1.0 Call to Order and Introduction of Guest(s)

Barichello called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m. and welcomed Brittany Pitruniak, in-coming president for the Students’ Association and student member to the Board of Governors, effective May 1, 2015. He also welcomed Jasmine French, Executive Director of the Faculty Association.

1.1 Declaration of Conflicts of Interest and Commitment (Real, Potential or Perceived)

No conflicts were declared.

1.2 Approval of Agenda/Consent Agenda

01-04-23-2014/15 Moved and seconded to approve the agenda and consent agenda as circulated. Carried.
1.2.1 Previous Meeting Minutes: February 26, 2015
1.2.2 President’s Newsletter: March 2015
1.2.3 Correspondence
1.2.4 Students’ Association of MacEwan University
1.2.5 MacEwan Staff Association
1.2.6 Faculty Association
1.2.7 Academic Governance Council (AGC) Report
1.2.8 Audit Committee Report
1.2.9 Campus Planning Committee Report
1.2.10 External Relations Committee Report
1.2.11 Sustainability Progress Report
1.2.12 Policy Approvals
  1.2.12.1 D8010 Information Security and Identity Management (NEW)

2.0 Business Arising From Previous Meeting(s)

2.1 Academic Administrative Structures

2.1.1 Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications

Corlett advised the development of academic administrative structures was proposed during the integrated strategic planning sessions to better align faculties in a manner typical of Canadian universities and create efficiencies as well as increase the effectiveness of administrative matters. The plan as presented for the Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications (FFAC) has been reviewed by the FFAC Faculty Council and Academic Governance Council (AGC). Roy added the model was built such that it will be able to expand as the faculty moves forward on future plans for development of degrees and faculty members are added. Responding to a question about any concerns that were raised during the development of the model, Roy indicated there has been some anxiety expressed, but there were no conflicts and the faculty has been supportive of the proposal. Corlett added only one question was asked at AGC regarding the size of the arts and cultural management program, but it was not a concern, merely an observation. Roy also clarified a reference in the briefing note regarding the Theatre Production program; it will be in the proposed department called Theatre.

02-04-23-2014/15 – Moved and seconded that the Board of Governors approve the proposed Faculty of Fine Arts and Communications academic structure as recommended by the Academic Governance Council. Carried.

2.1.2 Faculty of Arts and Science

Corlett noted the Faculty of Arts and Science has had a departmental structure in place for a number of years, however, it had never been brought to the Board for approval. As a result, the Board is asked to ratify the long standing practice around the academic administrative structure of the Faculty of Arts and Science. He added this does not need to be shared with AGC as they are aware of the current practice in the Faculty.

03-04-23-2014/15 - Moved and seconded that the Board of Governors ratifies the departmental structure under which the Faculty of Arts and Science has been operating. Carried.
3.0 New Business

No items were brought forward as new business.

4.0 Reports

4.1 Board Chair’s Report

In his absence from this portion of the meeting, Baptista shared the Board Chair’s report which highlighted the following events that have taken place since the last Board Meeting:

- March 6 – Campus Alberta Strategic Directions Committee met in Calgary. Atkinson attended.
- March 15 – The 2015 Juno Awards were given out. Jim Head, music alumnus and assistant professor was nominated for Jazz Album of the Year. Congratulations were extended on behalf of the Board.
- March 16 – Griffins Landing opened in the space formerly known as the MacEwan Room.
- March 20 – Global’s Women of Vision 20th Anniversary Luncheon took place. Lesley MacDonald, former Board Member is the founder, producer, writer and host of the monthly segments profiling Edmonton’s Women of Vision. The luncheon recognized seven Young Women of Vision, four of whom are from MacEwan University: Abby Mitchell from the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, Kennedy Doyle, Bachelor of Commerce, Laura Squires, Bachelor of Commerce and Delaney Waldo, Bachelor of Science, Computing Science. The recognition includes a scholarship or bursary.
- March 23 – Day presented to the downtown Rotary club regarding the University’s historical development and its current and future priorities.
- March 25 – Day attend the Allard Chair Luncheon and introduced the 2015 chair, Simon O’Byrne, Vice President of Urban Planning at Stantec
- March 26 – The Griffins Awards Banquet was held. Congratulations are extended to all of the athletes on their accomplishments this year.
- April 14 – Day and a number of other Board members attend Cathryn Heslep’s retirement event held in the Heart of the Robbins.

Looking ahead, Baptista referenced the following events:

- April 25 – Mad Hatters Gala takes place at the Shaw Conference Centre.
- May 1 – Grieve will attend the Canadian University Boards Association Conference in Montreal.
- May 6 – The University will host a Career Milestones event, recognizing employees who have 20 or more years of service to the University. Baptista will be recognized for 25 years of service at the event.
- May 11 – President’s reception takes place in the Robbins Health Learning Centre.

5.0 Adjournment of Open Session

The Board of Governors’ Meeting – Open Session adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

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