

Regular Board Meeting

**Wednesday, May 28, 2014
C709 – RRC Notre Dame Campus
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**MINUTES
B 14/05**

IN ATTENDANCE

Governors:	Richard Lennon, Chair Kathy Knight, Vice-Chair Catherine Cook Leah Gazan Marilyn Kenny Ron Koslowsky Ruth Lindsey-Armstrong Lauren MacLean Bruce North Maureen Prendiville Don Robertson
CEO:	Stephanie Forsyth, President
Secretary:	Kathi Gudmandson, Executive Assistant to the Board
Treasurer:	Diane Ready, Vice-President, Finance and Administration/CFO
Administration:	Nancy Alexander, Vice-President, HR Services and Sustainability Christine Crowe, Vice-President, Academic and Research (Interim) David Rew, Vice-President, Student Services and Planning (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.) Kim Jasper, Chief Advancement Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chair acknowledged that the Board meeting is being held on the traditional territory of Manitoba's First Peoples.

The Chair welcomed RRCSA President Lauren MacLean to her first meeting as Student Board Member.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

That the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 28, 2014 be approved. – CARRIED

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Board agreed to sit in Committee of the Whole *in camera* at 5:07 p.m. with the administrative staff to consider Proposed 2014/15 Tuition and College Fees and the Draft 2014/15 RRC Budget. The Committee rose at 5:55 p.m. and the Chair reported that motions will be presented under *New Business*.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 23, 2014

MOTION B 14/05/01

That the Minutes of the April 23, 2014 Board of Governors Meeting be approved. – CARRIED

The Board recessed from 6:00 – 6:35 p.m.

5. RRC STRATEGIC PLAN

5.1 Strategic Initiative Update – Aboriginal Achievement

C. Crowe, Vice-President, Academic and Research (Interim) made a presentation to the Board on the status of the Strategic Plan Initiative to Lead Aboriginal Achievement. She provided an overview of RRC's Aboriginal student population and the School of Indigenous Education. Background information regarding the College's Aboriginal community forums held over the past decade was also provided.

Board members were informed that feedback from the community forums has helped to shape RRC's strategies for enhancing Aboriginal student participation and success. These strategies address:

- Increasing financial support through new awards, scholarships and bursaries
- Family student housing
- Information and orientation initiatives
- Academic preparation in high schools
- Recruitment and ease of entrance
- Aboriginal student transition to urban academic, social and cultural life
- Community program delivery
- Partnerships
- Increasing academic programs for Aboriginal students
- Expanding support services

5.1 Strategic Initiative Update – Aboriginal Achievement (continued)

- Culturally-sensitive curricula
- Program flexibility and range, support for families
- Alternative course and program assessment methodologies for Aboriginal students
- Developing sensitivity on the part of RRC staff about issues faced by Aboriginal students
- Mentor programs
- Encouraging hiring of more Aboriginal faculty and staff across the College
- Programs and services to strengthen Aboriginal literacy and language skills
- Increasing dedicated space for Aboriginal students
- School to work transition program
- Engaging with other PSEs and the Province for full credit transfer across system
- Increasing representation, visibility of Aboriginal students on-campus
- Research

S. Forsyth also discussed the steering committee created in support of Aboriginal Achievement and the working groups within the College that play a role in furthering the various strategies.

5.2 Strategic Theme Reports – People, Planet, Profits

Board members were in receipt of the following reports outlining the status of several actions under the Strategic Theme of People, Planet, Profits.

- a) Vice-President, Finance and Administration Report
- b) Vice-President, Human Resource Services and Sustainability Report

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Policy Monitoring Report – Services that Support Student Success

As part of the Board's regular policy monitoring function, consideration was given to the requirements of the *Services that Support Student Success* policy. Based on the information presented in the report, Board members agreed that the President has met the requirements of the Board's policy.

MOTION B 14/05/02

That the Board acknowledge the President is in compliance with Board Policy 2.9 – Services that Support Student Success. – CARRIED

6.2 RRC Tuition and College Fees – 2014/15

MOTION B 14/05/03

That the Tuition and College Fees – 2014/15 Proposal dated May 28, 2014 be approved as presented. – CARRIED

6.3 RRC Budget – 2014/15

MOTION B 14/05/04

**That the Draft 2014/15 Operating Budget dated May 28, 2014
be approved. – CARRIED**

7. REPORTS

MOTION B 14/05/05

That the following reports be received as information. – CARRIED

7.1 Financial Report Ending April 30, 2014

7.2 College President's Report

7.3 College Advancement Report

7.4 Vice-Presidents' Report

7.5 Students' Association President's Report

7.6 Employee Member's Report – College Council

8. FOR INFORMATION

The Board received the following information:

8.1 Manitoba Government News Release, April 28, 2014
- Proposed Legislation Would Help Post-Secondary Institutions

8.2 RRC News Release, May 20, 2014
- Welcoming Royalty to Red River College

8.3 *Board Leadership Newsletter, No. 132, Mar – Apr 2014*

8.4 *AGB Trusteeship, Mar/Apr 2014*

10. IN CAMERA SESSION

The Board held an *in camera* session at 8:00 p.m. with the President, Executive Assistant, Vice-President, Finance and Administration, and Vice-President, HR Services and Sustainability. The Executive Committee minutes were reviewed and reports were received on a number of items, following which the President and Vice-Presidents were excused.

10. IN CAMERA SESSION (CONTINUED)

At 9:00 p.m. a closed camera session continued (without K. Knight and R. Lindsey-Armstrong who had been excused due to other commitments) to discuss the process for the President's Annual Performance Review.

Upon resuming the regular session at 9:35 p.m. the following motions were presented:

10.1 Executive Committee – Minutes of May 12, 2014

MOTION B 14/05/06

That the Executive Committee Minutes of May 12, 2014 be received as information. – CARRIED

10.2 President's Annual Performance Review – Process

MOTION B 14/05/07

That a committee be struck to conduct the President's Annual Performance Review, with the following membership: Catherine Cook, Leah Gazan, Kathy Knight, Ron Koslowsky, Richard Lennon and Maureen Prendiville. – CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Signed

**Richard Lennon
Chair**

Signed

**Kathi Gudmandson
Secretary**