

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2015 – JENNIFER ERWIN**

### **September 2015 BOG Meeting**

Meet and greet for the new members to the Board: Sherri Bell, Jennifer Erwin and Laylee Rohani. Russ Lazaruk met with both me and Laylee to outline roles and responsibilities to the Board.

Members put their name forward to sit on Committees and I put my name forward and was approved to be on the Finance Committee that is Chaired by Cindy Choi.

Sherri provided her first Board Report and she has been exceedingly busy and made presentations at each school's welcome back event.

Minister Virk, Min of Technology Innovation and Citizens' Services and a number of Ministry employees, have a visit planned to the Interurban Campus.

The proposal for the Health Building will be submitted to the Government on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

Portfolio changes to Senior Leadership Council and College Executive Team. Applied Research and Innovation is moving to the Education Division. The VP Education's portfolio is extensive so Student Services is moving to Communication, Advancement and Planning.

Working toward development of the next Strategic Plan.

The Foundation received a \$.5 million bequest. It is intended for students in need who must travel some distance, so the Foundation Board accepted an aboriginal proposal for students coming from beyond Sooke. At year end, The Foundation held a \$19.5M asset based. Last year 550 awards (equaling \$300K) for achievement and 637 bursaries (equaling \$400K) for students in need were distributed.

PISE – The track project went to tender in the summer and has been awarded with a completion date of spring 2016.

Board approves program cancellations and it was put forward that the Board would like a procedure to establish the role of the BOG in the acceptance of new programs. To be clear the process is to 'accept' clearly NOT approve new programs. So be aware of the positive additions of programs at CC.

Five-Year Capital Plan. The Ministry of Advanced Education requests this plan each year. There are two set priorities for capital fund, one is for new buildings and the other is for renewal or replacement.

Vice President Administration Search Update. The position profile is complete and has been posted.

## **October 2015 BOG Meeting**

Nothing too much other than my own personal reflection in that I feel the Board is very student focused and clearly understands the significant role that Camosun College plays in the City, Province and on some level country as a whole.

Our new President is very visible both internally and externally to the College.

The budget is healthy in part to strong international student numbers and the tone of the Board is much more upbeat when finances are good.

## **November 2015 BOG Meeting**

Russ Lazaruk elected as Board Chair and Ron Rice elected as Vice-Chair.

There was an Education Approval Process presentation that was informative.

Deborah Huelscher is now the Chief Financial Officer.

Discussion of Student Housing is on the table. The Board will hold a meeting dedicated to this issue.

Concept plan for the Health Building has been submitted to the Ministry. Over the next few months the college will respond to any questions, then it will go to the Ministry of Finance.

United Way in full swing.

Centre for Trades Excellence and Innovation is substantially complete – folks moving in daily.

The CCFA provided a report to the Board outlining the make-up of the CCFA. It was a succinct letter and might be a good thing for CUPE to do something similar. It gave a breakdown of gender, what people do, highlights etc.

Enrollment report was presented – numbers are good. Number of students is up .1% and number of course enrollments is up 1.1%. This increase is due in strong part to a record number of international students a total of 1298 for Fall 2015. Reduction in students in School of Access re: lack of government funding model for ESL/upgrading. CC is trying to address this issue as there is some funding and the information needs to be given to students in a timely manner.