



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE, E211,
APRIL 29, 2009, 3:00 P.M.**

Board Members: Mr. Michael O'Connor, Chair
 Ms. LeiLani Boucher
 Ms. Jackie Clayton
 Ms. Anita Luck
 Mr. Don Gnatiuk
 Mr. Richard Horner, notice of absence
 Mr. Daniel Lemieux
 Ms. Wendy McMillan
 Mr. Grant Menzies, Vice-Chair, notice of absence
 Mr. Peter Merlo
 Mr. Rory Tarant
 Ms. Vi Sunohara
 Mr. Vince Vavrek

Guests: Mr. Carmen Haakstad Mr. Christopher Mills, Daily Herald-Tribune
 Ms. Lynne Ness Ms. Karen Scribner

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chair called to order the public session of the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The Board Chair announced the appointment of public Board member Tim Garner for a three-year term commencing June 18, 2009.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board Chair called for amendments to the Agenda of April 29, 2009.

MOVED by V. Vavrek, seconded by D. Lemieux, the Agenda of April 29, 2009 is approved as received.

**CARRIED
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MINUTES OF MARCH 26, 2009

The Board Chair called for errors or omissions in the March 26, 2009 Minutes.

MOVED by J. Clayton, seconded by R. Tarant the Minutes of March 26, 2009 are approved as received.

CARRIED
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GOVERNANCE PROCESS – ITEMS FOR DECISION**Employees' Association/Board of Governors Collective Agreement**

Appreciation is extended to the Administration Team and the Employees' Association Negotiations Team for reaching a mutually satisfying agreement by embracing a collaborative and issues-based approach to bargaining. The Employees' Association Negotiations Team consists of Chair K. Weber, S. Boyd, J. Richards, and D. White. Thanks also to staff that supported the process: N. Amoyette, M. Chondros, B. Ollenberger, and M. Mark.

MOVED by D. Lemieux, seconded by J. Clayton, the Board of Governors ratify the 2009-2012 Collective Agreement with the Employees' Association.

CARRIED
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Governance Succession (GP-14)

P. Merlo requested that a Board skills matrix would be a useful tool to track the strengths and weaknesses of the Board. A meeting will be called of the sub-committee assigned to design the Board recruitment and orientation plan to discuss the addition of criteria to evaluate the skills of new members. P. Merlo will be invited to join the sub-committee.

MOVED by D. Gnatiuk, seconded by A. Luck, Governance Process Policy GP-14 Governance Succession is reaffirmed.

CARRIED
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MONITORING BOARD PERFORMANCE**Governance Succession (GP-14)**

The Board of Governors received the Governance Process Policy Governance Succession (GP-14) for evaluation. Members completed and submitted the evaluation sheets.

INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

CEO REPORT

The President reported on recent contacts and activities:

- Board members are encouraged to attend the Employee Recognition Awards Ceremony on May 14.
- A celebration of the GPRC/Fairview merger is scheduled for Saturday, July 4. The celebration is preceded by a dinner the evening of July 3 with the Fairview Town Council.
- A President's Address was held on campus at both Grande Prairie and Fairview.
- Dr. Ric Vandekerkhove was announced as the new Dean, School of Trades and Agriculture.
- Meetings were held with:
 - Honourable Hector Goudreau
 - Honourable Lloyd Snelgrove
 - New Alberta Health CEO Dr. Steven Duckett
 - Transition Steering Committee
- Attended:
 - Presentation at SAFC Conference in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan
 - Honourable Mel Knight AGM
 - MLA Wayne Drysdale barbeque
 - Stars Air Ambulance and QEII Hospital Black Tie Bingo

The President recognized the following individuals for value-added contributions:

- Rory Tarant. The Executive Team holds great respect and appreciation for SA President Rory Tarant for his exemplary service and leadership of the Students' Association over the past two years. Rory is a model SA President exemplifying leadership, integrity, and class that was recognized by the Executive Team and everyone he did business with.
- Sheila Elliott has been appointed the Chair of the Alberta Registered Nurses Educational Trust - a province-wide charitable organization that raises, manages and distributes funds to support continuing education for registered nurses.
- Congratulations to the winners of the Northwest Regional Skills Competition.
- Thanks to the following staff for their above and beyond contributions to completion of negotiations: Natalie Amoyette, Marina Chondros, Barb Johnston, Marian Mark, and Barb Ollenberger.
- Congratulations to the nominees for the Award of Student Excellence:
 - Victoria Abboud, Sharron Barr, Nancy Campbell, Emily Fraser, Les Rawluk, Sukhvir Sandhu, John Sloan, Theresa Suderman, Darryl White, and the recipient of the award, Ali Al-Asadi.
- Congratulations to the winners of the Student Awareness Award for involvement in student life: Jordan Zeyha and Niki Bahm

