

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

February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

High Prairie: Pomeroy Inn and the High Prairie Health Careers Centre

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>	✓
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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>	✓

#### 1. Opening

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM at the Pomeroy Inn meeting room, by Vice Chair Archie Cunningham, who assumed the Chair in the absence of Chair Trevor Gladue.

##### 1.1 Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION 062-09/10:** Moved by Colin Ross  
That the agenda for February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 be adopted with additions.

**CARRIED**

## **1.2 Acceptance of Minutes**

### **1.2.1 January 26, 2010**

**MOTION 063-09/10:** Moved by Andy Assaf  
That the minutes of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be approved.

**CARRIED**

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

Student Association members, Governors, and staff introduced themselves.

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

The consultation with students on the proposed fees for 2010-2011 was conducted. In addition, Student Association President Chris Noskey reported on the role and accomplishments of the Association, and the annual Role Model Awards were presented. The Non Post-secondary Role Model Award was presented to Stony Point student, Brenda Beaver by Vice Chair Archie Cunningham, and the Post-secondary Role Model Award was presented by Student Association President Chris Noskey to Slave Lake student, Jule Asterisk.

**The meeting recessed at 11:55 AM, and all participants moved to the High Prairie Health Careers Learning Centre. Students' Association members and Governors participated in the official opening of the Centre.**

**The meeting resumed at the Health Careers Training Centre, at 2:12 PM.**

#### **4. Reports**

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

President Rick Neidig reported that every attempt is being made to preserve the College's existing programs, and to grow new ones where needed. He noted that the recent 3% budget cut will effectively have the impact of 6% when inflation and other fixed cost increases are taken into account. He suggested that new funding rules could have a negative impact upon students. This fall, the College will not be able to refer two year diploma students to Alberta Works, Skills Investment Program. These students will be directed to loan applications instead. In addition, unused Alberta Employment and Immigration funding in the "Training for Work" category of the funds cannot be redeployed for academic upgrading. The "Work Foundations" (Academic Upgrading support) funds for this year's Skills Investment Program have now been exhausted, and in the February intake 60 students were unable to receive funding support. The President and Chair met with Alberta Employment and Immigration Minister Lukaszuk on February 18<sup>th</sup>, to give him the background on funding issues. The Board also discussed student requests for Cree and it was noted that a survey of students is underway to determine demand for credit courses and conversational Cree may be offered by WorkForce Development. Job Corps has extended College use of their Slave Lake facility for welding by one year, and

reinstated access to the Carpentry shop. In the interim, the Carpentry program will stay in Grouard.

The President reminded the Board that the College's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary begins this May, although the actual anniversary of the start of classes occurs in September. He also reported that the Emergency Medical Technician program received approval from Advanced Education & Technology and indicated that synchronous software tools for distance delivery are under review.

**MOTION 064-09/10:** Moved by Andy Assaf  
That the President's report be received as information.  
**CARRIED**

#### **4.2 Cultural Content in Programs and Courses: Rick Neidig**

President Neidig provided a report on the infusion of cultural goals into the College's curriculum.

**MOTION 065-09/10:** Moved by Jule Asterisk  
That report on cultural content in the curriculum be received as information.  
**CARRIED**

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

#### **5.1 Governors' Conference and PACE Awards: Leigh Davies**

The Secretary reviewed the planned accommodation for the Governors' Conference.

#### **5.2 Start Time for April Board Meeting: Maddy Daniels**

After some discussion, it was decided by consensus that the April Board meeting in Calgary would begin at 11:00 AM. In her absence, the Secretary presented Maddy Daniels request.

**The meeting recessed for a short break at 3:22 PM.**

**The meeting resumed at 3:32 PM.**

### **6. New Business**

#### **6.1 2008-2009 Annual Report: Rick Neidig**

**MOTION 066-09/10:** Moved by Scott Biggin  
That the Board approve the 2008-2009 Annual Report.  
**CARRIED**

**6.2 Academic Council Program Recommendations: Madeline McVey**

**MOTION 067-09/10:** Moved by Colin Ross  
That consistent with the Delegation of Authority: Programs and Services Policy, the Board receive Academic Council's recommendations for the Life Skills Coach Program and the Medical Receptionist Program, as information.  
**CARRIED**

**6.3 Out of Country Travel Request: Rick Neidig**

**MOTION 068-09/10:** Moved by Sandra Willing  
That the Board approve the out of country travel request.  
**CARRIED**

**7. Policy Review: Leigh Davies**

**7.1 Endowment Management Policy (Revised)**

**MOTION 069-09/10:** Moved by Andy Assaf  
That the Board approve the revised Endowment Management Policy.  
**CARRIED**

**MOTION 070-09/10:** Moved by Fred Willier  
That the Board move in camera.  
**CARRIED**

**The Board moved in camera at 3:50 PM.**

**MOTION 071-09/10:** Moved by Sandra Willing  
That the Board move out of camera.  
**CARRIED**

**The Board moved out of camera at 4:20 PM.**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM.**

**The next meeting will be held in the Boardroom of the Slave Lake campus. The meeting will be preceded by the official opening of the Industry Training Annex at 12:00 noon.**