

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

March 23rd, 2010 at 1:30 PM
Slave Lake Campus Boardroom

Present:

Governors	
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>	✓
Staff	
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>	✓

1. Opening

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 1:36 PM by Chair Trevor Gladue.

1.1 Adoption of Agenda

MOTION 072-09/10: Moved by Sandra Willing
 That the agenda for March 23rd, 2010 be adopted with additions.
CARRIED

1.2 Acceptance of Minutes

1.2.1 February 23, 2010

MOTION 073-09/10: Moved by Jule Asterisk
That the minutes of February 23rd, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

2. Introduction of Guests:

Members of the Auditor-General's staff were present, and introduced to the Board.

3. Presentations and Delegations:

The Auditor-General's staff discussed the audit plan for the 2009-2010 operational year with the Board.

MOTION 074-09/10: Moved by Archie Cunningham
That the Board move in camera.

CARRIED

The Board moved in camera at 2:52 pm.

Trevor Gladue left the meeting at 2:58 pm; Archie Cunningham assumed the Chair.

Trevor Gladue returned to the meeting at 3:02 pm, and reassumed the Chair.

MOTION 075-09/10: Moved by Archie Cunningham
That the Board move in camera.

CARRIED

The Board moved out of camera at 4:12 pm.

4. Reports

4.1 President's Report: Rick Neidig

President Rick Neidig reported that the annual Métis Celebration held in Grouard on February 27th was attended by nearly 500 people and was very successful. The communities of Peerless Lake and Trout Lake voted in favour of the Land Entitlement, and elections will follow shortly. Two major problems have emerged with the Life Skills Coaching program. The current budget climate requires that it be cost recovery, and therefore expensive and new approval criteria require that it be at least 30 credits of study. Brad Hestbak represented the College at the Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC) meeting in McLennan on March 3rd. Requests made by NADC members for services outside the College's region will be shared with the colleges responsible for those regions. Alberta North is not receiving funding for 2010-11, and will continue operations next year with reduced staff and using financial reserves. The Alberta regional office of Health Canada has awarded the College \$400,000 for each of three years, to deliver a paced part-time distance-

delivered Addictions Service Worker Program. President Neidig indicated that currently the College has 1244 new applications and 342 returning students, for the first term next fall.

MOTION 076-09/10: Moved by Sandra Willing
That the President's report be received as information.
CARRIED

5. Business Arising-Ongoing

5.1 2010-2011 Tuition Fees: Rick Neidig

MOTION 077-09/10: Moved by Sandra Willing
That the Board approve a 1.5% tuition fee increase for the 2010-2011 operational year.
CARRIED

MOTION 078-09/10: Moved by Archie Cunningham
That the fees for Power Engineering 4th Class be reduced as recommended.
CARRIED

6. New Business

6.1 Alberta Works Funding Support: Rick Neidig

The Board discussed impact of the Alberta Works reduced allocation to Work Foundations. A smaller but similar change in this year's funding has already resulted in 60 students not receiving funding. A serious misalignment of the goals of Alberta Employment and Immigration and Alberta Advanced Education and Technology appears to exist. Many students who need academic upgrading before they are ready for occupational training will not be served well by the funding rules change which favours "Training for Work" over "Work Foundations".

The Board encouraged the administration, along with the Board Chair, to continue to lobby for flexible funding rules which allow students to receive the upgrading prerequisite to Training for Work-funded programming.

6.2 Accommodation and Facility Rents: Rick Neidig

MOTION 079-09/10: Moved by Fred Willier
That the Board approve the accommodation and facility rents as recommended for the 2010-2013 Business Plan
CARRIED

6.3 Facility Priorities: Rick Neidig

The Board requested that facilities priorities be reviewed at second reading of the 2010-2013 Business Plan.

6.4 2010-2011 Operating Budget – First Reading: Rick Neidig

MOTION 080-09/10: Moved by Andy Assaf
That the Board approve first reading of the 2010-2011 budget.
CARRIED

6.5 First Reading of the 2010-2013 Business Plan: Rick Neidig

MOTION 081-09/10: Moved by Wilf Willier
That the Board approve first reading of the 2010-2013 Business Plan
CARRIED

6.6 Out of Country Travel Requests: Rick Neidig

MOTION 082-09/10: Moved by Archie Cunningham
That the Board approve the two out of country travel requests as presented.
CARRIED

6.7 Discussion of Possible 40th Anniversary Plans: Rick Neidig

The Board expressed interest in a number of suggestions for the commemoration of the College's 40th Anniversary. It was also noted that many normal yearly events will be infused with 40th Anniversary content.

Sandra Willing left the meeting at 5:50 pm.

Wilf Willier left the meeting at 6:00 pm.

**6.8 Procedures for Obtaining Replacement Governors for 2010-2011:
Leigh Davies**

Two public members, the Chair, and one student-nominated member will need to be replaced for the College's next operational year. The Secretary outlined the procedures which will be followed to secure new governors.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm.