Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
April 20, 2010

The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in the Alan A. Borger Sr. Executive Conference Room, E1-270 EITC.

Present: T. Sargeant, Chair
J. Leclerc, University Secretary

D. Barnard A. Berg A. Bonar E. Bowness A. Curran R. Dhalla
J. Embree M. Forsen G. Hatch J. Lederman R. Mahé H. Milan
S. Rashid M. Robertson H. Secter R. Sigurdson T. Strutt M. Tripple
R. Zegalski

Assessors Present:
B. Austin-Smith J. Sealey

Officials Present:
K. Inskip D. Jayas J. Keselman D. McCallum T. Voss

Regrets:
J. Alho P. Bovey J. Heppner D. Ruth

1. Presentation

Dr. Sandham, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, provided the Board with an update on the Joint Operating Division.

2. Announcements

Mr. Sargeant thanked Dean Sandham for his update and welcomed Ms. Heather Laube, UMSU President-Elect, as an observer to the meeting.
3. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Embree and seconded by Ms. Forsen:

THAT the agenda for the April 20, 2010 Open Session be approved as circulated.  

CARRIED

3. Minutes

3.1 Open Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Zegalski and seconded by Ms. Milan:

THAT the minutes of the March 16, 2010 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Unanimous Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Embree and seconded by Dr. Sigurdson that the Board of Governors approve and/or receive for information the following:

THAT the Board of Governors approve that the students from the Faculty of Architecture contribute $1.66 per credit hour for a three year term to the Faculty of Architecture Endowment Fund, beginning in the fall of 2010.

THAT the Board of Governors approve that the students from the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music contribute $2.00 per credit hour for a three year term to the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music Endowment Fund, beginning in the fall of 2010.

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the notification of Implementation of the Joint Master's in Peace and Conflict Studies.

CARRIED

5. Report from the President

Dr. Barnard noted that the development of a proposal regarding professional fee increases is underway and will be presented to the Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy within the guidelines prescribed by the government. He invited Mrs. McCallum and Dr. Keselman to provide the Board with an update on the ROSE and OARS projects.

Mrs. McCallum discussed the activities that have begun since the approval of Phase 2 of the ROSE project, including three pilot projects and the over 200 employees involved in work stream process reviews. She remarked on the tremendous amount of interest there has been in the projects and the willingness and enthusiasm of employees to participate.
Dr. Keselman discussed the progress of the three working groups of OARs that are focused on making better use of academic resources. Recommendations developed by the groups are in the process of going forward to various Senate committees for review. She added that open meetings are being held with faculties about these ideas and that faculties are setting up their own committees to consider the use of academic resources.

6. From Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee

For Discussion/Advice

6.1 2010-11 Strategic Resource Planning and Budget Framework

Dr. Barnard emphasized that the purpose of the framework is to establish a context in which to present the 2010-11 Budget at the next Board meeting. The intention of future years is to have additional information and indicators to delineate progress towards the goals and trends that will present a comprehensive context and full financial picture of the University.

Mrs. McCallum reviewed the framework, highlighting the accounting structure used by the University and the purpose of the various funds. The Board recommended that the framework be included in future orientation sessions for new Board members as it was an excellent reference document.

The Board discussed the impact of receiving funding for research and the associated indirect costs required to fund the underlying costs. Dr. Keselman noted that these costs were articulated for the first time in this year's estimates documents prepared for the province. The Board also discussed the issue of deferred maintenance and the difficulty of raising funds to repair aging infrastructure.

For Approval

6.2 2010-11 Residence Room and Meal Plan Rates

Dr. Sigurdson discussed the concerns noted at the Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee that while the 5% increase was not sufficient to cover the operating costs and address deferred maintenance issues, the proposal was recommended as presented in light of anticipated disruptions to students throughout the upcoming year. The Board requested that a forecast that reflects projected investments for deferred maintenance over a multi-year span be developed to assist with guiding proposed rates in future years.

It was moved by Dr. Sigurdson and seconded by Mr. Berg:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the room and meal plan rate increases for 2010-11 for the Arthur V. Mauro Residence, Mary Speechly Hall, Taché Hall, and University College Residence as presented. CARRIED
6.3 Policy and Procedure: Attendance Management

Dr. Sigurdson remarked that this policy was designed to deal with several issues, including sick leave and vacation time. As there are also budget implications associated with these areas, the policy provides guidance to supervisors on how to manage these issues.

In response to a question, Mr. Voss noted that the policy does deal with a wide range of issues and that supervisors will be encouraged to work with Human Resources as they interpret and implement the policy.

Ms. Lederman asked about accountability for academic staff members, as they are excluded from this particular policy. Dr. Keselman discussed various methods used, including required office hours, attendance at class, attending faculty council meetings and performance evaluations.

It was moved by Dr. Sigurdson and seconded by Mr. Berg:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Policy: Attendance Management as presented.

CARRIED

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

7. Updates

7.1 Update from the UMSU and GSA Presidents

Mr. Rashid discussed the secondary transcript that has been in development for the past few years that would reflect a student's involvement in student activities at the University, adding that Senate would be considering the proposal at an upcoming meeting. He also noted ongoing renovations to businesses on the third floor of University Centre and that a review of staff at UMSU had been conducted, resulting in contract renewals. Mr. Bonar commented on the smooth sense of transition occurring within the GSA Executive.

Mr. Sargeant thanked Mr. Tripple for his two years of service on the Board and Mr. Bonar and Mr. Rashid for the past year as members of the Board, and wished them well with their future endeavors.

8. From Senate

8.1 Delay in Implementation of Master of Physical Therapy
Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Ms. Lederman and seconded by Ms. Hatch:

THAT the Board of Governors move into Closed and Confidential Session.  

CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Ms. Lederman:

THAT the meeting adjourn.  

CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary