

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE, E211 FEBRUARY 25, 2010, 3:00 P.M.

**Board Members:** 

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Chair

Ms. Jackie Clayton

Mr. Tim Garner, notice of absence

Mr. Don Gnatiuk
Ms. Chelsey Greene
Ms. Debra Gustavson
Mr. Richard Horner
Mr. Daniel Lemieux
Ms. Anita Luck

Ms. Wendy McMillan

Mr. Grant Menzies, notice of absence

Mr. Peter Merlo Mr. Vince Vavrek

**Guests:** 

Lynne Ness

**Damian Woods** 

# **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Chair called to order the public session of the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Board Chair called for amendments to the Agenda of February 25, 2010.

**MOVED** by R. Horner, seconded by P. Merlo, the Agenda of February 25, 2010 is approved as circulated.

**CARRIED** 5345/2010

## **MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2010**

The Board Chair called for errors or omissions in the January 28, 2010 Minutes.

**MOVED** by A. Luck, seconded by C. Greene, the Minutes of January 28, 2010 are approved.

**CARRIED** 5346/2010

# **Business Arising:**

Board members were reminded to express their interest in being a member of the Committee established to assist in the review and monitoring of the Board Mandate and Roles Document. P. Merlo and A. Luck will join the Committee of D. Lemieux, M. O'Connor and D. Gnatiuk. The first meeting will be arranged before the next Board meeting, with subsequent meetings being held every six weeks. Board members will be emailed a copy of the Alberta Public Agencies Governance Act.

# **MONITORING CEO PERFORMANCE**

### **EL-6 – SUCCESSION PLANNING**

The Board received and reviewed the CEO Monitoring Report for Executive Limitation (EL-6) Succession Planning.

The President assured that there are Executive Team members that could take on the CEO responsibilities for a transition period, if required. W. McMillan added that the current Executive holds the trust of the faculty.

Board members requested that the President implement training in Policy Governance for Executive Team members.

**MOVED** by P. Merlo, seconded by D. Lemieux, the Board accept the CEO Monitoring Report on Executive Limitation (EL-6) Succession Planning as a reasonable interpretation of the policy supported by appropriate rationale.

CARRIED 5347/2010

# **GOVERNANCE PROCESS – ITEMS FOR DECISION**

## **EXECUTIVE LIMITATION (EL-6) – SUCCESSION PLANNING**

The Board reviewed the Executive Limitation (EL-6) Succession Planning.

Board members discussed what level of preparedness there is to replace the CEO, should it become necessary. This issue will be explored by the Committee that will review and monitor the Board Mandate and Roles Document.

**MOVED** by Dan Lemieux, seconded by Rick Horner, the Board of Governors reaffirm Executive Limitation (EL-6) Succession Planning as received.

**CARRIED** 5348/2010

# **MONITORING BOARD PERFORMANCE**

# **GOVERNANCE POLICY (GP-3) GOVERNING STYLE**

Board members reviewed the Governance Policy (GP-3) Governing Style. The Board wants to highlight its commitment to Policy Governance in the opening paragraph.

**MOVED** by A. Luck, seconded by P. Merlo, the opening paragraph of the Board Governance Policy (GP-3) Governing Style be amended to add: "The Board will govern using **the policy governance model and with a style** that includes..."

**CARRIED** 5349/2010

**MOVED** by A. Luck, seconded by Pete Merlo, the Board Governance Policy (GP-3) Governing Style (GP-3) be approved with the following amendment to the opening paragraph: "The Board will govern using **the policy governance model and with a style** that includes diverse viewpoints, strategic leadership, collective decision making and planning for the future with a clear distinction between board and presidential roles."

**CARRIED** 5350/2010

# **GOVERNANCE POLICY (GP-4) BOARD JOB CONTRIBUTION**

Board members reviewed the Governance Policy (GP-4) Board Job Contributions.

**MOVED** by Jackie Clayton, seconded by Vince Vavrek, the Board Governance Policy (GP-4) Board Job Contributions is approved as received.

**CARRIED** 5351/2010

### GLOBAL BOARD-PRESIDENT RELATIONSHIP BC

Board members reviewed the Policy on Global Board-President Relationship (BC).

**MOVED** by P. Merlo, seconded by D. Gustavson, the Policy on Global Board-President Relationship (BC) is approved as received.

**CARRIED** 5352/2010

### **INCIDENTAL INFORMATION**

### **BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

The Board Chair reported:

- Attending the pre-budget teleconference.
- Meeting with the Grande Prairie Public School Board Trustees.
- Budget presentation to staff.

## **CEO REPORT**

The President reported on:

- Attending Chinese New Year Celebration
- Visit to Olds College for demonstration in best practices The Learning Commons.
- GPRC Facility Master Plan continues to hold a place in the Government's Capital project list.
- Alberta North exploring a restructuring following notification of a decrease in their funding.
- Attending AACTI on February 3 and 4.
- Apply Alberta has been launched at GPRC. The Board will receive a demonstration at the March meeting.
- Attending the curling funspiel in Fairview
- The recognitions made by Executive for value-added contributions to GPRC and the community (attachment).