- Congratulations to the GPRC Business Students for bringing home the gold medal in the fourth annual Business Case Competition. The GPRC team of Adrienne Cook, Lindsey Frostad, Shawn Harrison, Jennie Straughan, Nikki Thompson and Braden Donaldson earned the first place award in this highly competitive event by analyzing the Servus Credit Union's "Young and Free" marketing campaign, as well as the Credit Union recent merger." The team was joined this year by instructors Emily Fraser, Bill Corcoran and Charles Backman. The team also benefitted from the coaching of communications consultant Carrie Warren.
- Thanks to Community Relations staff, Nursing and Engineering students, Campus Operations, Theatre and Media Services, and our community partners for their cooperation during the STARS, Alliance and GPRC "Alliance for Survival event".
- It is with sadness that we recognize the departure of Dr. Scott McAlpine who will be leaving GPRC for the position of President at Douglas College.
- Congratulations to Dr. Houshang Ghazi for having the highest percentage of passing students (81%) for part A of the power engineering exam.
- Congratulations to Kelly Benning for hosting another successful Aboriginal Student Success Ceremony on Saturday, April 4. Aboriginal students now make up over 20% of our student body.
- Appreciation expressed to J. Murray and C. Bartel for the wonderful performance of the GPRC Concert Choir on April 5. What a wonderful evening!
- Thank you and appreciation to David Gregg, Franco Carlacci and Reddy Ganta for stepping in on the spur of the moment to cover George Ding's classes while George was in China at his mother's funeral.
- Congratulations to the organizers of the Festival of Gold. The event was very well organized and the students were first class.
- Congratulations to the staff and students of the Business Administration Department for another successful Student Business Conference held March 18.
- Incoming Student's Association President Chelsey Greene, was introduced.

CHAMBER HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

V. Sunohara reported on progress made by the Chamber Health Advocacy Committee. Mr. Evans Forsyth has been hired to prepare a proposal regarding medical training.

V. Sunohara also reported on a recent visit to Edmonton by the Chamber Executive where they met with the Minister of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology and Minister of Infrastructure in regards to completing the highway. Minister Horner referenced the need to offer health related education in programs that were less costly.

MOVED by P. Merlo, seconded by J. Clayton, the Board of Governors accepts the report of V. Sunohara on behalf of the Chamber Health Advocacy Committee activity report.

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D. Gnatiuk reported that Dr. J. Petryshyn, Dean of Health, Wellness and Career Studies, has been appointed to the Chamber Health Advocacy Committee as a resource.

SELF-EVALUATION OF GOVERNANCE PROCESS AT THIS MEETING

Board members received in their Board packages the Board meeting self-evaluation form. Members completed the form and handed it in for compilation and discussion at the May meeting.

ROUNDTABLE

Board members comments:

- Board members expressed their appreciation to Rory and bid him farewell. Rory was outstanding as a student representative on the Board.
- R. Horner attended the Northwest Regional Skills Competition in Fairview.
- D. Gnatiuk will again begin scheduling individual meetings with each Board member.
- Rory Tarant expressed what a pleasure it was for him to serve on the Board of Governors. He enjoyed spending time with each Board member and will take their knowledge and wisdom with him. A Board member is primarily a volunteer position and is accountable to make GPRC a better place for the students and community. He thanked the Board for taking the time to invest in his life, as well as for their dedication to students.
- The Board Chair assigned mentors for the new Board Members:
 - Dan Lemieux will mentor Chelsey Green
 - Vince Vavrek will mentor Jackie Clayton
 - Grant Menzies will mentor Pete Merlo
 - Michael O'Connor will mentor Anita Luck
 - Rick Horner will mentor Tim Garner

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by D. Lemieux, seconded by J. Clayton, the Board of Governors adjourns the public meeting at 3:46 p.m.

**CARRIED
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Michael O'Connor, Chair


Maureen Clarke, Secretary