will gather thoughts and opinions about Langara College for submission to the heraldic authority. The information presented will be used to develop an institutional heraldic design. Display and representation of the design is still to be determined.

e) Federal Budget – Briefing

D. Ross provided a brief summary of the Federal Budget (a copy of the summary is attached to these minutes) and noted that colleges are now being recognized as a national force with federal monies becoming available to institutions that were not previously available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1040 hours (10:40 a.m.).

Here are some of the highlights and opportunities as discussed at the recent Langara Council meeting:

**2010/2011 Federal Budget
Highlights for Colleges and Institutes**

- College and Community Innovation Program (CCIP) funding doubled to \$30 million per year starting in 2010–11 to support additional collaborative projects in colleges across the country, strengthen the competitiveness of small and medium-sized businesses through innovation, and enable additional young Canadians to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow. *This was our strategic priority for 2010-2011.*
- Combined annual budgets of Canada's research granting councils increased by an additional \$32 million per year, plus an additional \$8 million per year to the Indirect Costs of Research Program (\$32 million includes \$5 million per year to foster closer research collaborations between academic institutions and the private sector through NSERC's Strategy for Partnerships and Innovation). *Colleges may access these funds. More information to come in the spring.*
- Renewed and ongoing \$49 million in annual funding for the regional development agencies to support innovation across Canada. *Regional agencies have supported colleges in the past, especially Western Economic Diversification.*
- A new Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Innovation Commercialization Program provides \$40 million over two years to support up to 20 demonstration projects.
- \$135 million over two years to the National Research Council Canada's regional innovation clusters program. *This program provides opportunities for colleges to partner with their communities.*
- The development of a Digital Economy Strategy that will enable the ICT sector to create new products and services, accelerate the adoption of digital technologies, and contribute to improved cyber security practices by industry and consumers. *We will keep you posted on the development of the Strategy. This could lead to further partnerships for colleges.*
- Enhancing Availability of Training—\$1.9 Billion :
 - Enhanced Employment Insurance training programs, Strategic Training and Transition Fund—\$500 million
 - Youth Employment—\$55 million
 - Targeted Initiative for Older Workers—\$40 million
 - Apprenticeship Completion Grant—\$80 million
 - Foreign credential recognition—\$50 million
 - Aboriginal Skills and Employment Partnerships—\$80 million
 - Aboriginal Skills and Training Strategic Investment Fund—\$75 million
 - Aboriginal Human Resources Development Strategy—\$25 million

- \$20 million for Pathways to Education Canada to partner with the private sector, other governments and non-governmental organizations and work with communities in support of disadvantaged youth. This funding will enable Pathways to extend its reach to more young Canadians who are facing barriers to their pursuit of post-secondary education. *Pathways to Education Canada partners with community agencies and organizations.*
- Government will engage in a new approach to providing support to First Nations and Inuit post-secondary students to ensure that students receive the support they need to attend post-secondary education. *Aboriginal PSE was an advocacy priority for this budget round.*
- Over \$900 million will be invested in communities that have been particularly hard hit by the economic downturn (includes \$500 million through the Community Adjustment Fund). *Some colleges have accessed this funding in the past.*
- A further \$108 million over three years to support young people looking to gain skills and experience, including:
 - a one-year \$30-million increase in funding for the Career Focus component of the Youth Employment Strategy
 - \$10 million to the Canadian Youth Business Foundation to support its work with Canada's young entrepreneurs.
 - a one-year \$30-million increase in funding for Skills Link to assist more young Canadians while the labour market recovers. *(Colleges interested in this program should visit: <http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/epb/yi/yep/newprog/skillslink.shtml>)*
- Support to implement the Pan-Canadian Framework for the Assessment and Recognition of Foreign Qualifications.