



3. INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS: AARON BAYES, JANE BUTTERFIELD, JASON CARVALHO, KATRYNA KOENIG, DAVE SEAWEED

3.1 Introductions

The Board's newest members outlined their backgrounds and offered insights into their interest in serving on the Board.

Note: Graeme Bowbrick joined the meeting during consideration of this agenda item.

3.2 2014-15 Board Mentorships

The Chair reported on the August 2014 orientation session for the Board's five new members, and thanked management for the new approach they have taken to their role in such sessions. She outlined the Board's mentorship arrangements for all new members, and thanked Graeme Bowbrick, Nicole Liddell, Peter Kendrick, Gerry Shinkewski and Tom Spraggs for serving as the Board's 2014-15 mentors.

4. DOUGLAS STUDENTS' UNION (DSU): AN INTRODUCTION

Student Ruab Waraich provided insights into DSU membership and the body's undertakings, and responded to members' questions. The Board Chair commended the DSU on its recent establishment of a Mature Student Bursary, which generated a matching contribution from the College, and members commended Ms. Warraich on her presentation.

Reference: Appendix "A"

5. INTERIM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

5.1 Report on Operational and Strategic matters

The Interim President expanded on her written report and on ongoing efforts to secure membership in AUCC, the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada. Members noted that, if attained, membership could benefit Douglas College alumni seeking admission to graduate studies.

5.2 Policy Framework and Policy Template

The Interim President expanded on the clarity of processes to be gained with approval of the policy framework and template. Peter Kendrick, whom the Board Executive and Governance Committee (BEGC) had tasked with responsibility for oversight of this matter, provided additional insights.

The Board Chair advised of the BEGC's recommendation that the College vest responsibility for such policies within a senior position, and the Interim President reported that recruitment for a Director – who would report to the Vice President, Finance and Administration (VPFA) – would soon be underway.

Members queried the significance of such policies for students, and inclusion of students' perspectives in their development. In the ensuing discussion, the Interim President advised that the College does seek feedback on policy development and also acknowledged that policies should be more explicitly inclusive and representative of students. Members encouraged attention to Article A. 6, which outlines posting of draft policies for review by "appropriate stakeholder groups within the College".

It was moved, seconded and unanimously resolved:

20/2014 *THAT the Douglas College Board approve the Policy Framework and Policy Template*

6. CHAIR, COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Board Executive and Governance Committee (BEGC)

a) Chair's Report

The Chair reported on her June 2014 trip to China with College management and noted significant changes within Chinese post-secondary education, and the resulting impacts upon the College's partner institutions.

b) Standards of Conduct Guidelines for the BC Public Sector

The Chair reported on the College's undertakings to comply with government directives to all Crown corporations, and noted the ramifications of such mandates, including implementation of an overarching Code of Conduct and policy framework within Douglas College. The College is to submit its draft Code of Conduct by the end of October 2014 for government approval; upon approval, the College will publish the document on its website and management will then introduce such principles and expectations to all employees.

c) Taxpayer Accountability Principles (TAP): Strengthening Public Sector Governance and Accountability

The Chair outlined key principles, and the elevated standards expected of all BC's public sector organisations. Acknowledging that the College already adheres to the core principles, she offered that the mandate reflected the cultural shi

i) Notification of June 2014 Board Approval of Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Douglas College Board 2014 Legacy Fund

The Chair offered that details of the Douglas College Board 2014 Legacy Fund, a \$500,000 contribution to the Douglas College Foundation, were contained in the agenda package for transparency purposes. The Terms of Reference (TOR), approved during the June 2014 Closed Session meeting, stipulates that funds

c) Credential Establishment Recommendation: Post Degree Diploma in International Business Management

The Education Council Chair and the Vice President, International Education and Strategic Partnerships