FANSHAWE COLLEGE FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' POLICY MANUAL

CATEGORY B - BOARD PROCESS

TITLE: Board Meetings

POLICY NUMBER: B-20

EFFECTIVE DATE: 2008 12 10

REFERENCE: 902

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The following policy is intended to supplement information contained in By-Law No. 1, and document the organization and structure of regular meetings of the Board of Directors.

THE POLICY:

1. General

- 1.1 The Board of Directors normally meets four times a year in September, December, February and June at the call of the Chair.
- 1.2 Except for confidential items as noted in By-Law No. 1, all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be open to the public.
- 1.3 Official observers to all meetings of the Board of Directors shall be as follows:
 - 1.3.1 Fanshawe College Development Office representative
 - 1.3.2 Fanshawe College Alumni Association representative
- 1.4 A resolution is required for the Board of Directors to go in-camera to discuss matters that are considered to be confidential as identified in By-Law No. 1.
- 1.5 In-camera sessions normally include the Officers of the Corporation.
- 1.6 Individuals may be excluded from in-camera sessions in order to:
 - 1.6.1 avoid a conflict of interest associated with collective bargaining
 - 1.6.2 avoid a conflict of interest associated with a legal position
 - 1.6.3 permit a free and open discussion to assess an individual's performance

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- 1.7 The rules guiding the procedure at meetings shall be Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, unless otherwise determined by resolution of the Board.
- 1.8 A recording secretary shall be present at all times to record minutes of all Board meetings.

2. Agendas

- 2.1 Agendas for Board meetings are normally distributed one week before the meeting.
- 2.2 The content and structure of the Board agenda is determined by the Board Chair and approved by the Board at the meeting.
- 2.3 All supporting materials distributed with the agenda shall be held strictly confidential until discussed by the Board in open session. All supporting materials, agenda items and minutes associated with in-camera sessions of the Board are always strictly confidential, unless released by the Board in open session.
- 2.4 Normally the Board agenda includes the following categories:
 - a) Opening Procedures
 - (i) Call to Order
 - (ii) Chair's Welcome
 - (iii) Approval of Agenda
 - (iv) Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest
 - (v) Approval of Minutes
 - (vi) Business Arising from Minutes
 - b) Board Process
 - c) Policy Development and Strategic Issues
 - d) Monitoring
 - e) Linkages
 - f) Orientation
 - (i) Chair's Report
 - (ii) Executive Director's Report
 - g) Committee of the Whole In-Camera
 - h) Report from the Committee of the Whole
 - i) Adjournment

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2.5 The distribution of the Board agenda and supporting materials is as follows:

	Agenda	Minutes	In-Camera Minutes and supporting materials	Other Supporting Materials
Board Members	√	$\sqrt{}$	V	\checkmark
Executive Director	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√
Secretary/Treasurer	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	√
Official Observers	\checkmark	\checkmark		\checkmark

3. Communications

- 3.1 Draft minutes of previous Board meetings are normally distributed with the agenda as noted above except where there may be a conflict of interest.
- 3.2 Approved Board minutes are distributed as follows:
 - 3.2.1 main college library
 - 3.2.2 external auditors
 - 3.2.3 the College's web site
 - 3.2.4 Fanshawe College's senior management team
- 3.3 As the only spokesperson for the Board, the Chair may issue a communication to keep the college community informed about Board issues. The format and distribution of this communication will be left to the discretion of the Chair; however, all such communications will be distributed to all Directors.

4. Monitoring Reports

- 4.1 Monitoring reports shall be in writing and provided to the Board with the agenda. Each monitoring report shall include a summary of the key monitoring measures identified in Board policy accompanied by a brief description of performance.
- 4.2 Resolutions relating to the section of the Board agenda pertaining to 'Monitoring Reports' should follow one of the following formats:
 - 4.2.1 <u>The monitoring report is accepted</u> which means the monitoring report meets the Board's expectations as outlined in the applicable policy.

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- 4.2.2 <u>The monitoring report is not accepted</u> which means the monitoring report does not meet the Board's expectations as outlined in the applicable policy.
- 4.3 Upon review of each monitoring report the Board may also determine that a Board policy may need to be improved, which should not impact the assessment of the monitoring report in accordance with existing Board policy.

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