

BOARD OF GOVERNORS' MEETING
(410th Meeting)

C110, FENNEL CAMPUS, MOHAWK COLLEGE
Wednesday, May 13, 2009

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1.	CALL TO ORDER The Mohawk College Open Portion Board of Governors' meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.
2.	INTRODUCTION OF NEW GUESTS Ronald Holgerson introduced the new guests at the meeting.
3.	ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA There were no items added to or deleted from the agenda.
4.	CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS The Chair asked that any Governor wishing to declare a conflict of interest with respect to any item on the agenda do so at this time. No conflicts were declared.
5.	STRATEGIC DISCUSSION ITEMS
5.1	Overview of Bursaries and Financial Assistance Bill Pitcher and Marilyn Micucci provided an overview of bursaries and financial assistance at the College. At the February meeting of the Board of Governors, a maximum tuition fee increase of 4.0 to 4.5% was approved for most programs while a maximum increase of 8% was approved for the first year of high-demand programs and Graduate Certificate programs. This

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brings Mohawk's *regular* tuition fee to \$2,220 per year while specialized program tuition can cost as much as \$5,669. Compulsory Incidental Fees are \$717, an increase of 1.5% over the previous year. All tuition fees for Ontario Community Colleges are regulated by the Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities. Since 2005, the tuition fee for *regular* programs has increased by \$400 or 22%. However, revenue for Ontario colleges from the combination of government operating grants and tuition funding has remained flat for the last 15 years. Furthermore, Ontario has the lowest college grant and tuition funding of all the provinces and Ontario Colleges receive significantly less per student than Ontario secondary schools and universities.

Financial assistance for students is provided through both government initiatives such as OSAP and college resources. This support is designed to augment funds that students receive from savings, employment, parents, other family members and commercial lending organizations. Mohawk then seeks to help those students with real financial needs beyond that provided by OSAP and their personal resources.

When calculating financial assistance entitlements for students, their eligible expenses are totalled less their financial contributions. The personal circumstances of our students vary widely.

OSAP provides approximately \$29.5-million in assistance per year to about 4,000 students – most in the form of repayable loans. However, students' debt loads are capped with assistance over the cap usually provided as forgivable loans.

Financial Aid advisors work with students to identify their monetary needs and assist them with the various resources that are available. Approximately \$2.1-million is allocated as part of a commitment to financial accessibility through Mohawk's Tuition Set Aside program. As the name indicates, Tuition Set Aside funds are taken from a portion of every full- and part-time student's fees. These funds are split fairly evenly between direct assistance and the Campus Student Employment Program with a smaller amount for a subsidy of the Mohawk shuttle bus.

The Campus Student Employment Program provides hundreds of students with part-time work at Mohawk during the school year and full-time employment in the Summer. The direct assistance portion is divided between tuition bursaries, food certificates, book vouchers and emergency funds. An annual total of several hundred tuition bursaries are disbursed at the start of each semester. They are available to any Ontario resident in financial need.

Donor awards currently total \$550,000 per year with about 60% for bursaries and 40% for scholarships. Bursaries are first for

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students with financial need while scholarships are first for academic merit. The split is also 60-40 between endowed and annual awards. Endowed awards are funded from the interest earned on donations while annual awards are solicited each year. Approximately 1,000+ donor awards are presented each year with an average value of \$530. The total value of the bursary endowment is approximately \$9-million at present.

Awards fundraising in the 2008-2009 fiscal year was very successful with more than \$1-million raised after government matching. The College raised the maximum funds available under the Ontario Trust for Student Support.

In addition to assistance received through OSAP or Mohawk, a variety of other scholarships, bursaries and programs are available to students. For example, Queen Elizabeth II Aiming for the Top Scholarships provide students with several thousand dollars for each year of school, and Ontario First Generation Bursaries assist those students in financial need who are also the first in their families to seek a postsecondary education.

Moving forward, the Financial Aid and Development teams will focus on raising more funds for awards, matching financial aid to the strategic goals of the College and increasing awareness amongst students of the assistance available to them.

Kevin Davis commented on the importance to students of the bus shuttle service between the Brantford and Fennell campuses.

6. STRATEGIC/DECISION ITEMS

6.1 Annual Report

Mohawk is required to submit the 2008-09 Annual Report to the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities in July 2009. The Annual Report highlights Mohawk's accomplishments relative to the goals and objectives set in the 2008-09 Business Plan and the Government of Ontario's Multi-Year Accountability Agreement.

It was moved by Allan Greve and seconded by Brendan Ryan that the Annual Report 2008-09 be approved. Carried. **(MOTION 410.O.6.1)**

7. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Ty Shattuck and seconded by Janice Locke that the following Consent Agenda items be approved:

7.1 Minutes of the 409th Open Portion Board of Governors' Meeting (April 8/09)

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- 7.2 Performance Report
- 7.3 President's Report & Cornerstones
- 7.4 Mohawk College Signing Officers Carried. **(MOTION 410.O.7)**

8. BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

8.1 Chair's Reflections

The Chair congratulated the President on receiving the "Friend of the Greenbelt" Award from the University of Toronto. The Chair read three letters of appreciation from Office Administration – Executive students who attended Board meetings. Sandi Richardson, Chair of the Mohawk College Alumni Association, sent a letter thanking the Board for allowing the Alumni Association to make a presentation at the April meeting.

The Chair referred to four apprentices from the Mohawk STARRT Institute who won first place at the 20th Annual Ontario Technological Skills Competition. (John Deelstra - Carpentry – Individual / Ian Haynes - Electrical Wiring / Andrew Lee - Refrigeration - Integrated / Tim Hill - Sheet Metal Work).

Two students from the Graphic Design Production - Packaging program at Mohawk Brantford won first place in the national Sustainable Packaging Student Design Competition presented by the Packaging Association of Canada, Walmart Canada and Kraft Canada at the PACKex Show (Susan Wilhelm and Carlos Diaz).

Four students from the Sonography program at the Mohawk-McMaster Institute for Applied Health Sciences had their research project published in The Journal of Diagnostic Medical Sonography, an international medical journal (Hilary Ahman, Lindsay Thompson, Amy Swarbrick and Julie Woodward).

Following a recommendation from Brendan Ryan, it was agreed that the Board would establish a practice of sending letters of congratulation to students who have received an award/recognition.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

Items 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 were provided for information.

9.1 Student Reports (MSA/SAC/MCACES/Alumni)

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9.2	Mohawk College Council, March 9, 2009 & April 13, 2009
9.3	Media Reports
10.	<p>UPCOMING MEETINGS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 21/09 Program Development & Renewal Committee, 7:45 a.m., Board Room • June 4/09 Joint Audit & Finance & Infrastructure Committee, 7:45 a.m., Board Room • June 10/09 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board ‘All Staff’ BBQ, 12:30 p.m., North Cafeteria ➤ Board of Governors’ Meeting, 2:30 p.m., C110 ➤ Annual General Meeting (to follow Open Portion meeting), C110 • ACCC Conference, Sunday, May 31 to June 2, 2009, Charlottetown, PEI • Spring Convocations: June 15 (2 & 7 p.m.), 16 (9:30 a.m., 2 & 7 p.m.), 17 (9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. – Brantford)/09
	<p>NEXT BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ MEETING Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 2:30 p.m. Fennell Campus, Mohawk College, C110 (Board BBQ at 12:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, June 10, 2009 - To follow Open Portion Board meeting.</p>
11.	<p>ADJOURNMENT/MOTION TO GO IN CAMERA</p> <p>It was moved and seconded that the Board of Governors adjourn the Mohawk College Open Portion Board of Governors’ meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the Closed Portion Board of Governors’ meeting will convene after a short break. Carried. (MOTION 410.O.11)</p>

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ATTENDANCE - OPEN PORTION

Board of Governors

Bryan Adamczyk, Chair
Ty Shattuck, Vice Chair
Heide Bell
Brenda Davis
Kevin Davis
Shannon Gould
Allan Greve
Ramon Hylton
Sharon Lax
Janice Locke
Pat McKay
Brendan Ryan
Rob MacIsaac, President

Absent

Paven Bratch
Roberta Burke
Carmen Fortino
Brian Mullan

Senior Management Team

Bob Carrington, Vice President, Finance & Administration
Lynn Chalmers, Executive Assistant to the Board of Governors (Recording Secretary)
Joanne Echlin, Vice President, HR - Staff Services
Ronald Holgerson, Vice President, Marketing, Communications, Alumni & Government Relations
Cheryl Jensen, Vice President, Technology, Apprenticeship & Corporate Training
Rick Kawai, Chief Information Officer
Rosemary Knechtel, Vice President, Academic
Maureen Monaghan, Executive Assistant to the President
Lynda Morgan Murdoch, Co-ordinator, Strategic Planning Project
Bill Pitcher, Chief Development Officer

Guests

David Graham

John Guilfoyle

Karen Lavell

Marilyn Micucci

Karen Moore

Helen Sheridan

Sandra Stephenson