## DOUGLAS COLLEGE REGULAR MEETING

## AUGUST 23, 2007 NEW WESTMINSTER CAMPUS BOARDROOM

- <u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. <u>Present:</u> A. Taylor (Chair), C. Gibson, M. Hemmingsen, B. Kendall, A. Kitching, K. McKitrick, N. Steinman\* <u>Ex-officio:</u> S. Meshwork, S. Witter <u>Administration:</u> M. Exmann, B. Jensen, K. Maynes, B. Barber, C. Worsley, M. Murray <u>Other:</u> S. Briggs (DCFA), D. McCormack (BCGEU), M. Steinbach (DSU) <u>Guests:</u> W. Case, G. Clarke, A. MacGrotty <u>Regrets:</u> D. Miles, A. Peacock, M. Russell, A. Yang \* attended portion of the meeting
- 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA:</u> The agenda was approved as distributed.
- **3.** <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> The minutes of June 21, 2007 were approved as distributed.
- 4. <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:</u> There was no business arising from the minutes.

## 5. **INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:**

<u>5.1 BCGEU:</u> Drena McCormack indicated that she had just returned from vacation and there will be a report next month.

<u>5.2 DCFA:</u> A written report was included in the package. There were no further questions.

<u>5.3 DSU:</u> A written report was included in the package. Matthew Steinbach added that recently Blaine Jensen and members of the DSU went on a team building trip to Vancouver Island to look at Colleges and Student Unions over there hoping that it creates new energies between the college and the union. He also reported on several occurrences in the DSU building that Security is investigating. A new system to have identification with photos is being put in place. They are working on ensuring that the DSU building is more secure after hours. A proposal for Representative Committee members to submit timesheets to collect the DSU honoraria went to the DSU Board meeting and was defeated. The new proposal will not be going forward at this time.

In response to a question on the security breach, M. Steinbach indicated that the DSU was not aware of anything being stolen. Chairs and garbage cans were upturned. It is being investigated and will be rectified as quickly as possible. With regard to the rental of DSU space, M. Steinbach indicated that they charge a nominal fee. There was a question on whether DSU is working with Facilities about putting forward any of the recycling programs. In addition, the DSU is suggesting that additional environmentally friendly options could be looked at

with Chartwells. The DSU is working on transportation issues for David Lam

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<u>d. Presentations at Board Meetings:</u> A. Taylor asked that Board members with any suggestions or special areas of interest of value to the Board could forward them by e-mail to the Board Secretary.

e. B.C. College Presidents' (BCCP) and Board Chairs' Meeting:

Karen McKitrick indicated that a 60% load was the bare minimum to qualify for student loans. It could be that students are juggling other responsibilities.

.3 Recommendation on Credential: Certificate in Communications:

It was moved:

## THAT the College Board approves the establishment of a credential:Certificate in Communications.A. Kitching/Carried

.4 Recommendation on Credential: Certificate in Modern Languages:

It was moved:

THAT the College Board approves the establishment of a credential:

Prior to the meeting adjourning, Susan Briggs, DCFA President, asked for permission to speak. She wanted to make her views known on not being able to participate in discussions at the Board table, particularly in areas where she felt **Regular Meeting – August 23, 2007** 7

two experts, Matthew Steinbach from the DSU and Susan (Briggs) from the instructional area, were in attendance at the meeting. Matthew supported this view. Susan found it unjust when the Board has an opportunity for real feedback, and she felt it was a missed opportunity for Board members.

The Chair emphasized that it was a College Board meeting. The points made were duly noted. Another member pointed out that the issue in question was for the Board to approve a report, in this case the Accountability Plan and Report, not to hear issues about specific feedback. This report was reviewed from the Board's perspective. As far as comments from any of the Constituent Group Leaders (CGL) are concerned, they have access to the Senior Management Team (SMT). Information comes from SMT to the Board at that level.