

Okanagan College Board of Governors  
Regular Open Session

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

S103B Executive Office Boardroom Kelowna Campus

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## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### Motion:

*"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves the September 26, 2023 Open Session meeting agenda and thereby approves the consent agenda."*

CARRIED

### 2.1. Consent Agenda

#### 2.1.1. Open Session Minutes – September 26, 2023

## 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT

No conflicts were declared.

## 4. REPORTS

### 4.1. Chair Report

The Chair provided a report as follows:

- The Executive Committee met last week and reviewed the Governance Advocacy Framework developed from the Board PD sessions.
- The Chair represented the Board at the OC Foundation Governance Committee and Board meetings in October and December. The Chair thanked the Foundation for their work.
- On October 18, the Chair hosted OC's 60th Anniversary Celebrations on behalf of the Board organized by the Alumni Association.
- The Board Chair thanked members who attended a number of fall events on behalf of the Board, including:
  - Fall Convocation Ceremonies on October 4 and thanked those members who are representing the Board at the ceremonies on January 27.
  - The Wellness Centre Campaign Launch on October 26.
  - Student Awards ceremonies in Kelowna, Penticton and Vernon in November.
- On December 5, the Chair attended the quarterly provincial Board Chairs meeting via Zoom.
- CABRO has informed the Board of office of two upcoming PD opportunities:
  - April 26 – Governing in the Public Interest Workshop
  - June 13 & 14 – Board Governance Workshop

### 4.2. Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Report

The Committee Chair noted there is nothing additional to report from the Closed Session.

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#### 4.2.1. Signing Authority Policy

The CFO and Vice President, Corporate Services outlined the updates suggesting that a goal of the new Signing Authority policy was to streamline workflows and efficiencies in signing. The Policy was updated under the policy framework, formatted and spending limits were updated. The Policy is now more efficient as capital and operational expenses are split.

Motion:

*"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approve the Signing Authority Policy as recommended by the Finance, Audit and*

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The Education Council Chair provided an overview of Committees and their functions. The Operations Committee, Tributes, and Curriculum Criteria and Calendar Committee are less focused on academic matters, while the five Curriculum Proposal Review Committees (CPRC) (representing each academic portfolio) and Academic Regulations and Policies Committee have an academic 1



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### 4.5.3. Program Revisions

The Education Council Chair provided an overview of program revisions as follows:

- For Accessible Education programs, updates to department name and terminology to align with industry best practice. The program names have changed from "Adult Special Education" to "Accessible Education".
- Changes to include required communication courses for the Bachelor of Computer Information Systems.
- Admission requirements for the Early Childhood Education Certificate and Diploma have been updated according to provincial and institutional standards. First aid certification

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Motions:

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves the 2023 – 24 Academic Schedule Policy Variance as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”*

CARRIED

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors approves the 2024 – 25 Academic Schedule Policy Variance as recommended by Education Council and as presented.”*

CARRIED

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1. Indigenous Framework

The President noted the Indigenous Strategic Framework is under the Inspire Plan and as a living document, it is presented for discussion and not approval.

The Director, Indigenous Relations outlined the Four Pillars Model of Indigenization which were developed in accordance with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action, the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples, and the final report of the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls.

A member asked about completion of the four pillars, and it was noted that Indigenous Student Services and Leadership Council are working on them. Indigenous Education Council has had discussion with communities on which goals to emphasize. A goal is to ensure the Plan is funded going forward.

The Board Chair expressed appreciation for the work done on the Plan. A member noted that they are excited about what is to come through the Plan.

The President noted future Plan updates will come forward in the President's report.

### 5.2. Indigenous Principles

The President noted that the principles were developed at the request of the Board. The Director, Indigenous Relations provided an overview of the principles noting the importance of a connection to the land is important. The coyote represents stories across the territories and creation. The weaving characterizes coming together. The principles represent taking the time to reflect and be heard, and have voice, to hear one another and to honor each others' points of view. Groups of four represent the four pillars. Reciprocity from everything that surrounds us.

In response to a member's question about the language used, it was noted that the En'owkin Centre, Professor Bill Cohen, elders, and Secwépemc colleagues were consulted.

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A member indicated their appreciation for the canoe metaphor.

Motion:

*“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Okanagan College Board of Governors review and integrate the Indigenous Guiding Principles for Board of Governors as presented.”*

CARRIED

5.3. Advocacy Framework

The President noted that the Governance Advocacy Framework was developed as an outcome of the professional development sessions in October with the intention of aligning the Board with regularized messages and tools for advocacy.

The Vice President, Enrolment and College Relations presented the framework noting it consists of key messages that will be updated as needed, and themes and strategies beyond key messages intended to move change forward as a Board.

The President asked for feedback of the Advocacy Framework as an effective tool for the Board. Members provided feedback and suggested a cheat sheet be developed for Board members to draw from the Framework.

The Board Chair thanked Vice President, Enrolment and College Relations for the work on the Framework.

5.4. Annual Elections

5.4.1. Chair

The Chair asked the CFO & Vice President, Corporate Services to conduct elections.

The CFO and Vice President, Corporate Services called for nominations for the position of Chair.

- D. Safinuk was nominated and accepted the nomination.
- A second and third call was issued. No additional nominations were received.

D. Safinuk was acclaimed to the position of Chair.

5.4.2. Vice Chair

The CFO & Vice President, Corporate Services called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair.

- A. Alexander was nominated and accepted the nomination.
- A second and third call was issued. No additional nominations were received.



