Minutes of the OPEN Session of the
Board of Governors
September 23, 2014

Present:  P. Bovey, Chair
          J. Leclerc, Secretary

          D. Barnard  A. Berg  T. Bock  R. Dhalla  J. Embree  S. Jesseau
          R. Kunzman  L. Rempel  M. Robertson  H. Secter  S. Senkeil  J. Taylor

          Regrets:  N. Halden  J. Lederman  B. Passey  H. Reichert  A. Sych-Yereniuk
          R. Zegalski

Absent:  A. Turnbull

Assessors Present:  C. Morrill  B. Stone

Officials Present:  S. Foster  D. Jayas J. Kearsey  J. Keselman  P. Kochan

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Bovey congratulated Stacy Senkeil and Bev Passey on being reappointed to the Board. She reported that she had met with those Board members who had recently finished the first year of their term on the Board for a one-on-one meeting as well as some of the members who terms had come to an end. Ms. Bovey announced that the government has also appointed a new Board member, Anastasia Sych-Yereniuk, however she was unable to attend today’s meeting. Ms. Bovey then congratulated Dr. Barnard and Mr. Kearsey and his team for planning and hosting an outstanding Homecoming over the past week.

FOR ACTION

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Ms. Senkeil and seconded by Mr. Berg:

THAT the agenda for the Open session of the September 23, 2014 Board of Governors meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED
4. MINUTES (Open Session)

4.1 Approval of the Minutes of the June 24, 2014 OPEN Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Dr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Robertson:
THAT the minutes of the Open session of the June 24, 2014 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising – none

5. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair asked whether any member had concern with any of the items on the Consent Agenda. No items were identified to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Berg and seconded by Dr. Halden:
THAT the Board of Governors approve and/or receive for information the following:

THAT the Board of Governors approve revising the terms of reference for the Audit & Risk Management Committee (ARMC) to strike Section 3, Article iv, item d) "recommend to the Board the appointment of auditors for student organizations".

THAT the Board of Governors approve three new offers, two amended offers, and the withdrawal of four offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated June 24, 2014].

THAT the Board of Governors approve one amended offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated June 24, 2014].

CARRIED

The board received the following for information:
Revised Academic Schedule 2014-2015

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

In addition to his written report, Dr. Barnard noted that the Province’s universities had had three changes of presidents in the last year, the Brandon University, the University of Winnipeg, and the Université St. Boniface and he has met with each president individually and as a group. He
reported that the meetings had all been very good, where in the past they were less than productive. He noted that the new presidents seemed eager to collaborate. He explained that he is encouraged by the new tone around the table and that, in combination with a new Minister who wants change and government who sees higher education as important, there is an amazing opportunity to make some significant progress.

Dr. Barnard noted that the Canada First Research Excellence Fund will be moving ahead. He explained that this new fund will likely have a smaller number of awards and much stiffer competition.

Dr. Barnard informed the Board that the first faculty council meeting of the Faculty of Health Sciences had taken place last week. He explained that the purpose was to establish the bylaws for the new Faculty, as well as a "pattern" for the individual colleges to form their own bylaws. He noted that the motion to approve the bylaws passed with an overwhelming majority. Dr. Barnard expressed his thanks to Dean Brian Postl and Dr. Joanne Keselman and her team for the leadership provided in this effort and for the assistance that Mr. Jeff Leclerc provided in developing the bylaws. He added that he expects the college's will submit their proposed bylaws before too long.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Robertson and seconded by Mr. Bock:
THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary