

**Wednesday, May 17, 2000  
C709 Boardroom - RRC  
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**6:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES  
(B:00/04)**

**In Attendance:**

**Governors:** Ed Martens, Acting Chair  
Danny Falcetta  
Geoff Gray  
Betty Green  
Martin Mayer  
Virginia Snyder  
Annemarie Wiebe

**Regrets:** Bev Bachalo  
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.

The agenda was approved with the addition of *Annual Board Session with Advisory Committee Chairs* under Business Arising from Previous Meetings.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 22, 2000**

**Moved by G. Gray/V. Snyder that the Minutes of the March 22, 2000 Board of Governors meeting be approved as distributed. - CARRIED**

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President provided a report for the period March 15 to May 12, 2000 that included the following:

- an update on the status of the Princess Street Promenade project
- the appointment of M. Courchene as Dean of Aboriginal Education and Institutional Diversity
- the College's multimedia campaign which began May 1
- a joint effort with Economic Development Winnipeg to produce an information package on post-secondary institutions in Manitoba
- the Manitoba Government's College Expansion Initiative
- the College hosted delegations from Vietnam, the Philippines and China

**MOTION B 00/04/01 - D. Falcetta/M. Mayer**

**THAT the President's Report dated May 17, 2000 be received.  
- CARRIED**

**4. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**4.1 College Council - April 11, 2000**

**MOTION B 00/04/02 - V. Snyder/D. Falcetta**

**THAT the College Council Minutes of April 11, 2000  
be received. - CARRIED**

**4.2 Planning Committee**

Planning Committee Chair A. Wiebe reported on the Committee's May 17, 2000 meeting.

**4.2.1 Minutes of March 22, 2000**

**MOTION B 00/04/03 - A. Wiebe/G. Gray**

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

**4.2.2 Diploma Nursing Program (Accelerated)**

The Committee reviewed a Formal Program Proposal - Diploma Nursing Program (Accelerated) and agreed to recommend to the Board that the proposal be approved for submission to COPSE.

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

**THAT approval be granted for the Formal Program Proposal -  
Diploma Nursing Program (Accelerated) to be submitted to the  
Council on Post-Secondary Education - CARRIED**

4.2 Planning Committee (continued)

4.2.3 Staff Recognition

**MOTION B 00/04/05 - B. Green/A. Wiebe**

**THAT the efforts of Ken Webb and Karen Wall to establish an Accelerated Diploma Nursing Program be formally acknowledged by the Board of Governors of Red River College. - CARRIED**

4.2.4 Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee

Following consideration of a letter from Advisory Committee member P. Javate, the Committee agreed to recommend to the Board that the Aboriginal Education and Institutional Diversity Advisory Committee be divided into two committees.

**MOTION B 00/04/06 - A. Wiebe/G. Gray**

**THAT approval be granted for the division of the Aboriginal Education and Institutional Diversity Advisory Committee into two separate committees - an Aboriginal Education Advisory Committee and a Multicultural/Institutional Diversity Advisory Committee. - CARRIED**

4.2.5 Focus Academic Monthly Report - March 2000

**MOTION B 00/04/07 - V. Snyder/D. Falcetta**

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

4.3 Administrative Affairs Committee

Administrative Affairs Committee Chair D. Falcetta reported on the Committee's May 17, 2000 meeting. The Committee received an update on development of a policy for trust and endowment funds and discussed the establishment of an investment committee. The Board's committee structure was also discussed. D. Falcetta indicated that recommendations would be made to the Board regarding its committees at a future meeting

4.3.1 Financial Results for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2000

C. Rushton, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Financial Results for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2000 that show a deficit for the period of \$1,030,000 which is a positive variance of \$646,000 from the now expected position.

C. Rushton discussed the projected loss for the year based on the revenue shortfall in Market Driven Training (MDT) and the positive variances in other areas that have reduced the effect of the shortfall.

4.3.1 Financial Results for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2000 (continued)

P. McGeachie, Vice-President, Training Enterprises, reviewed the reasons for the MDT revenue shortfall and indicated that MDT is currently developing a revised business plan.

The Board was informed that College Management recommends that the anticipated 1999/2000 deficit be applied against the operating reserve fund on the 1999/2000 financial statements.

The Board reviewed its policy regarding use of the College's operating reserve fund and discussed plans for replenishment of the fund.

**MOTION B 00/04/08 - D. Falcetta/B. Green**

- a) **THAT the Financial Results for the Ten Months Ended April 30, 2000 be received. - CARRIED**
- b) **THAT approval be granted for the use of Operating Reserve Funds to offset the accumulated operating deficit, if any, at June 30, 2000. - CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

5.1 ACCC Annual Meeting - May 28-30, 2000

E. Martens, Acting Board Chair, indicated that on behalf of the Board of Governors he will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Association of Canadian Community Colleges in Whitehorse on May 26 - 30. Board member G. Gray will also be attending on behalf of the RRC Students' Association.

