



**Minutes for the Board Meeting of the
Lethbridge College Board of Governors
Held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 via
Zoom video conferencing**

Board of Governors

In Attendance

1. Brenda Brindle, Vice Chair
2. Paula Burns, President and CEO
3. Kristine Cassie, Vice Chair
4. Emil Cipion
5. Jennifer Davis
6. Karri Flatla
7. Emory Hache
8. Nolan Johnson
9. Ray Many Chief
10. Michael Marcotte, Chair
11. Janene Moch
12. Calvin Scott

Regrets

MANAGEMENT:

Simon Griffiths, Vice President Corporate Services and CFO
Samantha Lenci, Provost and Vice President Academic
Coreen Roth, Vice President People and Planning
Kristen DeMone, Senior Executive Assistant and Board Secretary (recording secretary)

1.0 Call to Order

Michael Marcotte called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and welcomed all in attendance. Michael acknowledged that everyone was gathered on the traditional territory of the Blackfoot confederacy. Michael acknowledge Indigenous Services for their hard work in bringing the Niitsitapi Strategy to life. He noted that quorum requirements were met.

Michael congratulated Kristine on her re-appointment to the board and welcomed newly appointed public board members Janene Moch, Calvin Scott, and Nolan Johnson, and student representative Ray Many Chief.

2.0 Setting the Context: Board Ends Framework

Michael drew the boards attention to the Board Ends Framework as circulated per attachment 2.0, reminding the board to remain focused on governance of the college.

Michael shared that the board would review the current board ends once the Alberta government's post-secondary review is complete.

3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Approval of the Agenda for March 23, 2021

3.2 Approval of the Draft Minutes of February 2, 2021

Michael asked if there were any questions. None arose.

MOVED by Kristine Cassie and seconded by Karri Flatla **THAT**, the Board of Governors approves the consent agenda for the March 23, 2021 meeting. **MOTION: CARRIED**

4.0 Conflict of Interest Declarations

No conflicts or perceived conflicts of interest were declared.

5.0 Lethbridge College Tuition 2021-2022

Paula provided background information on the process for tuition approval. She then invited Marko Hilgersom, Registrar, and Heather Lyon, Director Financial Services, and Dr. Kevin Smith, Dean, Centre for Business, Arts, and Science to present the proposed changes to tuition to the board.

Marko provided background information on the existing tuition structure and rates, and the consultation process that was undertaken for the proposed changes to tuition rates.

Kevin provided information on the exceptional tuition increase that was proposed for Academic Upgrading.

Heather provided information on current fees that apply to students, including mandatory non-instructional fees, and reviewed the proposed changes. Marko addressed the impact of fee increases to domestic and international students.

A board member inquired about tuition rates across post-secondary institutions in the province. Marko shared that Lethbridge College is in the lower half of the market for tuition.

Another question was asked about increases to tuition rates in future years. Marko shared that tuition increases would be looked at through tuition bands. Heather also shared that it is the second year of a three-year plan to change the tuition framework.

A board member inquired about the base line of tuition and increases to tuition compared to the University of Lethbridge. Marko shared that Lethbridge College is considerably less on a per course basis compared to the University of Lethbridge.

A board member inquired about how Lethbridge College's upgrading fees compare across post-secondary institutions in the province. Kevin shared that Lethbridge College would still be at the lower end of the spectrum for upgrading. Kevin shared that the increase would allow the college to further develop the program.

Paula provided background information on the government's decision to allow institutions to increase tuition. Paula also shared that additional funds are being invested into bursaries for students.

A board member inquired if other models had been looked at from other institutions both within and outside of the province. Marko shared that they had looked at other post-secondary institutions within the province and would continue to look at other models in the future.

MOVED by Michael Marcotte and seconded by Kristine Cassie **THAT**, the Board of Governors approve the Lethbridge College proposed tuition and fee increases for the fiscal year 2021-2022. **MOTION: CARRIED**

MOVED by Brenda Brindle and seconded by Kristine Cassie **THAT**, the Board of Governors approve the exceptional tuition increase for Lethbridge College Academic Upgrading courses for the fiscal year 2021-2022. **MOTION: CARRIED**

6.0 Information

6.1 Correspondence from Deputy Minister Curtis Clarke – Practical Nurse Refresher Certificate Program

6.2 Correspondence from Deputy Minister Curtis Clarke – Program Terminations

6.3 Report of the Auditor General – Alberta Advanced Education Report on Post-secondary Institutions 2020

6.4 Order in Council – Board appointments

Michael asked if there were any questions. None arose.

7.0 Adjournment

MOVED by Michael Marcotte and seconded by Paula Burns **THAT**, the Board of Governors adjourns its public meeting of March 23, 2021 at 2:06 p.m. **MOTION: CARRIED**