

Regular Board Meeting

**Wednesday, January 23, 2008
C709 – Notre Dame Campus
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

MINUTES B 08/01

IN ATTENDANCE

Governors:	Al Morin, Chair Bev Watson, Vice-Chair Ric Borlase Elvira Finnigan Angie Herrera Edward Kennedy Walter Petik Milton Reimer Nancy Wheatley Cathy Woods	Regrets:	Sheryl Feller Bob Silver
CEO:	Jeff Zabudsky, President		
Secretary:	Kathi Gudmandson, Executive Assistant to the Board		
Treasurer:	Cathy Rushton, Vice-President, Finance and Administration		
Administration:	Ken Webb, Vice-President, Academic and Research Marg Braid, Vice-President, Business Development David Rew, Vice-President, Student Services and Planning Pat Bozyk, Dean, Student Services		

1. CALL TO ORDER

With attendance constituting a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by W. Petik/B. Watson that the Regular Meeting Agenda of January 23, 2008 be approved. – CARRIED

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 19, 2007

MOTION B 08/01/01 – R. Borlase/N. Wheatley

That the Minutes of the December 19, 2007 Board of Governors meeting be approved. – CARRIED

4. COLLEGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JANUARY 2008

MOTION B 08/01/02 – C. Woods/W. Petik

That the College President’s Report dated January 23, 2008 be received. – CARRIED

5. STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S REPORT – JANUARY 2008

MOTION B 08/01/03 – R. Borlase/N. Wheatley

That the Students’ Association President’s Report dated January 23, 2008 be received. – CARRIED

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Planning Committee – Report of January 23, 2008

Acting Committee Chair C. Woods reported that the Planning Committee received a presentation from R. Hoemsen, Director of RRC’s Applied Research and Commercialization Office. The presentation included information that supported the policy monitoring report that the Committee reviewed regarding applied research, innovation and partnership activities at the College. The Committee also received a report from the Vice-President, Academic and Research regarding the status of the College’s submission to the government on a Bachelor of Technology Degree Program in Construction Management.

6.1.1 Policy Monitoring Report – Global Ends 1.0(d)

MOTION B 08/01/04 – R. Borlase/B. Watson

That the President’s Monitoring Report for Board Policy 1.0(d) – Applied Research, Innovation and Partnerships dated January 23, 2008 be accepted as presented. – CARRIED

6.2 Administrative Affairs Committee – Report of January 23, 2008

Committee Chair R. Borlase reported that the Administrative Affairs Committee was pleased to welcome its two new members – E. Finnigan and E. Kennedy.

6.2 Administrative Affairs Committee – Report of January 23, 2008 (continued)

The Committee reviewed the College's financial results for the period and a policy monitoring report on treatment of staff. The Committee also received a report on the status of the College's efforts to have the government transfer ownership of the Notre Dame Campus facilities and land to the College.

6.2.1 Financial Results Ending December 31, 2007

MOTION B 08/01/05 – R. Borlase/C. Woods

That the Financial Results for the Period Ending December 31, 2007 be received. – CARRIED

6.2.2 Policy Monitoring Report – Treatment of Staff

MOTION B 08/01/06 – R. Borlase/B. Watson

That the President's Monitoring Report for Board Policy 2.15 – Treatment of Staff dated January 23, 2008 be accepted. – CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Budget Parameters - 2008/09

The Vice-President, Administration and Finance presented the proposed 2008/09 budget parameters. President's Council has identified a number of planning assumptions, cost pressures and budget priorities that, once approved by the Board, will be used to develop resource requirements and provide a framework for matching revenues and expenditures to achieve a balanced budget.

The budget priorities outlined in the parameters are:

Strategic Initiatives *(not ranked)*

- College Degrees
- People Plan
- Capital Campaign
- Develop an RRC Value Proposition
- Increase Quality and Innovation
- Increase Student Success at Current Levels of Accessibility and Quality
- New Ways to Offer Applied Learning with Work/Industry
- Advance Aboriginal Education

Improvement Priorities *(not ranked)*

- Enhance the In-class Experience of Instruction
- Enhance the In-class Learning Environment
- Foster Sustainability
- Collaborate on Process

7.1 Budget Parameters - 2008/09 (continued)

MOTION B 08/01/07 – R. Borlase/M. Reimer

That approval be granted for the 2008/09 operating and capital budget to be developed based on the parameters outlined in a memorandum dated January 15, 2008 from President’s Council. – CARRIED

7.2 RRC Academic Plan

The Vice-President, Academic and Research made a presentation to the Board about the College’s renewed academic plan – *Academic Plan 2020*. K. Webb informed the Board that the academic plan provides the vision and strategy for RRC to become a polytechnic – a technical institute that prepares career-ready graduates who combine critical thinking with theoretical understanding and practical competence. Two major characteristics of a polytechnic are offering college degrees and engaging in applied research.

Following the presentation a discussion was held about the process to establish RRC’s first degree program. The Board was informed that several provinces currently allow colleges to offer applied degrees with over 150 degree programs now being offered in Canadian colleges. The College’s submission for a Bachelor of Technology in Construction Management program is currently under consideration by the Council on Post-Secondary Education and a decision is expected in March. A change to the legislation governing Manitoba colleges is required to allow RRC to grant degrees.

7.2.1 Red River College Polytechnic – Notice of Motion

W. Petik gave notice that he will present the following motion at the next Board meeting:

That Red River College amend its vision and mission to adopt the goal of becoming one of Canada’s premier polytechnic colleges.

8. FOR INFORMATION

The Board received the following information:

- 8.1 Manitoba Government News Release, December 20, 2007
- Province/AMC Announce Directors for New Fund (*RRC Board Member Bob Silver appointed*)
- 8.2 *Winnipeg Free Press* News Item, January 17, 2008
- *One glad grad*
- 8.3 *Applied Research Matters*, RRC Newsletter, Fall 2007
- 8.4 Brochure – *RRC Business & Applied Arts Conference*, February 6, 2008
- 8.5 *Focus*, Academic Monthly Report, December 2007
- 8.6 Board Leadership Newsletter, No. 94, Nov-Dec 2007

9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board agreed to sit in Committee of the Whole *in camera* at 8:05 p.m. with the President and the Executive Assistant to the Board.

The Committee rose at 8:19 p.m. The Chair reported that information was received about the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients and the Committee provided direction to the President regarding selection of this year's Honorary Diploma recipient. The President also provided a report about a recent unspecified threat against the Princess Street Campus and how the situation was managed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Original signed by

**Al Morin
Chair**

Original signed by

**Kathi Gudmandson
Secretary**