

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
OF VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

HELD ON TUESDAY, 27 JANUARY 2015 AT THE DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

**Committee Members:** Eugene Hodgson (Chair), Ted McGurk, Pam Ryan, Rick Stokes, Erin Klis,  
Tanis Sawkins, Jennifer Haggerty, Jim Storie  
**Ex-Officio:** Peter Nunoda, Todd Rowlatt  
**Staff Resources/Guests:** Irene Young, Linda Sanderson, Karen Wilson, Angela Blake, Karen Shortt,  
Chris Joyce, Tiffany Kalanj  
**Regrets:** Claire Marshall, Chloe Choi, Sumit Ahuja

The meeting was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mr. Hodgson. Ms. Blake acted as Secretary of the

meeting. Mr. Hodgson declared the meeting to be properly called and constituted.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Hodgson asked if there were any proposed amendments to the agenda for the meeting. A copy of

“Because on December 4, 2014 the Provincial government announced re-instatement of tuition fees for adult basic literacy and English as a Second Language Programs to be effective April 1, 2015;

And because there was no consultation with educators on this critical issue and the reversal of a decades-old adult basic education tuition-free policy;

And because the Provincial government's decision to re-instate tuition for adult

basic education and English as a Second Language Programs was financial;

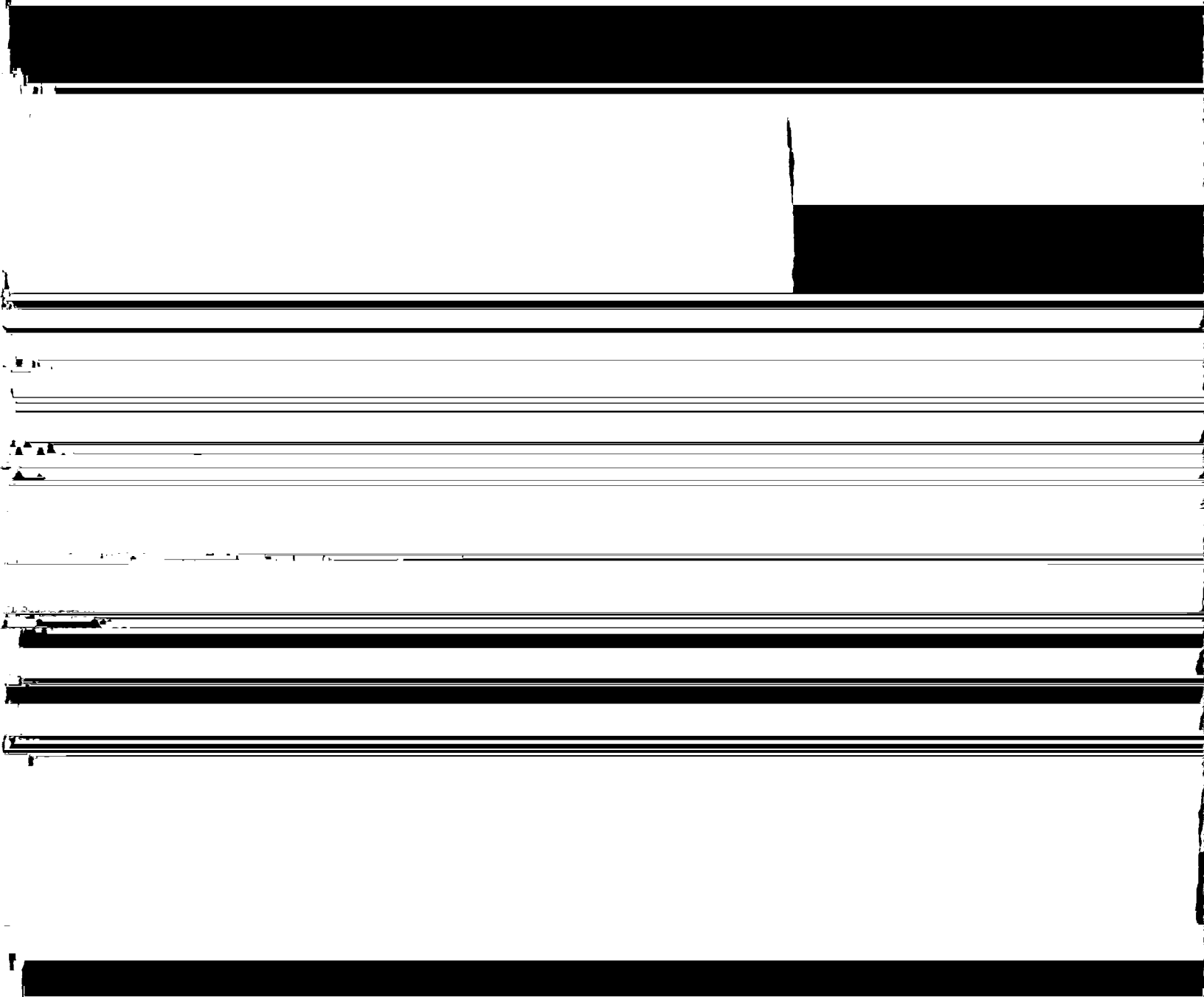
And because the Provincial government posted a projected budget surplus of \$879M for the upcoming fiscal;

And because charging tuition for adult basic literacy programs and English as a Second Language Programs represents another significant barrier for the under-skilled and

Ms. Shortt raised particular concerns with respect to the 157 week time limit being imposed for funding availability; the need to provide a tax assessment in order to access funding; and the very low qualifying income threshold of \$23,000 for financial aid. The following individuals then spoke in support of the Faculty Association's proposed motion and described impacts of the funding and program cuts: Taryn Thompson; Gisele Diraney; John Shayler; Kathy O'Donnell; Sean Welch; Lobsang Gonang; and Lynn Horvat.

Dr. Nunoda advised that the College is asking all students to apply for the ABE grants so that VCC can determine the metrics of the program and the actual levels of eligibility, and can communicate the level of need to the Province.

Mr. Hodgson thanked the speakers for their participation and stated that the Board would consider the Faculty Association's recommendations and take the proposed motion under advisement. He stated that



*New Academic Schedule*

Mr. Rowlett referred to the decision note included in the meeting materials with respect to the proposed adoption of a new policy and procedures related to the setting of the College's academic schedule. He advised that this will fill a current policy gap at VCC and will give students the ability to better plan their education. Under the terms of the proposed new policy, the academic schedule will reflect an entire instructional year and will be published 18 months prior to the commencement of the applicable academic year.

UPON MOTION duly made, seconded and carried, the following resolution was approved and adopted:

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for senior executives at Vancouver Community College in compliance with the requirements of the Public Sector Employer's Council.

Mr. Hodgson and Dr. Nunoda then briefly welcomed Ms. Wilson to the senior team as Acting Director of Communications.

**UPDATE ON VCC PROPERTY**

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[REDACTED] It is noted that a DAC is being formed to consider possible events to coincide with VCC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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1. tuition fees of \$137 per credit, equal to tuition of \$8,220 per student, for the Hospitality Management Diploma Program; and
2. a one year tuition waiver for the 2015/16 academic year for all students entering the Hospitality Management Diploma Program during that period that are not eligible for an industry scholarship, to reduce the actual tuition rate for the 2015/16 academic year for such students to \$125 per credit, equal to tuition of \$7,500 per student.

Dental Hygiene Diploma

Ms. Young summarized the decision note contained in the meeting materials with respect to proposed

tuition fees for the Dental Hygiene diploma program. She noted that the program has been offered by VCC for many years but is very expensive to deliver. She summarized revisions made to the program a few years ago, as further described in the decision note, which make it possible for VCC to increase the fees by an amount greater than the standard 2% increase. She advised that management recommended

to raise the Dental Hygiene tuition fees of \$21,784 (\$27,220 per billing hour) being Option 2 in the

*Speech & Hearing Support Personnel Diploma*

Ms. Young described the background with respect to the proposed implementation of a Speech and Hearing Support Personnel diploma program, as further described in the decision note contained in the meeting materials. She noted that no government subsidies are available at this time but they have

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and [REDACTED] has sought for tuition to initially be implemented on a full cost-recovery basis with [REDACTED]

the 2% tuition fee cap. She also commented on the proposed new Enrolment Plan, stating that the

