

Regular Board Meeting

**Wednesday, October 22, 2008
C709 – RRC Notre Dame Campus
Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**MINUTES
B 08/08**

IN ATTENDANCE

Governors: Sheryl Feller, Chair
Ric Borlase, Vice-Chair
Elvira Finnigan
Edward Kennedy
Richard Lennon
Bruce North
Maureen Prendiville
Milton Reimer
Don Robertson
Shaun Scrymgeour
Nancy Wheatley

Regrets: Cathy Woods

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

Guests: Austin Abas, Audit Partner, KPMG (6:30 – 7:00 p.m.)
Gord Dowhan, Senior Manager, Audit, KPMG (6:30 – 7:00 p.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Chair welcomed new Board member Maureen Prendiville who was appointed to the Red River College Board of Governors on August 1, 2008.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by R. Borlase/M. Reimer that the Regular Meeting Agenda of October 22, 2008 be approved. – CARRIED

3. AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT – OCTOBER 22, 2008

Audit Committee Chair R. Borlase presented Audit Committee Report AU 08/01 dated October 22, 2008 and introduced KPMG representatives Austin Abas and Gord Dowhan who attended to present KPMG's 2007/08 audit findings to the Board.

3.1 Schedule of Compensation of Red River College for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

MOTION B 08/08/01 – R. Borlase/B. North

That the Draft Schedule of Compensation of Red River College for the Year Ended June 30, 2008 be approved. – CARRIED

3.2 Financial Statements of Red River College for the Year Ended June 30, 2008

MOTION B 08/08/02 – R. Borlase/R. Lennon

That the Draft Financial Statements of Red River College for the Year Ended June 30, 2008 be approved. – CARRIED

3.3 Annual Financial Report – 2007/08

C. Rushton, Treasurer, presented the *Red River College Annual Financial Report with Supplementary Schedules for the Year Ended June 30, 2008 - Unaudited*.

MOTION B 08/08/03 – R. Borlase/B. North

**That the Annual Financial Report 2007 - 2008 be approved.
– CARRIED**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 24, 2008

MOTION B 08/08/04 – D. Robertson/M. Reimer

That the Minutes of the September 24, 2008 Board of Governors Meeting be approved. – CARRIED

5. COLLEGE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – OCTOBER 2008

MOTION B 08/08/05 – S. Scrymgeour/E. Finnigan

**That the College President’s Report of October 22, 2008 be received.
– CARRIED**

6. STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S REPORT – OCTOBER 22 2008

MOTION B 08/08/06 – R. Lennon/N. Wheatley

That the Students’ Association President’s Report of October 22, 2008 be received. – CARRIED

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1 Executive Committee - Minutes of October 6, 2008

MOTION B 08/08/07 – R. Borlase/S. Scrymgeour

**That the Executive Committee Minutes of October 6, 2008 be received.
– CARRIED**

7.1.1 Policy Monitoring Report – Emergency Executive Succession – 2.24

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

**That the President’s Monitoring Report for Board Policy 2.24 –
Emergency Executive Succession dated October 22, 2008 be
accepted as presented. – CARRIED**

Board members discussed senior management succession in the event of a sudden loss of presidential services.

MOTION B 08/08/09 – E. Finnigan/S. Scrymgeour

**That Board Policy 2.24 – Emergency Executive Succession be referred to
the Executive Committee for review. – CARRIED**

7.2 Alumni Committee Report – October 2008

Board Alumni Committee representative R. Borlase reported that a new RRC Alumni e-newsletter will be launched in the new year. Distinguished Alumnus Robert Walker will attend the January RRC Convocation to accept his award, and the other recipient Chris Jericho (Irvine) will send a video presentation of his acceptance to be shown at the ceremony.

7.2 Alumni Committee Report – October 2008 (continued)

MOTION B 08/08/10 – R. Borlase/S. Scrymgeour

**That the Alumni Committee Report of October 22, 2008 be received.
– CARRIED**

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Financial Results Ending September 30, 2008

For the benefit of the new Board members C. Rushton provided a brief overview about the College's monthly financial reporting to the Board.

R. Borlase noted some minor corrections to the headings in the financial statements.

MOTION B 08/08/11 – R. Borlase/E. Kennedy

**That the Financial Results for the Period Ending September 30, 2008
be received as amended. – CARRIED**

8.2 Policy Monitoring Report – Global Executive Limitation – 2.0

MOTION B 08/08/12 – R. Borlase/B. North

**That the President's Monitoring Report for Board Policy 2.0 –
Global Executive Limitation dated October 22, 2008 be
accepted as presented. – CARRIED**

8.3 The Colleges Act – Proposed Amendments

The President discussed how significant changes are required to the legislation that governs Red River College to support the College's increased need for innovation and responsiveness to students and employers in a highly competitive global economy.

Board members reviewed a discussion paper regarding proposed amendments to *The Colleges Act* that were approved by the Board in June 2005 and submitted to the government. The Board was informed that the government did not respond to the 2005 request by RRC to amend the Act. However, RRC has been advised that the Act is currently under review regarding changes that would allow colleges to grant degrees.

The administration was asked to provide further information regarding the rationale for some of the proposed changes, for a future meeting. Board members also discussed the creation of an act specifically for Red River College which is consistent with the legislation governing Manitoba's universities and the University College of the North.

8.3 The Colleges Act – Proposed Amendments (continued)

MOTION B 08/08/13 – R. Borlase/E. Kennedy

That the Chair and the President request a meeting with the Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy to discuss the creation of legislation that specifically governs Red River College. – CARRIED

8.4 Red River College Vision and Mission

The Board continued its review of Red River College's Vision Statement which began at the October 3 Board Planning Session. Four proposals for a new vision statement created following the October 3 session were presented. Following discussion regarding the proposed statements, D. Rew, Vice-President, Student Services and Planning, agreed to develop new draft vision statements for the Board's consideration.

It was agreed that Board members would be surveyed regarding their choice of a new vision statement via e-mail to expedite approval of a new statement at the November Board meeting.

Board members considered the Red River College Mission Statement. It was agreed that the current mission statement continues to be relevant and should not be amended at this time.

9. FOR INFORMATION

9.1 Meeting Summary – Annual Board Planning Session, October 3, 2008

9.2 President's Holiday Reception – December 16, 2008

9.3 Red River College Winter Convocation

9.4 Manitoba Government News Releases

- *New Board for Emissions Standards (J. Zabudsky appointed), September 25, 2008*
- *Rural Health Care Training Reaches Record High, October 7, 2008*
- *Province Invests \$1 Million in Adult Education, October 16, 2008*

9.5 *Headlines, RRC's Staff Newsletter, September 2008*

9.6 *The Chamber Wire, Official Magazine of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, Fall 2008 (Entire magazine available on the Board-only website)*

9.7 *Focus - Academic Monthly Report - September 2008*

9.8 *Board Leadership Newsletter, No. 98, Jul - Aug 2008*

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Original signed by

**Sheryl Feller
Chair**

Original signed by

**Kathi Gudmandson
Secretary**