

CUPE AGM 2016/2017

Executive Report: Joanne Cumberland, Board of Governors rep

My first year as CUPE/Staff rep on the Board of Governors has been about learning the role of BofG within Camosun College and my role within BofG.

We have had presentations on building priorities, mostly the completion of the Trades Building and the start of the Health Building. At the tail end of the Trades Building, the focus has been directed towards raising funds through the Foundation and honouring donors with naming rights. The beginning of the Health Building has focused on gaining government (provincial & federal) funding, risk assessment/management and architectural planning.

The Board has also seen multiple presentation from the Policy Development department, particularly in relation to the recently approved Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy. This policy has required considerable consultation and updates with the Board.

We have also received reports on College Risk assessment/profile for various organization units within the college, enrolment numbers for domestic and international students with projected college income. We have discussed ongoing concerns such as student housing and student and staff parking. We have signed the Mandate Letter for Post-Secondary Institutions.

The Board also held a special meeting to discuss indigenization, Truth and Reconciliation and aboriginal student issues. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend this meeting.

I also joined the Finance Committee November 2016. So far, this has only involved a monthly monitoring of the budget with an eye on increased tuition income. The final fiscal year end meeting will occur after the submission of this report.

My overall impression of the Board over this past year is that the members are intelligent group of people with diverse skills and backgrounds who really seem to have the best interests the college as a whole in mind in all discussions and decision-making processes.