

**Wednesday, March 22, 2000
C709 Boardroom - RRC
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

6:30 p.m.

**MINUTES
(B:00/03)**

In Attendance:

Governors: Ed Martens, Acting Chair
Beverley Bachalo
Geoff Gray
Martin Mayer
Virginia Snyder
Annemarie Wiebe

Regrets: Danny Falcetta
Betty Green
Don Plett

President: Jacqie Thachuk, Chief Executive Officer

Treasurer: Cathy Rushton, Chief Financial Officer

Secretary: Kathi Gudmandson, Executive Assistant to the Board

Administration: Ken Webb, Vice President Academic
Norm Konowalchuk, Vice-President, Administrative Affairs
Paul McGeachie, Vice-President, Training Enterprises
Jim Goho, Director of Research and Planning

1. CALL TO ORDER

With attendance constituting a quorum, the Acting Chair called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. and the agenda was approved.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 23, 2000

Moved by B. Bachalo/V. Snyder that the Minutes of the February 23, 2000 Board of Governors meeting be approved as distributed. - CARRIED

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President provided a report for the period February 24 - March 15, 2000 which included the following:

- the Manitoba college presidents met with the Minister of Education and Training and other government representatives to discuss the government's goal of expanding the college system over the next four years.
- Red River College has been requested to deliver a 23-month Nursing Diploma Program to assist the government in addressing Manitoba's nursing shortage.
- meetings were held with developers who submitted proposals for the Princess Street Promenade and the approval process for the project is continuing.

4. PRINCESS STREET PROMENADE BUSINESS PLAN

J. Goho, Director of Research and Planning, provided an overview of the business plan for the Princess Street Promenade, the proposed new downtown campus for RRC. The College's vision of the downtown campus is for a world-class facility capable of delivering leading edge education and training in a learner-centred setting in the heart of downtown Winnipeg. The campus will feature Information Technology, Creative Arts, New Media and English as a Second Language programming.

The project has been proposed as a public/private partnership. A private sector developer will undertake the construction and historical renovations to the several existing buildings covering an entire city block on Princess Street with no need for a large initial public capital contribution. The College will lease the space from the developer, allowing RRC to focus on education and training. It is anticipated that this initiative will also promote further development in the City's Exchange District.

MOTION B 00/03/01 - V. Snyder/G. Gray

**THAT the proposal to develop a new downtown campus at the Princess Street Promenade be approved, subject to acceptance and funding of the project by Manitoba Education and Training.
- CARRIED**

5. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1 Executive Committee - March 13, 2000

MOTION B 00/03/02 - A. Wiebe/G. Gray

THAT the Minutes of the March 22, 2000 Executive Committee meeting be received. - CARRIED

5.2 Planning Committee

Planning Committee Chair A. Wiebe reported on the Committee's March 22, 2000 meeting. The Committee received a presentation from representatives of the Medical Radiologic Technology (MRT) Advisory Committee regarding admission criteria to the MRT Program. Following consideration the Committee agreed that the issue be reviewed and the matter was referred to senior management for further investigation and a report back.

The Planning Committee also reviewed advisory committee reports and the Vice-President, Academic's February Report.

MOTION B 00/03/03 - A. Wiebe/M. Mayer

THAT the Minutes of the February 23, 2000 Planning Committee meeting be received. - CARRIED

5.2.1 Focus Academic Monthly Report - February 2000

MOTION B 00/03/04 - A. Wiebe/V. Snyder

THAT Focus - Academic Monthly Report for February 2000 be received. - CARRIED

5.3 Administrative Affairs Committee

The meeting of March 22, 2000 was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.

6. FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDED FEBRUARY 29, 2000

C. Rushton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Results for the Eight Months Ended February 29, 2000 which show a deficit for the period of \$1,178,000. This is a positive variance of \$303,000 from projection.

The now expected position of the College reflects seven months of actual results combined with a five-month projection to year-end as estimated by chairs and managers. This projection gives the College a targeted surplus position of \$389,000 for 1999-2000. This includes coverage of a capital over-expenditure of \$338,000 with surplus funds provided by the exceptional results from a Food Services contract with the Pan Am Games.

Board members were informed that the divisions have made significant contributions towards covering this year's revenue shortfall. The revised expenditures reflect an acknowledgement by chairs, managers, deans, directors and other senior staff that balancing the College's finances requires a college-wide response.

MOTION B 00/03/05 - A. Wiebe/G. Gray

THAT the Financial Results for the Eight Months Ended February 29, 2000 be received. - CARRIED

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Motion to Update Board Resolutions

The following motion was requested by Board Administration in order that all board resolutions enacted prior to the College's name change can be updated with the new College name.

MOTION B 00/03/06 - V. Snyder/B. Bachalo

THAT all resolutions enacted by the Board of Governors prior to July 1, 1998 be amended to reflect the change in the College's legal name from "The Board of Governors of Red River Community College" to "The Board of Governors of Red River College" as approved by amendment to Manitoba Regulation 39/93 dated June 24, 1998. - CARRIED

7.2 ACCC Annual Meeting - May 28-30, 2000 - Whitehorse, Yukon

E. Martens informed the Board that at the Executive Committee meeting held March 13, 2000 it had been agreed that he and A. Wiebe would attend the Annual Meeting of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges (ACCC) in May in Whitehorse. However, difficulties have been encountered in making flight arrangements to Whitehorse and it is uncertain if both members will be able to attend the meeting.

7.3 Business Council of Manitoba - Budget Recommendations

Board members reviewed the Business Council of Manitoba's 2000-2001 budget recommendations which identified a "brain drain" fueled by a shortage of skilled workers.

8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The Board received the following correspondence:

- 8.1** From Donald Robertson, Chair, COPSE - Re: Approval for the College to enter into a lease agreement in an amount which exceeds the financial limits outlined by COPSE and requires their approval.

9. FOR INFORMATION

The Board received the following information:

- 9.1** 1998/1999 RRC Graduate Employment Report

10. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board agreed to sit in Committee of the Whole in camera and adjourned into Committee at 8:25 p.m.

10.1 Nominee for the Distinguished Alumni Award

MOTION CW 00/03/01 - B. Bachalo/G. Gray

**That the nominee put forward by the President on behalf of the Honorary Awards Committee be confirmed as the recipient of the Red River College Distinguished Alumni Award for 2000.
- CARRIED**

10.2 Nominee for the Honorary Diploma Award

MOTION CW 00/03/02 - A. Wiebe/V. Snyder

**That the candidate supported by the Honorary Awards Committee be confirmed as the recipient of the Honorary Diploma for 2000.
- CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Original signed by

Ed J. Martens, Acting Chair

Original signed by

Kathi Gudmandson, Secretary