# **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 March meeting.

# **ROUNDTABLE**

Board members comments:

- There have been an increasing number of activities that enhance student life
- J. Clayton, on behalf of the Arctic Winter Games Management Committee, expressed appreciation to the GPRC staff volunteers.
- The Board commended the President on his delivery of the President's Address and budget message in Fairview and in Grande Prairie. The Board also acknowledged the positive and accepting response from the staff.
- P. Merlo attended the Alumni/Foundation Planning Session and will encourage the Executive Director of Community Relations to present the Campaign Cabinet concept to the Board.
- D. Lemieux reported on attending a 'Breakfast with the Boys' where Leigh Goldie did a tremendous job of the keynote address.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The public meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Michael O'Connor, Chair

Maureen Clarke, Secretary



# **FEBRUARY 2010 RECOGNITION**

- CHRIS NICOL for organizing the Wolves Junior High Basketball Tournament held in the GPRC gymnasium the weekend of January 30. Chris is a great ambassador for PEAK and GPRC and is typical of our coaches and all the extra time they put into their programs to make them successful. Chris and the others definitely have a great passion for what they do.
- KELLY BENNING and the CIRCLE OF ABORIGINAL STUDENTS, for organizing the Blues Night Benefit Concert for Haiti Relief. The event raised \$2,230.
- Appreciation is extended to the BURSARY SELECTION COMMITTEE consisting of: Student Services staff Carla Basarab, Sheila Moerkoert, Christine Gurlitz and Allison Chisholm, Instructional reps Loren Jacula and Khris Weeks, SA Rep C.J. Scheller, Foundation Rep Hazel Liley. They disbursed \$95,725.00 to students in financial need. 155 students - 157 Bursaries.
- Congratulations to VINCE VAVREK who received the Clem E. Collins award, which honours a
  dedicated Chamber volunteer.
- The FINE ARTS FACULTY held 'Winter Song', an eclectic and entertaining mix of a variety of different music styles organized by Fay Bredeson (Conservatory Coordinator) and Joanne Porta (Fine Arts Admin. Assistant). It featured performances from GPRC Music faculty: Geoff Whittall, Chris McIntyre, John Murray, Carmen Gorgichuk and Robert Howey and performances by our Fine Arts Conservatory instructors: Fay Bredeson, Gwen Bartek, Carmen Bartel, Jeremy Thielman, Diana Strid, Loesha Eastman, Joyce Smith, Alison Dalgleish, Mary-Ann Lynch and guest Franz Kratschat. \$700 was raised to benefit GPRC Fine Arts students through Awards and Scholarships.
- KAREN KENNEDY has been designated Instructor Emeritus of GPRC at the Feb 11 Academic Council meeting.
- Appreciation is extended to Kellan Eckstrom and Russell Workun for organizing the first annual GPRC FAIRVIEW/GRANDE PRAIRIE CAMPUS HOCKEY CHALLENGE. Thanks to everyone that played and to all who travelled to Fairview to support the teams.
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS, PEAK AND STUDENT RECRUITMENT: namely Jordan Abney, Joanne Balance, Kelsey Hamer and Debbie Rose for their contributions in making the Wolves Alumni weekend and parents reception a success on the long weekend in February.
- Acknowledge the organizers of the SPIRIT SEEKERS YOUTH CONFERENCE held on campus with over 200 youth in attendance and just under 500 people at the Saturday evening Round Dance. The event was a huge success. The conference included the Role Model Awards where youth are recognized and honoured in several different categories for their extreme hard work and overcoming obstacles. This year two GPRC Students and one GPRC Staff/Alumni were honoured:
  - o In the Category of Health and Wellness, student, **Ashley Nixon**
  - o In the category of Academic Excellence, student, Jackie Benning
  - o In the category of Career and Employment, staff/alumni, Sheila Moerkoet

- Congratulations to DR. ROBERT HUNT for successfully achieving the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance Level 2 Certification.
- Acknowledgement of DESH MITTRA'S involvement in the Hindu Society of the Peace Region. Desh works to maintain tradition as an instructor in Hindi language classes. Desh and his wife, Meera, were recently featured in the Daily Herald Tribune.
- Recognition is extended to Fairview Campus Librarian MONICA MACDONALD for the article featuring the Fairview Library and its resident cat, NEOS
- Recognition to LIZ RICHARD (currently on Professional Leave). Liz was given an assignment to
  evaluate her own clinical teaching and in the process implemented a new way of doing clinical
  supervision. With the assistance of Nursing Instructor Bonnie Braun, Liz used the TGrow Model
  Coaching of indirect clinical supervision to supervise her 4th year Nursing students. This newer,
  innovative model of clinical supervision has significantly enhanced the communication between the
  student, the preceptor and the supervisor. It provides structure and clarity in the roles of each
  position and is proactive in helping students meet their goals.
- Congratulations to Board member GRANT MENZIES on his numerous contributions and determination that led to his inductee as one of Grande Prairie's Hockey Legends.