Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
January 26, 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

A. Berg A. Bonar P. Bovey E. Bowness A. Curran R. Dhalla
M. Forsen G. Hatch J. Heppner J. Lederman R. Mahé H. Milan
S. Rashid D. Ruth M. Robertson H. Secter R. Sigurdson T. Strutt

Assessors Present:
C. Morrill J. Sealey

Officials Present:
J. Alho K. Inskip D. Jayas J. Keselman D. McCallum

Regrets:
B. Austin-Smith D. Barnard J. Embree M. Tripple R. Zegalski

1. Announcements

Mr. Sargeant welcomed Dr. Harvey Secter, Chancellor, and Mr. John Alho, Acting Vice-Presi dent (External) to the Board. He added that Dr. Cameron Morrill was in attendance as the UMFA Assessor for Dr. Austin-Smith. Mr. Sargeant discussed the upcoming changes to the way in which the materials for the Board and its committees would be presented and distributed beginning in March. This change is being implemented in an effort to distribute materials to members of the Board earlier to allow extra time to review the materials, and to develop a more environmentally conscious format by distributing an electronic version containing all of the materials and a condensed paper version.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda for the January 26, 2010 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED
3. Minutes

3.1 Open Minutes

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

THAT the minutes of the November 17, 2009 Open Session be approved as circulated. CARRIED

4. Unanimous Consent Agenda

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve one new offer as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated October 26, 2009].

THAT the Board of Governors approve seven new offers, eight amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated November 10, 2009].

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Surgical Research.

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Academic Schedule for 2010-2011.

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information notice of the Implementation of Dental Hygiene Completion Program.

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information Statement of Intent: Joint Honours Degree in Computer Science and Statistics. CARRIED

5. Report from the President

Ms. Lederman noted that there was no reference to the Vice-President (External) search in the report. Mr. Sargeant replied that the search is proceeding; however there was nothing to report at this point.
6. From Chancellor’s Committee

6.1 Emeritus/Emerita Policy Amendments

Mr. Leclerc outlined the reasons for the amendments, including moving the policies into the new format, and to remove reference in the policy to the honour being presented at Convocation. While the titles of President Emeritus and Chancellor Emeritus would continue to be awarded at Convocation as they are institutional awards, the other honours may be presented at a separate event in order to maintain the focus of Convocation on the graduating students.

In response to a question, Mr. Leclerc noted that that as the title of Honorary Professor had not been awarded in recent memory, and the policy should be reviewed to consider if it should continue to be an option.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve amendments to the following policies as presented: Professor Emeritus/Emerita, Honorary Professor, Librarian Emeritus/Emerita, Dean Emeritus/Emerita and President Emeritus/Emerita.

CARRIED

7. From Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee

7.1 UMSU Annex Fee Collection and Capital Fee Amalgamation

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the continued collection of the UMSU Annex Fee and the amalgamation of the UMSU Capital Fee, the Capital Sinking Fee and the UMSU Annex (Nursing Building) Fee into the UMSU Capital Fund, which will consist of a single $9 fee per undergraduate student, per semester.

CARRIED

8. From Senate

8.1 Student Discipline Bylaw Revisions

Dr. Keselman noted that the Bylaw had been approved with the intention of being a living document, and reviewed the three proposed wording changes that were developed in consultation with UMSU and GSA.

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Mr. Rashid:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Student Discipline Bylaw and related Procedures [as recommended by Senate December 2, 2009].

CARRIED
8.2 Proposal for DMD/PhD Dental Medicine and Research Program

Dr. Keselman discussed the significant shortage of clinically trained researchers within the field in response to which this program proposal was developed. The program, which requires no new resources to implement, would be the first of its kind in Canada.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for a DMD/Ph.D. Dental Medicine and Research Program [as recommended by Senate December 2, 2009].

CARRIED

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

9. Updates

9.1 Update from the UMSU and GSA Presidents

Mr. Rashid provided an overview of the events taking place in connection to UMSU Celebration Week 2010 on both the Bannatyne and Fort Garry campuses. He also discussed the Alternative Spring Break project taking place in El Salvador over two weeks in mid-February.

Mr. Bonar noted that the GSA AGM had been held the previous week and that the second annual research fair hosted by the GSA would take place on February 4th and 5th on the Fort Garry campus and on February 12th at Bannatyne campus.

10. From Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee

10.1 Resource Planning and Allocation Process for 2010-11

Mrs. McCallum reviewed the annual process that has been in place since 2003, noting that the process had been revised slightly this year to include an impact statement from the head of each unit discussing a 5% operating budget reduction. She added that, provided the Province had announced operating and tuition grant information when expected, the budget would be presented to the Board in May.

11. From Senate

11.1 Statement of Intent: Doctorate of Psychology in Clinical Health Psychology

Dr. Keselman noted that a letter from COPSE had been sent in response to the University’s Statement of Intent for the Doctorate of Psychology in Clinical Health Psychology. COPSE has requested that the University not proceed at this time with the development of the full program
proposal pending further review by COPSE. Dr. Keselman added that the University is continuing to hold discussions with COPSE regarding this proposal.

Dr. Sigurdson remarked that there had been concerns regarding the proposal raised by members of the Psychology department as the program was not a research based program and that there is an existing clinical program based in the Faculty of Arts. While everyone involved agreed that there is a need to train more professionals in this area, the question of the type of training and education the University should offer remains. Dr. Keselman added that other institutions offer both the PsyD and Ph.D. programs, they often reside in the same department and acknowledged the challenges of having the programs collaborate when housed in two different faculties.

Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Ms. Milan and seconded by Ms. Bovey:

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

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Bonar:

THAT the meeting adjourn. CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary