

**Ontario Online Learning Consortium/  
Consortium ontarien pour l'apprentissage en ligne  
(the "Corporation")**

MINUTES of a meeting of the directors of the Corporation held at 380 University Avenue, Toronto, on the 13th day of September, 2016 beginning at 10:00am.

**Directors Present:**

Judith Morris (Co-Chair)  
Franco Vaccarino (Co-Chair)  
Audrey Penner  
Susan Savoie  
Alison Flynn  
Laurie Rancourt  
Nick Baker  
Rhonda Lenton  
Michel Singh  
Chris Evans  
Belinda Becker  
Michel Singh

**Ex Officio Directors Present:**

David Porter  
Cathy Newell Kelly  
Peter Gooch  
Matthieu Brennan

**Guests:**

Ken Steele

**Absent:**

Joseph Palladino  
Maya Castle  
Bill Summers

**1. Welcome and Call to Order – New Board Members**

J. Morris (Co-chair) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am EST. A quorum of directors was present; the meeting was ready to proceed with business. L. Patterson recorded the minutes.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

J. Morris proposed that the agenda be approved as provided. The agenda was approved.

MOVED: A. Penner  
SECONDED: L. Rancourt  
CARRIED: J. Morris

### **3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

J. Morris reminded Directors of their responsibility to identify any potential conflicts of interest. None were brought forward.

### **4. Approval of Minutes of June 15, 2016 (back-up)**

J. Morris proposed that the minutes of June 15, 2016 be approved. The minutes were approved.

MOVED: L. Rancourt  
SECONDED: C. Evans  
CARRIED: J. Morris

### **5. Approval of Minutes of July 7, 2016 teleconference (back-up)**

J. Morris proposed that the minutes of July 7, 2016 teleconference be approved. The minutes were approved.

MOVED: N. Baker  
SECONDED: A. Flynn  
CARRIED: J. Morris

### **6. Business Arising**

The following business arising items were noted:

- Final Recommendations of the Faculty Supports Project
- Evaluation Process for Proposals
- Marketing Numbers
  - French vs. English performance
  - Benchmarks to measure success

It was requested that follow-up be provided on the potential for a shared Lynda.com license as well as progress made on fulfilling legislative workplace requirements as recommended by the Finance and Audit Committee.

It was noted that the role of Public Board Member with finance and audit experience is currently vacant and that the Nominations Committee will meet before October 20<sup>th</sup> to review applicants. The work of the Finance and Audit Committee will proceed once this vacancy has been filled.

### **7. For Information**

#### **a. eCampusOntario Operational Update (back-up)**

Board members were provided with an update on space, staff and stakeholder outreach. Board members asked about the upcoming RFP deadline and the Collaborators website that was provided but not widely used. It was agreed that different approaches to facilitate collaborations should be adopted in the future, specifically face-to-face professional development sessions.

Board members were provided with an update on the upcoming Student Engagement Seminar and outreach event, scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **b. Revenue vs. Expense Report, August 31, 2016 (back-up)**

A brief update on expenditures to August 31, 2016 was provided. No concerns were raised.

### **8. For Approval**

#### **a. TPA Budget (back-up)**

Board members asked about the increase cost for space rental and premise insurance from the current fiscal year to the next. It was explained that current space rental costs are very low due to shared offices with ONCAT. As eCampusOntario continues to grow, a larger office space will be needed.

**Motion:** *"That the 16-18 Transfer Payment Agreement Budget be approved as provided"*

MOVED: S. Savoie

SECONDED: A. Penner

CARRIED: J. Morris

### **9. Vision for the future of eCampusOntario**

Ken Steele of Eduvation.ca was present to provide Board members with an overview of trends and innovations in higher education with a focus on online and technology-enabled learning in three areas. Board members were encouraged to engage in innovative thinking, challenge the status quo and share ideas openly throughout.

- Rethinking resources
  - Digital libraries, smart/intelligent textbooks, e-textbooks, OER movement, Z degree, OERu
- Rethinking credentials
  - Hybrid offerings (degree + diploma), Employer credentials (Telus executive MBA), nanodegrees, EdX global freshman academy, badging, competency-based degrees
  - eCampusOntario role in credential space: identifying synergies in collaborative relationships between colleges and universities; research and support into competency-based learning
- Rethinking the learning experience
  - Robo-grading, e-tutoring

Board members were also asked to consider how these ideas might inform the next Strategic Plan (2018-2021). It was noted that a summary of the Board Retreat would be circulated to allow for further reflection on the following:


- Faculty development, research and collaboration
- Curation of shared resources
- Innovative collaborative opportunities with options to pilot new and emerging tools and techniques, evaluate the results and scale-up
- Opportunities for innovative credentialing
- Rethinking assessment strategies in the online space
- Finding ways to incorporate experiential learning opportunities in online and technology-enabled learning
- Provision of shared services, including technologies and infrastructure

It was agreed that a short-list priorities need to come to the Board to inform the next Strategic Planning process in the fall.

J. Morris thanked Cathy formally for her time as Executive Director.

J. Morris declared meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm

**Respectfully submitted,**



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Judith Morris, Co-Chair



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Franco Vaccarino, Co-Chair