- <u>CALL TO ORDER:</u> The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. <u>Present:</u> D. Miles (Chair), N. Dardi, C. Gibson, M. Hemmingsen, B. Kendall, A. Kitching, K. McKitrick, A. Peacock, M. Russell\* N. Steinman\*, A. Taylor\*, A. Yang <u>Ex-officio:</u> S. Meshwork, S. Witter <u>Administration:</u> J. Lindsay, B. Jensen, K. Maynes, B. Barber, C. Worsley, M. Murray <u>Other:</u> S. Briggs (DCFA); G. Banania (DSU) <u>Guests:</u> W. Case, Y Irani \* attended portion of meeting
  - \*\* for reporting purposes the minutes have been returned to agenda order
- 2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u>: The agenda was approved as distributed.
- **3.** <u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES:</u> The minutes of November 16, 2006 were approved as distributed.
- 4. <u>BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:</u> There was no business arising from the minutes.

# 5. INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:

5.1 BCGEU: There was no report.

<u>5.2 DCFA:</u> Susan Briggs reported that she attended the BC Federation of Labour Convention and the December 6<sup>th</sup>

<u>5.3 DSU:</u> Glen Banania introduced himself as the DSU College Relations Coordinator and the DSU representative to attend College Board meetings. He reported that the DSU is engaged in activity around the National Day of Action for tuition fees scheduled for February 7, 2007. The DSU plans to meet with faculty early next month to discuss the granting of academic amnesty to students who want to attend the Day of Action. Recently the DSU hired a financial advisor to help implement controls and aid its auditors in completing the 2005 and 2006 audits. It is anticipated that the documents will be available for presentation at the March 2007 DSU Annual General Meeting. In response to a question on the background of the Financial Advisor, G. Banania indicated that he was not clear about that.

## 6. <u>REPORTS:</u>

#### 6.1 Board Chair:

<u>.1 Chair's Report:</u> Diana Miles reported that on December 3 she attended the *Light the Lake* festival of lights in Coquitlam, now in its second year. She acknowledged the work that went into this event by the Douglas College Foundation and the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation. It was well attended and a successful fund raising event. She encouraged others to drop by and see the lights.

.2 Report on Board Chairs' Meeting with Minister: Nov 16/06:

competitive position in the market, particularly if we want leaders to run

between the Board and the employees within the College as they often do not know what the Board function is.

### 6.3 President:

<u>.1 President's Report:</u> Susan Witter referred to her written report and reiterated that at the meeting with Ministry of Advanced Education officials approximately two weeks ago they were complimentary on the planning that had been done. They felt we had accomplished the best planning and the College is not on the list of reallocated seats. S. Witter added that the College was part of the Auditor General's review on the risk factor of the 25,000 seats. The College had input into the draft report. Although something was reported on the news today it was because of a leak to which the Ministry had to respond. We have learned that there are a number of Auditor General's Reports waiting to go through Cabinet. S. Witter will ensure that the Auditor General's Report on the 25,000 seat will be made available to the Board when approved.

### 7. BOARD COMMITTEES:

### 7.1 Finance Committee:

<u>.1 DSU Compliance with Section 21 of the College & Institute Act:</u> Blaine Jensen reported that the DSU Impeachment meeting was to be held on November 29. That meeting did not gain quorum and as a result the action died on the table. That process has ended.

Ben Kendall added that there was a rumour that a DSU staff person had been fired, but no official communication has been received on that. He asked Glen Banania, the DSU representative at the meeting, for confirmation, and Glen indicated that he was not too aware of what is happening. G. Banania will get back to the Board. In response to another question G. Banania indicated that he did not know if the DSU Union Market was closed and would find out. K. McKitrick indicated that FastTrax stickers, normally issued by DSU, have been issued by CEIT (Centre for Educational and Information Technology) since the beginning of the term.

.2 Monthly Financial Report:

- **11.** <u>**DATE AND LOCATION OF NEXT MEETING:**</u> The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2007 in the New Westminster Campus Boardroom.
- 12. ADJOURNMENT: