

**PUBLIC MEETING NO. 7 - 2001**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS – COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES**

Held Wednesday, December 12, 2001 at 6:00 p.m.  
Cranbrook Campus

Present:	Guy Santucci, Vice Chair.....	G.S.
	Darrell Bethune, Member .....	D.B.
	Janice Bradshaw, Member .....	J.B.
	Darko Filipic, Member.....	D.F.
	Kathy Hagman, Member.....	K.H.
	Gisele Kitchen, Member .....	G.K.
	Lowell Paulson, Member .....	L.P.
	Nick Rubidge, Member.....	N.R.
Regrets:	Ann Buckman, Member .....	A.B.
	Pam Catsirelis, Member .....	P.C.
	Barry Ferguson, Member .....	B.F.
	Larry Halverson, Member.....	L.H.
	Anne Levesque, Member .....	A.L.
	Denice Louie, Chair .....	D.L.
	Geoffrey Nagle, Member .....	G.N.
College:	Pat Bowron, Manager of International Education.....	P.B.
	Gary Clohan, Faculty Member.....	G.C.
	Marianne Dakin, Board Assistant .....	M.D.
	Denis Kielly, Human Resources Director.....	D.K.
	Donna Lomas, Dean of Instruction .....	D.L.
	Doug McLachlan, Dean of Access Education .....	D.McL.
	Leslie Molnar, Faculty Member.....	L.M.
	Toni O’Keeffe, Director of Communications .....	T.O’K.
	Heather Schneider, Senior Instructional Officer.....	H.S.
Lynne Shewchuk, Bursar .....	L.S.	

**7.1 Welcome and Order of Business**

Mr. Santucci took the Chair and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Agenda was adopted as presented.

**7.2 Confirmation of the Minutes – November 21, 2001**

The minutes were confirmed as presented.

### **7.3 Unfinished General Business**

#### a) Strategic Plan: Approval of Priorities

Ms. O'Keefe delivered a presentation on the Strategic Plan. She spoke to the visioning sessions recently attended by all constituent groups at the College, the resulting vision statement and the priorities that were developed. These priorities will be used to build the Strategic Plan.

**MOVED** that the vision statement and priorities as presented are approved.  
(Lowell Paulson/Darrell Bethune) Carried unanimously

### **7.4 General New Business**

#### a) Council of Governors Interim Steering Committee Update

Dr. Rubidge spoke to the information sheet (attached to the agenda) adopted by the Council of Governors while AECBC was still active. Now that AECBC is defunct the Council is proposing to create a structure and organization that will try and represent itself as having a province wide voice for public post secondary education, create a forum for governors to network, liaise with the Minister, and offer educational opportunities for members of Boards.

#### b) Governance Web Page

Ms. Hagman suggested that it may be useful to have a governance web page within the College's website that would include the Education Council, the Board of Governors, minutes of public meetings and press releases, and information regarding Board members.

Ms. Schneider advised that there are technology standards and guidelines in place that would have to be adhered to. Discussion ensued as to what information should be included. The Chair requested that Ms. Hagman do further exploration and come back to the Board with a proposal.

### **7.5 Reports**

#### a) Chair's Report

Mr. Santucci advised that Ms. Louie, the Board of Governors' Chair, was not at the meeting because of inclement weather.

#### b) President's Report

Dr. Rubidge referred to his meeting and events schedule which is attached. He then delivered an oral report, highlights are as follows:

- He and Ms. Louie met with the President and Board Chair of Selkirk College. They shared common issues and concerns and started discussions on how the two institutions can work together.
- The College officially opened the new Kimberley Education and Training Centre. This event was very well attended.

- The College continues to remain active in the regional communities and College representatives participated in a wide range of community meetings including:
  - Cranbrook Airport Advisory
  - East Hill Steering Committee
  - Cranbrook Recreation Complex Advisory
  - Community Recreation Services
  - United Way of Cranbrook
  - Library Services Board
  - Tourism Advisory Committee
  - Chambers of Commerce throughout the region
  - Rotary Clubs around the region
- The City of Cranbrook held their annual volunteer appreciation dinner on Dec 10th . Three College employees were recognized for their efforts on various committees: Chris New, Toni O’Keeffe and Heather Schneider
- The recruitment officer has just returned from a six week recruitment tour that included visits to:
  - Calgary and area: 22 public and private schools. This was the 5th year we have recruited in the Calgary area
  - Vancouver: 2 large Career Fairs over 3 days
  - Edmonton and area: 23 public and private schools.
- Web Advisor will be operational for inquires in January. It is the next step in the implementation of Colleague. Web Advisor will allow students and faculty better access to student and grade information. We are planning a demonstration to the Board in February on Web Advisor.
- Enrollments for January are consistent with the increases we experienced in September. We expect that this trend will continue.
- Our men’s volleyball team is doing extremely well. We are tied for first place in our league with Malaspina and Camosun. All are invited to attend a weekend of volleyball here at the Cranbrook campus January 11th and 12 when we will play host to both Malaspina and Camosun. Our team is ranked 11th in the country.
- The University Studies program area review is underway and will be completed by February 2002.
- Semesterized courses are now complete and the Christmas exam schedule has started. Exams run from Dec. 10 - Dec. 19th.
- The development of the Criminology program and the new Computer Technology Certificate is proceeding with laddering and articulation arrangements being worked out with other institutions.
- Carpentry held their annual 2 x 4 contest with students in the program on December 12. This is where students take an ordinary 2 x4 and create all kinds of furniture, toys, shelves, etc.
- There was an issue of space with the carpentry program but Ms. Schneider was able to negotiate a one year extension of the lease with Cominco.

- Dr. Rubidge recently attended meetings in Victoria with the Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Education, Wendy McMahon, the MLA for Columbia River Revelstoke and the Industry Training and Apprenticeship Commission promoting some of our concerns regarding funding pressures.
- Dr. Rubidge distributed and spoke to a document compiled by the Council of Presidents in an effort to speak collectively and to emphasize the same key issues when talking with MLAs, government officials, politicians, etc. The document addresses three key issues: cost pressures and service reductions, access and choice, and flexibility and responsiveness.
- Two new nursing faculty have been hired and we have sixteen new nursing students starting in January.

c) EdCo Report

Ms. Hagman reported that Education Council hasn't met since the last Board meeting. They will meet tomorrow and expect to review eight new course outlines.

## 7.6 Correspondence

None.

## 7.7 Information and Good of the Institution

a) Select Standing Committee on Education: SD#5 Presentation

Dr. Rubidge referred to the excerpt from the Hansard Blues which is a transcript of the proceedings at the Select Standing Committee on Education held in Cranbrook on November 7. Roy Joyce, the former school board chair, was extremely critical of the College's presence and quality of instruction in the Elk Valley. Roy McLean, the Superintendent, was also at the table. This presentation was noticeably out of step with the other presentations made. Dr. Rubidge is bringing this to the Board for guidance as to how the College should address the issue.

Ms. Schneider advised that a Steering Committee comprised of School District and College personnel have been working collaboratively on a number of issues and projects. SD#5 has recently withdrawn \$15,000 in funding from the collaborative project. The Steering Committee met recently and wanted the Board of Governors to be advised that they are supportive of the College and would like us to pursue the issue of Mr. Joyce's comments.

**MOVED** that the Board Chair in consultation with the President communicate with School District #5 and the Select Standing Committee on Education to correct the record and air appropriate issues.

(Darrell Bethune/Gisele Kitchen) Carried unanimously

b) International Education Presentation

Pat Bowron and Gary Clohan delivered a presentation on the Ecuador Sustainable Eco-Tourism: Work in Progress Project and distributed handouts. Mr. Clohan will be

presenting two slide show presentations in the near future for the Cranbrook Public Library. Ms. Bowron and Mr. Clohan addressed questions from the floor.

Dr. Rubidge commented on the beneficial and positive experience this project has provided for the young participants.

#### Information and Good of the Institution

- Ms. Molnar informed that Louise Abbott and Velma McKay, members of the faculty, organized a candlelight vigil in recognition of the National Remembrance Day of Violence and Action on Violence Against Women in honour of the women who were massacred at the L'Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. Ms. Molnar thanked Dr. Rubidge for attending and lending his support.
- Ms. Hagman reported that she introduced 16 seven, eight and nine year olds to the College. Her Brownie group earned their technology badge and each did a power point presentation. Students in Creston over October and November raised over \$600 for bursaries and combining that with the money they receive from the pop machines on campus they have authorized eight \$100 bursaries for Creston students which will be given out in January. Next Thursday the faculty and staff will host the annual Christmas dinner for all students.
- Mr. Kielly advised that there are two vacancies in the residence for January. The residence financial picture continues to improve.
- Ms. Schneider thanked Bill Crouch for an interesting project he organized for the trades department: Student for a Day. Any student in SD #5, 6 or 8 can come in for a day and will have a student mentor and be able to use the equipment. An enthusiastic response is anticipated.
- Mr. Bethune reported that faculty are busy now with exams, as are the students. The College Christmas party will be held on December 15.
- Dr. Rubidge will be attending a graduation celebration dinner for the Integrated Resources Management program which is a program offered in partnership with NVIT. He offered congratulations to the students and faculty and noted it was delightful to host the program and partner with NVIT.
- Holiday wishes were shared around the table.

#### **7.8 Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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Guy Santucci, Chair