



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
OF GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE
GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE, E211
FEBRUARY 26, 2009, 3:00 P.M.**

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

Guests: Ms. Jean Nordin
Mr. Carmen Haakstad
Ms. Lynne Ness
Mr. Remo Zaccagna, Daily Herald-Tribune

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called to order the public session of the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Board Chair called for amendments to the Agenda of February 26, 2009.

MOVED by D. Gnatiuk, seconded by V. Vavrek, the Agenda of February 26, 2009 is approved with the following additions.

- 4.2 Aquatera
- 4.3 Board Honouraria

**CARRIED
5260/2009**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2009

The Chair called for errors or omissions in the January 22, 2009 Minutes.

MOVED by V. Vavrek, seconded by J. Clayton the Minutes of January 22, 2009 are approved as received.

CARRIED
5261/2009

REQUIRED APPROVAL AGENDA

Approval of Tuition Fee Schedule 2009-2011

In accordance with the Post-Secondary Learning Act, 61(1) the Board of Governors shall set the tuition fees to be paid by students.

As directed by the Tuition Fee Policy, the Director of Student Services has drafted a Tuition Fee Schedule for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 and has received feedback for consensus from GPRC Senior Administration, Instruction Team, Administrative Council, Students' Association Executive and Student Council. The proposed increase for these years is 4.1%.

In reviewing the tuition fee proposals and the related criteria and associated data, the opinions of the various stakeholders through an extensive consultation process have been considered and the attached Estimated Fees for 2009-2010 is recommended for approval.

The Tuition Fee Policy limits tuition to not exceed 30% of the net operating costs. The Student Council passed a motion to endorse the 4.1% increase.

The fee schedule will be published in the College Calendar and the GPRC Business Plan

MOVED by D. Gnatiuk, seconded by V. Vavrek the Board of Governors approved the recommended Tuition Fee Schedule for 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 as attached.

CARRIED
5262/2009

Community Energy System

The President provided an overview of the presentation he received from Aquatera to commence dialogue determining the College's interest in pursuing a 20-year commitment with Aquatera for the provision of heat energy.

J. Clayton is a member of the Aquatera Board and declared a conflict, refraining from taking part in this agenda item.

Board members felt that discussion of this nature was long overdue and looks forward to a positive outcome. One caution was made to ensure that the College insurance provider was aware of a potential change, in the event there are caveats such as a need for a backup system.

MOVED by D. Lemieux, seconded by V. Sunohara, the GPRC Board of Governors approve the following:

Provided that more in-depth discussions confirm the principles below, the GPRC Executive Committee may recommend to the GPRC Board of Governors that Grande Prairie Regional College enter into a 20 year agreement with the Community Energy System for the supply of all of its heat energy requirements:

In principle, linking Grande Prairie Regional College to the Community Energy System will:

- Reduce the total long term cost of heating GPRC
- Reduce the volatility of heat energy costs
- Move GPRC closer to 'carbon neutrality'
- Assist in gaining LEED status for the proposed facility expansion
- Reduce the amount of time spent by staff on heat energy related activities

CARRIED

5263/2009

1 Abstention (J. Clayton)

**Resolution of Committee of the Whole Agenda
GPRC Board of Governors Honouraria**

The Board received a comparative report of the Alberta institutions indicating the honouraria received by Board members. While the Board Chair receives a honouraria well below the provincial average, Board members received an average compensation for their time commitment. In light of the current economic pressures, the Board of Governors does not recommend any changes to the current honouraria schedule. This issue will be raised again next fall to reconsider an increase, particularly in regards to Board Chair compensation.

MOVED by P. Merlo, seconded by D. Lemieux the Board accept as information the comparative information on Board honouraria and make no changes to the current honouraria.

CARRIED (unanimous)

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INCIDENTAL INFORMATION

CEO REPORT

The President reported on recent contacts and activities:

- Alberta North Strategic Planning Committee meetings. D. Gnatiuk will take over the position of Chair of Alberta North at the end of this academic year.
- AACTI meetings and AACTI Innovation Management Committee meetings.
- A second follow-up meeting with Finning.
- APEGGA Dinner
- Mayor Logan
- Chamber Ball
- Fairview Chamber AGM
- GPRC/NAIT Fairview transition meeting
- Industry Training Awards
- Planning and Budgeting Meetings

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

- Dr. Scott McAlpine, Dean, School of Arts, Science and Upgrading, emceed the Chamber of Commerce 2nd Annual Next Steps Symposium on January 22 at the Evergreen Park Tec Centre. The theme this year was Sustainable Business
- Allen MacFarlane, Housing, for assistance above and beyond by removing the snow from between the new Northern Lakes modular units just because he knew it needed to be done and wanted to help others that couldn't get to it until the next day.
- Joan Godbout, Academic Upgrading instructor, has fulfilled the requirements for the Master of Online Education through the University of Southern Queensland.
- Terryl Kosowan (Pfannmuller), Nursing instructor, has fulfilled the requirements for the Master of Nursing program through the University of Southern Queensland.
- Congratulations to the organizers, volunteers and workers of both the Athletics Alumni Weekend and the Game Expo.
- Gratitude and recognition to John Webster, Brian Parlee, Brian Brewster, and Jim Richards for managing the recent sewage back up.
- Carmen Haakstad, Susan Banskrope, Karen Scribner, and Ken Riley recognized for their stellar work in negotiations with the Academic Staff Association and the Employees' Association, administering the process of the Fairview transition, and finalizing the GPRC 2009-2010 budget, all within tight timelines.
- Science Department Chair Som Pillay recognized for his assistance in the organization of the Science Fair.

CHAMBER HEALTH ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT

V. Sunohara reported for the President on the role of the Chamber Health Advocacy Committee meeting. The Committee is hiring support to put together a proposal to present to the Ministers of Alberta Advanced Education and Technology, and Alberta Health and Wellness to establish an action committee for medical training in northwest Alberta.

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 February meeting.

ROUNDTABLE

GPRC IMAGE

Board members discussed the issue of consistency in the promoting and marketing of GPRC. The Board Chair requested that the President review the GPRC image to ensure that it is applied consistently across the College and that the College logo is prominently displayed on College merchandise and products.

OTHER


Board members comments:

- Welcome was expressed from Board members to the newest members A. Luck, P. Merlo and J. Clayton.
- R. Horner encouraged the Board and College Executive to keep the foot on the throttle disregarding the looming economic forecast, because to slow down and reaccelerate takes too long.
- New members recognized the welcoming atmosphere of the Board, the obvious strength of respect between staff and administration and their enthusiasm of being part of GPRC as it moves toward the future.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by R. Horner, seconded by V. Vavrek, the Board of Governors adjourns the public meeting at 4:35 p.m.

**CARRIED
5265/2009**


Michael P. O'Connor, Chair


Maureen Clarke, Secretary