

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm.
Present: D. Miles (Chair), C. Gibson, M. Hemmingsen, B. Kendall, A. Kitching, K. McKitrick, M. Russell*, A. Taylor
Ex-officio: S. Meshwork, S. Witter
Administration: J. Lindsay, B. Jensen, C. Worsley, M. Murray
Other: S. Briggs (DCFA)
Guests: Y. Irani*
Regrets: A. Peacock, N. Steinman
* attended portion of meeting
* for reporting purposes the minutes have been returned to agenda order
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as distributed.
3. **WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBER**

3.1 Oath of Office: Diana Miles administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board Member, Mary Hemmingsen, and welcomed her to the College Board.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of June 15, 2006 were approved as distributed.
5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** There was no business arising from the minutes.
6. **INFORMATION/COMMUNICATIONS:**

6.1 BCGEU:
7. **REPORTS:**

7.1 Board Chair:

.1 Chair's Report: Diana Miles reported that since the last meeting she went with the delegation to China. A busy two weeks were spent starting with the 5th Graduation of the joint program at the Shanghai Institute of Foreign Trade. The students and parents were thrilled with their success and cameras were flashing for two hours. From Shanghai they travelled to Harbin where the College has relations with the Heilongjiang Institute of Science and Technology. The program models the joint program we have in Shanghai. It is in its second year. A forum was held with the Douglas College delegation and the 180 students in the

program. Bursaries were given out and that was well received. This was followed by a meeting with the students for 2-1/2 hours. It was an interesting process. There is a significant difference with students in Shanghai and Harbin. Many of the students from Harbin come from farms and they seem to have had less exposure to the outside world than the students in Shanghai. Rosilyn Coulson and George Robertson were there to work on adjustments to the contract and issues to do with the English level of students entering the program. Guangwei Ouyang spent long days ironing out the details and pursuing with the institution the need for higher levels of English instruction so that students are more prepared for the work we are engaged in. These discussions were fruitful.

From Harbin they went to the Canadian Maple Leaf International School and College in Dalian. It is a large and impressive high school being taught in English and run by teachers and principals certified in

to the Board of Mike Russell to July 31, 2008 and Cathie Gibson to July 31, 2009.

.3 Vice Chair's Report on Consumer and Job Preparation (CJP) Class of 2006 Graduation: Ann reported on her attendance at the Graduation of students who are in the Consumer and Job Preparation program. There were fifteen graduates from the program. Each student gave a short PowerPoint presentation on their work experience. One student has been employed by her work experience employer. They all have plans for something – a number are going to Kwantlen for a continuation of job preparation, and some are going to

9. **ISSUES ARISING FROM BOARD MEETING:** There were no issues arising from the meeting.
10. **BOARD MEMBERS:** Mary Hemmingsen provided some of her background. She is a Chartered Accountant (C.A.), but has not practised in that capacity for a long time. She is the General Manager, Capital Plans, Asset Management and Projects at B.C. Hydro. She brings a perspective from a complex organization of trying to reconcile various interests to make decisions. She sees that as an environment that exists here. There are also a number of similar challenges at Douglas College that