

Minutes of the 503rd Meeting of the Mohawk College Board of Governors

Date of Meeting:	April 17, 2024
Place of Meeting:	Bert Hares Boardroom, Fennell Campus and Video Conference
Chair:	Anna Filice
Members Present:	Kathy Lerette Karen Belaire Bill Chisholm Allan John Falconer Ron McKerlie Hayley Hopkins Lisa Knap Yvonne Maidment Gabriela Soraggi Shantal Woolsey Matthew MacLean Vickie Baird
Regrets:	Brian Henry Shaun Padulo
Board Secretary:	Julia Sippel, Corporate Secretary
Resources:	Angela Zehr, Chief Financial Officer Rose Zhang, Internal Audit
Others Present:	Cebert Adamson, Vice President, Academic Katie Burrows, Vice President, Students, International & Alumni Trish Loomis, Executive Director, Office of the President Kim Watkins, Vice President, Corporate Services Lorna Somers, Executive Director, Development Lauren O'Hare, Administrator Monika Dudek, Administrator Janet Shuh, Dean Continuing Education and Academic Development Jim Vanderveken, Dean, Ctr for Comm & Exp Learn Emily Ecker, Assoc Dean, Comm Partnerships & Learn Joseph Varrasso, Interim Assoc Dean, Computer Science and Information Kim Laush, Assoc Dean, Comm Studies Jessica Lapceovich, Manager, Risk, Legal and Governance Services Krista Welsh, Registrar and Senior Director, SEM Jennifer Gautrey, Director Corporate Reporting George Rombes, Chief, Business Services Megan Mascarin, Chief Human Resources Officer Kerry Wabange, HR Strategic Partner Indigenous Specialist

1. Chair's Remarks, Land Acknowledgement, Roll Call & Health and Safety Moment

Quorum being present, the 503rd Board of Governors meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Anna Filice gave a land acknowledgement and Bill Chisholm provided a Health and Safety Moment on boating safety.

2. Changes to the Agenda

None

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Lisa Knap declared a conflict of interest on item 7.2 New Program Proposal: Programming Foundations Early College and 10.3 Strategic Growth Opportunity.

4. Chair's Remarks

The Chair welcomed the Mohawk College Board of Governors to the 503rd Board of Governors meeting. The Chair also advised of upcoming surveys to be distributed to the Board and advised that a new Student Governor will be joining the Board in September.

5. President's Remarks

Ron McKerlie spoke to the Board and provided a variety of updates including a status update on international students, shared spaces and update on the Mohawk Mountaineers. The highlights video was also played for the Board.

6. Open Consent Items

The Board approved the following Open Consent Items with no objection by members:

6.1 Notice of Amendments to By-law No. 1 PO.24.04.179

THAT the Chair of the Board gives notice to the Board of Governors on April 17, 2024 that proposed amendments to By-law No. 1 will be presented to the Board of Governors at its next meeting, which is scheduled for June 11, 2024.

MOTION 503.OC.04.17.6.1

6.2 Updates to the Recruitment and Nomination of New Governors Process PO.24.04.180

THAT a Nominating Sub-committee be struck for the purpose of interviewing and recommending new Governors to the Board; and

THAT Staff be directed to initiate the new recruitment and appointment process utilizing a nominating sub-committee with the Governance and Human Resources Committee; and

THAT Policy B05 Recruitment and Orientation of New Governors be amended as attached as Appendix B to report PO.24.04.180; and

THAT Staff be directed to update By-law 1 of the Board of Governors allowing standing committees to strike sub-committees for purposes of fulfilling their mandate.

MOTION 503.OC.04.17.6.2

6.3 Mohawk Students' Association Report BG.24.04.097

THAT Report BG.24.04.097: Mohawk Students' Association Report be received for information purposes.

MOTION 503.OC.04.17.6.3

7. OPEN DECISION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Strategic Plan Update Presentation: Enable Future Ready Education (Academic Plan)

Cebert Adamson appeared before the Board and provided a presentation on the Academic Plan for Mohawk College. He noted that all of the various plans for the College support the Academic Plan and vice versa. Dr. Adamson reviewed the purpose of the Academic Plan and outlined the engagement process with a variety of sources.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by AJ Falconer

THAT the Strategic Plan Update Presentation: Enable Future Ready Education be received for information purposes.

CARRIED (MOTION 503.OD.04.17.7.1)

7.2 New Program Proposal: Programming Foundations Early College BG.24.04.098

Cebert Adamson appeared before the Board and provided a short presentation on new program approvals.

Jim Vanderveken, Janet Shuh, and Joseph Varraso appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the New Program Proposal for Programming Foundations Early College.

A discussion of the Board ensued noting that the program is run in collaboration with School Boards to find appropriate students for the program.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Kathy Lerette

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report number BG.24.04.098 Program Proposal Mohawk College Certificate in Programming Foundations - Early College be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 503.OD.04.17.7.2)

Lisa Knap refrained from all discussion and voting due to her conflict of interest.

7.3 New Program Proposal: Bachelor of Computer Science (3- and 4- Year (Hons) Degree)

Cebert Adamson, Janet Shuh and Joseph Varraso appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the New Program Proposal for Bachelor of Computer Science (3 and 4 year Hons Degree).

A discussion of the Board ensued noting that industry partners and the Ontario College Sector have indicated the need for these employees in the work force.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Vickie Baird

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report number BG.24.04.099 Program Proposal Bachelor of Computer Science (3-year and 4-year (Hons) Degrees) be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 503.OD.04.17.7.3)

7.4 New Program Proposal: Enhanced Life and Social Skills Development

Cebert Adamson and Jim Vanderveken appeared before the Board and provided an overview of the New Program Proposal for Enhanced Life and Social Skills Development.

A discussion of the Board ensued noting the program is not offered at any other College in the Province currently and will offer a program experience that builds skills and helps navigate independence and meaningful work opportunities.

Moved by Anna Filice
Seconded by Kathy Lerette

THAT the new program proposal, as included in Report number BG.24.04.100 Program Proposal Enhanced Life and Social Skills Development be approved.

CARRIED (MOTION 503.OD.04.17.7.4)

8. Student Spotlight

A student spotlight video was played for members of the Board.

The Board took a ten-minute break and then commenced the closed portion of the agenda.

9. Upcoming Meetings / Events

Governance & Human Resources Committee – June 3, 2024
Audit, Finance & Infrastructure Committee – June 4, 2024
Board of Governors Meeting – June 11, 2024

10. Termination

On motion made and duly seconded, the meeting terminated.