

LANGARA COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting
held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010
Room C408 at 0930 hours

Members:

Pouya Abdolhosseini (absent)	Gerda Krause
Fraser Archibald	Julie Longo
Linda Arnold (absent)	Grace Makarewicz
John Belshaw	Michael Marriott
Lynn Carter	Gordon McNeil
Chris Chow (absent)	Clayton Munro
Irene Collison	Ajay Patel
Laura Cullen	Brian Pendleton
Deanna Douglas	Joanne Rajotte
Charlotte French	David Ross, Chair
Martin Gerson (absent)	Roger Semmens
Margaret Heldman	Doug Soo
Ian Humphreys	Tomo Tanaka
Ken Jillings	

Guests:

Barry Coulson, Director, Financial Services
Korena Jang, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors
Peggy MacDonald, Executive Director, College Advancement

Recorder:

Diana Falcon, Administrative Assistant, Executive Office

1. REVIEW OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. REVIEW OF MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

a) Draft Minutes of the Meeting held November 9, 2010

The Minutes of the Meeting held on November 9, 2010 were accepted.

3. INFORMATION

a) 2011/2012 Budget

D. Douglas noted that the budget confirmation process has been completed and budget shortfall has increased to approximately \$760,000. It is anticipated that Spring enrolment and other items may help reduce the shortfall.

b) Building a Research Agenda at Langara

J. Belshaw announced that the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) (collectively known as the Tri-Councils), along with the

Canadian Foundation for Innovation, continue to promote the availability of federal research grants in support of research at colleges. He noted that Langara is drafting an application for eligibility which will be reviewed in the coming weeks. He further noted that a Terms of Reference is being drafted for a Scholarly Activity Steering Committee which has been created to review the draft application and current/new policies and practices which will need to be addressed to meet eligibility. The Steering Committee is necessary to engage a large part of Langara in the process and to highlight areas where resources are needed. In response to a question, it was noted that the draft Terms of Reference are being reviewed by M. Gerson and will be distributed more widely through the Chairs listserve.

4. PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

D. Ross made a presentation on the Innovation Fund website noting that the link will be located on the College Strategic Plan web page. An Innovation Fund Committee comprised of D. Douglas, R. Noel, C. Painter, and D. Ross completed its work on creating the fund and thanks were extended to all committee members. D. Ross recapped the purpose of the Innovation Fund as part of Langara's strategic initiative to foster an environment of innovation. He highlighted the web pages entitled "overview, application and submission" and provided examples of projects eligible for funding noting that they are neither exhaustive nor prioritized. The submission deadline for applications is January 14, 2011; approved funding proposals would be announced the week of February 21, 2011; an interim project report will be due in September 2011; projects should be completed by December 2011; and, a formal project report will be due at the end of the project, no later than January 31, 2012. It is anticipated that presentations will be made to the College community in the Spring 2012. In response to a question, it was noted that the Innovation Fund would be announced to the College community prior to the end of the week.

D. Ross provided an update on Ministry activities:

- The Ministry of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development is now called the Ministry of Regional Economic and Skills Development;
- Dr. Moira Stilwell has resigned her position as Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development in order to seek the leadership of the BC Liberal Party;
- Honourable Ida Chong is the new Minister of Science and Universities and was most recently appointed as Minister of Regional Economic and Skills Development;

D. Ross provided an update on the recent reorganization which will continue to provide the institution with opportunities to further develop a comprehensive enrolment management strategy as referenced in the Strategic Plan. Part of that strategy will include enhanced student engagement opportunities, improved systems in Student Services (eg. Financial Aid, Registrar's Office), and the identification of ways to anticipate and respond to student enrolment challenges.

D. Douglas noted that the next step is to return to the baseline of the Banner student system in order to streamline upgrades and enable additional enrolment management and registration functionality for the future. This should occur within the next few months. Information will be provided to Langara Council as it becomes available.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1040 hours.