Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
November 16, 2010

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

Present:  J. Lederman, Chair
          J. Leclerc, University Secretary

M. Ates    D. Barnard    A. Berg    T. Bock    P. Bovey    E. Bowness
M. Forsen   N. Halden    G. Hatch    J. Hoskins S. Jasper    M. Labine
H. Laube    M. Robertson H. Secter    R. Zegalski

Assessors Present:
B. Austin-Smith  J. Sealey

Officials Present:
S. Foster    J. Kearsey    J. Keselman    D. McCallum    T. Voss

Regrets:
R. Dhalla    J. Embree    D. Sauer

1.  Announcements

Ms. Lederman welcomed Mr. Doug Poapst, the actuary for the University Pension Plans. Ms. Lederman then announced that Ms. Labine had received the “Most Promising Researcher” from the Life Sciences Association of Manitoba and congratulated her on behalf of the Board. Finally, Ms. Lederman congratulated Mr. Bowness for being granted an interview for the Rhodes Scholarship and wished him success on behalf of the Board.

2.  Approval of the Agenda

The Chair asked whether any member had concern with any of the items on the Consent Agenda. No concerns were brought forward.

It was moved by Mr. Zegalski and seconded by Mr. Berg:
THAT the agenda for the November 16, 2010 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

3.1 Open Minutes

It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Mr. Zegalski:

THAT the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Unanimous Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Mr. Robertson that the Board of Governors approve and/or receive for information the following:

THAT the Board of Governors approve twelve new offers, three amended offers, and the withdrawal of five offers as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated August 24, 2010].

THAT the Board of Governors approve seven new offers, six amended offers, and the withdrawal of two offers as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated September 20, 2010].

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Annual Report of the Ombudsman, April 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

CARRIED

5. Report from the President
Dr. Barnard added to the written report included in the agenda, highlighting the recent AUCC mission to India which included fifteen University presidents including himself. Jim Dean from the International Centre and Minister Gary Goodyear also attended. The delegation met with partners and potential partners, and Minister Goodyear and the Indian Minister of Education addressed the group. In particular, the Indian Minister spoke about the challenge of educating sufficient numbers of students at the University level to get their economy where they want it to be.

Dr. Barnard also shared the good news that the University of Manitoba will become a member of the U15 group of Universities, which will be of particular benefit in relation to comparative data collection. With respect to the Stadium Project, Dr. Barnard indicated that there was nothing definitive to announce at this time and that discussions are ongoing.

9. Reports
9.1 Update from the UMSU and GSA Presidents

Ms. Laube reported that UMSU had been very busy planning a number of events, including fundraising. UMSU has submitted a proposal for an UMSU pub and looked forward to continuing discussions with Mrs. McCallum. Upcoming events include: Food for Fines, Holiday Hampers, Toy Drive, and Loonie Tunes. These are annual fundraising events with which the Student Union is involved. Currently, UMSU is considering their choice for speakers for Celebration Week, and Ms. Laube will update the Board as more information becomes available.

Ms. Labine reported that the GSA has been very busy doing a revision of the governing documents for the GSA. She added that The Gradzette is now included with The Manitoban once per month and the new Editor was just hired last week. The hope is that student researchers will submit their research so that it can be broadcast to the whole University. Ms. Labine also stated that the GSA is developing a documents process to ensure documents are in order. The GSA is hiring a part time staff person to provide support for the new initiatives, including an endowment fund proposal, to address the funding shortcomings and a “time to completion” report from the Dean of Graduate Studies. Student feedback will be included in this document.

Ms. Labine added that the GSA is contributing to Holiday Hampers and there will be a holiday social at Bannatyne. Additionally, she reported that the AGM will be coming up and also that the GSA will be having a visiting speaker in March, the person who founded Doctors Without Borders. The GSA is working with LSAM to provide student development workshops and the hope is to get more involved with industry, possibly doing a Venture Zone pitch, possibly Shark Tank or Dragon’s Den. Ms. Labine also stated that the GSA Executive met with the University Executive team and are working to address issues that have come up. Lastly the GSA has negotiated new Travel Awards with the Dean of Medicine for Bannatyne Graduate Students.

Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Mr. Zegalski and seconded by Mr. Robertson:

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

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Ms. Bovey:

THAT the meeting adjourn. CARRIED