5.2 Board Networking Luncheon

E. Martens reported that he and Board members D. Falcetta and V. Snyder hosted a networking luncheon on May 10 in the Prairie Lights Restaurant. The luncheon provided a good opportunity for some of Winnipeg's community and business leaders to learn more about Red River College.

Board members agreed that community networking sessions be included in the Board's Annual Cycle of Activities.

5.3 Annual Board Session with Advisory Committee Chairs

E. Martens reported that a very successful breakfast session was held earlier in the day with the chairs of the College's advisory committees. J. Thachuk provided an overview of the College that was well received by the guests, followed by a question period.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

6.1 2000-2001 Budget Approval

Board members were in receipt of the *Red River College 2000/2001 Budget* document, which takes proposed allocations and relates them back to the budget document approved by the Board of Governors in January 2000.

C. Rushton provided an overview of the 2000/2001 budget process and stated that it presented a significant challenge. When the zero-based requests were compiled, there was a \$5.6 million shortfall between anticipated revenue and requested expenditures. Contributing to this shortfall were reductions in existing and potential revenue, uncontrollable cost pressures and the government's desire to freeze tuition.

C. Rushton indicated that College Management adopted several strategies to achieve a balanced budget and as always, the approved budget priorities were the main basis for resource allocation. Another strategy called for the deferral of some requests. As a result of these strategies the 2000/01 budget was balanced without any requirement for layoffs or program cancellations, except for considerations other than financial ones.

**MOTION B 00/04/09 - D. Falcetta/B. Green**

**THAT the 2000/2001 Budget, including the schedule of fees and the capital budget, be approved as presented. - CARRIED**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Board received the following correspondence:

- 7.1 From Donald Robertson, Chair, COPSE - Re: General funding decisions made by Government and the allocation decisions made by COPSE for the 2000/01 fiscal year.

**8. FOR INFORMATION**

The Board received the following information:

- 8.1 Copies of correspondence to the recipients of the RRC Honorary Diploma and Distinguished Alumni Award for 2000.
- 8.2 News Release: Government Promotes Excellence and Choice in Ontario's Post-Secondary Education System (*Re: Applied Degrees*)

**9. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The Board agreed to sit in Committee of the Whole in camera and adjourned into committee at 9:00 p.m.

9.1 Princess Street Promenade

**MOTION: B 00/04/10 - D. Falcetta/A. Wiebe**

**THAT the Resolution to affirm the Board of Governors' commitment to the Red River College Growth Plan and establishment of a downtown campus to be located on Princess Street in the Exchange District be adopted (see *attachment*). - CARRIED**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.**

*Original signed by*

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**Ed J. Martens, Acting Chair**

*Original signed by*

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**Kathi Gudmandson, Secretary**

**RESOLUTION****AFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO THE RED RIVER COLLEGE GROWTH PLAN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TO BE LOCATED ON PRINCESS STREET IN THE EXCHANGE DISTRICT.****WHEREAS:**

Red River College embraces the stated goals of Government to grow the College system and is committed to working with Government, its staff and all partners to ensure the success of the College Expansion Initiative.

**AND WHEREAS:**

Red River College focuses on learners and is committed to its Vision to be a leader in post-secondary education and its Mission to provide learners with high quality, relevant learning experiences responsive to the employing community and the economic and social needs of Manitobans.

**AND WHEREAS:**

An important component in the achievement of the Vision of Red River College is the provision of a vibrant learning environment which includes access to modern facilities, technology, close linkages with business and industry, and connectivity with supporting agencies and partner organizations.

**AND WHEREAS:**

Funded growth at the College has been accommodated within existing facilities and space has become a critical limitation. Therefore, new and additional facilities are required.

**AND WHEREAS:**

Building a new campus provides a unique opportunity to create the critical education infrastructure necessary to develop competitive businesses, attract new industries, support economic development and build healthy communities. A new campus provides the opportunity to increase access to post-secondary education by increasing system capacity and through strategic choice of location.

**AND WHEREAS:**

The Government is currently undertaking an evaluation of options in anticipation of a decision before the end of June 2000.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

- a) The Board of Governors of Red River College affirms its commitment to the Red River College Growth Plan and the establishment of a downtown campus to be located on Princess Street in the Exchange District.
- b) The Chair of the Board of Governors' request a meeting at the earliest date possible with the Minister of Education and Training and the Premier to address any and all concerns that may be impeding progress in the approval of the new campus.