

With respect for cultures and the needs of communities, Northern Lakes College provides quality educational programs and services which enable adults to continue their education, to improve their employment opportunities, and to enhance their quality of life.



## MINUTES

### The Board of Governors of Northern Lakes College

**1:30 PM May 25, 2010**  
**Boardroom, Slave Lake Campus**

**Present:**

| <b>Governors</b>  |   |
|---|---|
| Trevor Gladue - <i>Public Member (Chair)</i>                      | ✓ |
| Archie Cunningham - <i>Public Member (Vice Chair)</i>             | ✓ |
| Ahmed (Andy) Assaf - <i>Public Member</i>                         | ✓ |
| Sandra Willing - <i>Public Member</i>                             | ✓ |
| Maddy Daniels - <i>Public Member</i>                              |   |
| Fred F. Willier - <i>Public Member</i>                            |   |
| Wilf Willier - <i>Public Member</i>                               | ✓ |
| Jule Asterisk - <i>Students' Association-nominated Member</i>     | ✓ |
| Colin Ross - <i>Staff Association-nominated Member</i>            | ✓ |
| Scott Biggin - <i>Faculty Association-nominated Member</i>        | ✓ |
| Rick Neidig - <i>President</i>                                    | ✓ |
| <b>Staff</b>  |   |
| Madeline McVey, <i>Vice President, Academic</i>                   |   |
| Lynne Haas, <i>Vice President, College Services</i>               |   |
| Brad Hestbak, <i>Senior Director, External Relations</i>          | ✓ |
| Dave Pike, <i>Senior Director and CFO, Finance</i>                |   |
| Randy Anderson, <i>Community Consultant</i>                       | ✓ |
| Leigh Davies, <i>Secretary to the Board of Governors</i>          |   |
| Sue Sutherland, <i>Acting Secretary to the Board of Governors</i> | ✓ |

### 1. Opening

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:06 PM by Chair Trevor Gladue.

#### 1.1 Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION 092-09/10:** Moved by Wilf Willier  
 That the agenda for May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

## **1.2 Acceptance of Minutes**

### **1.2.1 March 23, 2010**

**MOTION 093-09/10:** Moved by Sandra Willing  
That the minutes of April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **2. Introduction of Guests:**

No guests were present.

## **3. Presentations and Delegations:**

No presentations or delegations were received.

## **4. Reports**

### **4.1 President's Report: Rick Neidig**

A successful Alberta North Access Symposium was held in Peace River from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> for northern institutions. Governor Sandra Willing was present at the opening reception on behalf of the Board. There was a good turnout from all Alberta North member institutions and local dignitaries. Susan Aglukark was one of the keynote speakers, and joined the symposium by videoconference from Ottawa.

The AACTI Council of Presidents met in Grande Prairie. Issues related to Employment & Immigration funding guidelines received considerable attention in dialogue with the Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister of Advanced Education. An inter-ministry meeting was planned to discuss the impacts of the Alberta Employment and Immigration (AE&I) changes.

Grande Prairie College President, Don Gnatiuk and President Neidig met with the Regional Manager of AE&I to discuss the allocation changes within the Alberta Works grant. The changes affect both of institutions and some other regions were given more flexibility to use the grant money between "Work Foundations" and "Training for Work". The information received was that the policy came from Edmonton and the regional office could not help either college.

The Cabinet Tour came to Wabasca, High Prairie, and Slave Lake on May 17 and 18. The College hosted Ministers Lukaszuk and Klimchuk in Wabasca, when they toured the campus and Job Corps. They were accompanied by MLA Pearl Calahasen. On the 18<sup>th</sup> we hosted Ministers Horner and Lukaszuk for their complete tour in High Prairie and Slave Lake. They visited the Métis Employment Centre, Youth Connections, our High Prairie campus, the High Prairie Job Corps, the High Prairie Health Learning Centre, Slave Lake Job Corps, NLC Industrial Training Annex, and NLC Student Housing.

At the end of the day the ministers met with NLC's Counselling staff and Director of Academic Upgrading to discuss concerns about AE&I funding rules. Throughout the tour the ministers, had opportunities to talk to students about their experiences in upgrading and why they were taking upgrading. Mr. Neidig indicated that he believed this student interaction with the ministers was beneficial.

Governor Sandra Willing also had an opportunity to raise the funding issues with the ministers at a dinner in Grimshaw. Governors Wilf Willier and Archie Cunningham were able to attend the tour in High Prairie, and Governors Andy Assaf and Colin Ross participated in Slave Lake. NLC's Student Association President

Chris Noskey, several Council of Community Education Committee (CCEC) members and the Mayor of McLennan attended in High Prairie. Throughout the tour brief opportunities to interact with other Ministers also occurred.

A successful Long Service Awards dinner was held in Slave Lake on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Rhoda Gladue and Arthur Wood were in attendance to be honored as retirees. Ms. Cyndy Lorincz has been hired as the new Dean of Student Services & Registrar. The President attended the Alberta Rural Development Network (ARDN) conference at the University of Lethbridge. Dean Ernie Shanahan and CCEC Chair Terry Rosser gave a presentation on NLC's community based structure, and working relationship with Community Adult Learning Councils (CALCs).

A site visit is scheduled with the MD of Big Lakes and the Grouard Historical Society on Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Penn West announcement for the Seal Lake (High Prairie/Peace River) oil sands development is generating new interest in training solutions. The College has been invited to continue providing Practical Nurse education at Grande Prairie Regional College, following meetings between the Board Chairs and Presidents of both colleges. The Fairview offering remains uncertain due to space constraints.

Three more Presidents have announced retirements for next year; Paul Byrne, President of Grant MacEwan, Jim Foote, President of Keyano College, and Dave Marshall, President of Mount Royal.

Convocation is June 4<sup>th</sup> in Slave Lake. The evening before the College is having a capping and pinning ceremony for Practical Nurses. Over 200 people are expected for the pinning ceremony.

**MOTION 094-09/10:** Moved by Archie Cunningham  
That the Board accept the President's Report as information.

**CARRIED**

## **5. Business Arising-Ongoing**

### **5.1 Third Reading of the 2010-2011 Budget: Rick Neidig**

**MOTION 095-09/10:** Moved by Jule Asterisk  
That the Board approve third reading of the 2010-2011 budget.

**CARRIED**

### **5.2 Third Reading of the 2010-2013 Business Plan: Rick Neidig**

**MOTION 096-09/10:** Moved by Wilf Willier  
That the Board approve third reading of the 2010-2013 Business Plan.

**CARRIED**

## **6. New Business**

**No new business was discussed.**

## **7. Policy Review**

**No policies were reviewed.**

**MOTION 097-09/10:** Moved by Jule Asterisk  
That the Board move in camera.  
**CARRIED**

**The Board moved in camera at 12:55 PM**

Colin Ross declared a conflict of interest, and left the meeting at 1:07 PM

**MOTION 098-09/10:** Moved by Andy Assaf  
That the Board move out of camera.  
**CARRIED**

**The Board moved out of camera at 1:11 PM.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:12 PM.**

**Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held at the Grouard campus on June 22<sup>nd</sup>,  
beginning at 12:30 pm.**