

Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 16, 2009
C709 – RRC Notre Dame Campus
Winnipeg, Manitoba

MINUTES B 09/10

IN ATTENDANCE

Governors:	Sheryl Feller, Chair Richard Lennon, Vice-Chair Elvira Finnigan Edward Kennedy Ron Koslowsky Wanda McGorum Don Robertson Stephen Pratt Nancy Wheatley Cathy Woods	Regrets:	Bruce North Maureen Prendiville
CEO:	Jeff Zabudsky, President		
Secretary:	Kathi Gudmandson, Executive Assistant to the Board		
Treasurer:	Catherine Rushton, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, CFO		
Administration:	Ken Webb, Vice-President, Academic and Research David Rew, Vice-President, Student Services and Planning David Leis, Vice-President, Business Development		

1. CALL TO ORDER

With attendance constituting a quorum, the meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the Regular Meeting Agenda of December 16, 2009 be approved. – CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board agreed to sit in Committee of the Whole *in camera* at 5:06 p.m. with the Executive Assistant to the Board.

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CONTINUED)

The Committee rose at 5:30 p.m. The Chair indicated that the Committee received a report from members of the proposed Presidential Search. Direction was also provided to the Executive Assistant regarding the terms and conditions of employment of the Interim President who will be appointed effective February 1, 2010.

3.1 Presidential Search Committee

MOTION B 09/10/01

That a Presidential Search Committee be established within the terms of reference dated December 6, 2009. – CARRIED

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NOVEMBER 25, 2009

MOTION B 09/10/02

That the Minutes of the November 25, 2009 Board of Governors Meeting be approved. – CARRIED

5. COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2009

MOTION B 09/10/03

That the College President's Report of December 16, 2009 be received. – CARRIED

6. STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S REPORT – DECEMBER 2009

MOTION B 09/10/04

That the Students' Association President's Report of December 16, 2009 be received. – CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Financial Results Ending November 30, 2009

MOTION B 09/10/05

That the Financial Results for the Period Ending November 30, 2009 be received. – CARRIED

7.2 RRC Strategic Plan – 2010-13

Board members noted that at the October 2, 2009 Planning Session two trends were identified by the Board that could impact the College's strategic initiatives – *the changing fiscal environment and an aging population*.

D. Rew, Vice-President, Student Services and Planning, advised the Board that in December President's Council reflected on the threats and opportunities that the two trends presented. He then provided an overview of the proposed measures developed by President's Council to support the College's strategic initiatives.

A discussion was held about reporting to the Board the College's progress in achieving its strategic goals. D. Rew indicated that once that the Research and Planning Department compiles its progress report on advancing the strategic plan it will be shared with the Board. It was also agreed that a major overhaul of RRC's strategic planning process is required and should be done once a new president is in place.

MOTION B 09/10/06

That the RRC Strategic Initiatives dated December 16, 2009 be approved for inclusion in the 2010 – 2013 RRC Strategic Plan. – CARRIED

7.3 Degree Program Tuition

K. Webb, Vice-President, Academic and Research, provided the Board with information regarding proposed tuition fees for the new bachelor's degree programs to be offered at Red River College. The Council on Post-Secondary Education has final approval of the tuition fees.

The Board concurred with the following principles for setting degree program tuition:

1. COPSE: "Tuition will be amongst the most affordable in the country."
2. Manitoba university tuition is the third lowest in Canada, just ahead of Newfoundland and Quebec. (Source: Statistics Canada / MB Government Business Facts website)
3. To be similar but not more than MB university fees for similar programming. This establishes value and does not undercut universities.
4. Will be based on a cost per credit hour.
5. Will roll college fees into a single fee for transparency, reducing ancillary and extra fees.
6. Does not include SA fees (\$90/yr), Health (\$130/yr) or Dental (\$106/yr).

8. FOR INFORMATION

- 8.1 NSERC/Government of Canada News Release, November 27, 2009
– *New Research Partnerships for Colleges and Communities (\$2.3 M to RRC)*

8. FOR INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

8.2 *Winnipeg Free Press* News Item, December 8, 2009
– *Red River College loses dynamo*

8.3 *Focus*, Academic Monthly Report, November 2009

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Original signed by

**Sheryl Feller
Chair**

Original signed by

**Kathi Gudmandson
Secretary**