

MINUTES

**Assiniboine College Board of Governors Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2026, Creative CoLab, Vic Ave. East Campus**

Board of Governors:

Ruth Mealy (Chairperson), Mona Cornock, Mitchell Hengen, Jeremy Wilkinson, Ketan Patel, Amanda McGregor, Alec Walters, Jody Stevens

Regrets:

Jan Chaboyer (Vice Chairperson), Tere Stykalo, Randy Daley, Jennifer Bone

College Staff:

Mark Frison, Danielle Adriaansen, Shannon Brichon, Brad Dodds, Anya McNabb, Julie Muller, Nolan Trembath, Tara Pearce, Amy Doerksen (Secretary)

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Ruth Mealy at 5:07pm. Attendance constituted a quorum.

1. **Land Acknowledgement – R. Mealy**
2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: Cornock /Stevens

That the agenda for April 28, 2026 (BOG:26/04/28) Board of Governors meeting be approved.

CARRIED

3. **Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2026**

MOTION: Wilkinson / McGregor

To approve the minutes of March 17, 2026 (BOG:26.03.17) Board of Governors meeting.

CARRIED

4. **New Business**

i) **Spring Enrolment Presentation**

- D. Adriaansen, VP of Enrolment, provided a presentation that reviewed fall 2026-27 enrolment and how that tracks against the previous year and projections for budget.
- Current applications, accepts (pre-deposit), tuition deposits were provided and broken down by school and student demographics.
- Currently projecting to meet domestic enrolment targets in budget, but there is still a lot of work to do. There are concerns with specific programs and domestic numbers dropping compared to this time last year or undersubscribed year after year.
- Overall, domestic tuition deposits are softer than we would like to see at this time of year.
- International deposits are down compared to this time last year, but we are seeing slightly higher than previous year on acceptances.

- Federal study permit approval rates are still the major cause for concern.
 - The college's partnership with Borderpass is in motion to help accepted students with their federal study permit process.
 - Returning international student counts will be lower than last year and total international enrolment will be down.
 - Meeting enrolment forecast that gets us to a net deficit budget of (\$2.1M).
- ii) Multi-Year Integrated Resource Plan 2026-27 to 2028-29
- A. Doerksen, Director of Integrated Planning, provided a high-level review of the Multi-Year Integrated Resource Plan (MYIRP).
 - This year's MYIRP includes additional reference to the Regrowth and Financial Sustainability Plan.
 - S. Brichon, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the multi-year budget that is included in the MYIRP and advised that the outlook is more favorable than what was presented to the Board in November as part of the Regrowth and Financial Sustainability Plan. This is a result of higher than budgeted domestic and international enrolments in 2025-26, in addition to government approval for various new programs and funding for expansion in the Centre for Adult Learning. The multi-year outlook continues to show Assiniboine getting out of a deficit within a few years.
 - S. Brichon also reviewed proposed changes to fees. Nothing of significance was flagged as a concern.

MOTION: Patel / Hengen

That after review, the Board of Governors approve the Multi-Year Integrated Resource Plan (2026-27 to 2028-29).

CARRIED

MOTION: Stevens / Walters

That the Board of Governors approve the 2026-27 budget as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION: Cornock / McGregor

That the Board of Governors approve the following:

- a base tuition increase of 4% or \$2.45 per credit effective July 1, 2026, for the 2026-27 academic year;
- maintaining the 4.4 times multiplier on the international base tuition for the 2026-27 academic year;
- a mature student high school tuition increase of 5.25% or \$1.10 per credit effective July 1, 2026, for the 2026-27 academic year;
- the technology fee increase of 4% or \$0.15 per credit effective July 1, 2026, for the 2026-27 academic year; and
- the course fee increase of 2.6% to all levels for the 2026-27 academic year.

CARRIED

MOTION: Wilkinson / Patel

That the Board of Governors approve moving to a monthly student parking rate of \$31.00 for the 2026-27 academic year.

CARRIED

5. Reports

- i) Executive and Governance Committee
 - B3 – Guidelines for Professional Development & Conference Attendance
 - A. Doerksen reviewed the suggested edits to the policy that include referencing that CiCan is now taking place every second year (versus annually) and that four Board members (versus two) can be approved to attend.

MOTION: Cornock / Wilkinson

That the Board approve the suggested edits to the Policy B3 – Guidelines for Professional Development & Conference Attendance).

CARRIED

- ii) Major Capital and Asset Transfer Committee
 - MICA Roof Replacement
 - N. Trembath, Director of Facilities, provided an overview of this project which will address the deterioration of the roof on the MICA building.
 - The project scope will see the repair of the south facing roof to be completed in 2026.
 - The project will be funded though the annual deferred maintenance money received from the Province of Manitoba for capital related projects.

MOTION: Patel / Walters

That the Board approve up to \$1,000,000 for the replacement/repair of the Manitoba Institute of Culinary Arts (MICA) roof, soffit and fascia.

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- Greenhouse Project
 - B. Dodds, Director of Capital Projects, spoke to the need for additional funding to complete the Greenhouse Research Facility.
 - The variances between what was budgeted versus actuals was influenced by:
 - rapid market escalation due to the introduction of tariffs on various materials;
 - underestimation on costs related to complex mechanical and electrical systems; and
 - Specialty items that were not identified when budget was initially drafted.
 - Funding for this project would be pulled from Restricted Assets – North Hill General. This account will have \$8 million remaining after the funds needed for this project are removed.

MOTION: McGregor / Stevens

That the Board approve an additional \$1,250,000 in funding to complete the new Greenhouse Research Facility located on the North Hill Campus.

CARRIED

6. 2025 College Report –

The Board received the 2026 April College Report as provided.

- M. Frison provided an overview of the Province of Manitoba’s released 2026-27 budget and the implications to the college.
- It was shared that, while a bridging program from Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse was approved, no money was included in the budget.
- Also related to nursing, the remaining additional seats promised by government back in 2021 were still not included in the budget. These seats were used for spring 2026 nursing program offering in Winnipeg and the current cohort in Steinbach as well. To cover the cost, the 2029 rural rotating funding will be used when provided.
- The college is continuing work to lobby government to have municipal taxes waved, similar to what is done for universities in Manitoba.
- M. Frison also spoke to an update on succession planning and organizational shifts connected with a few retirements within the Senior Leadership Team.

7. Closed Session

MOTION: Hengen / Wilkinson

That the Board of Governors move into the closed session.

CARRIED

8. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

MOTION: Wilkinson / Walters

That the Board of Governors adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

Original signed by Amy Doerksen

Original signed by Ruth Mealy

Secretary

Chair