

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors Open Session November 20, 2007

The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 160, Extended Education Complex.

Present:	T. Sargeant, Chair J. Leclerc, Secretary		
J. Anderson	A. Berg	A. Black	P. Bovey
R. Dhalla	R. Eyford	G. Hatch	R. Heinrichs
J. Lederman	M. McLean	H. Milan	W. Norrie
D. Ruth	R. Sigurdson	M. Sitter	G. Sran
T. Strutt	E. Szathmáry		
Assessors Present:			. •
T. Booth	J. Sealey		
Officials Present:			
E. Goldie	C. Keachie	R. Lobdell (for R. Kerr)	D. McCallum
Regrets:			
R. Kerr	J. Keselman	E. Gordon	S. Van Schie
D. Ward			

Absent:

S. Hennessey

1. <u>Announcements</u>

Mr. Sargeant noted that at the September 18th meeting of the Board of Governors, a discussion took place regarding the use of IClickers in some classrooms at the University of Manitoba. Mrs. McCallum informed the Board that the IClickers are being used in ten sections of chemistry. She noted that there is also a large psychology class and a large sociology class, and two large physics classes using the IClickers. Mrs. McCallum indicated that to date the Campus Bookstore has sold 2,420 IClickers. She commented that the Campus Bookstore will buy the IClickers back as "used" for 50% of the cost. Mr. Sargeant noted the outstanding win by the Manitoba Bisons Football team in the recent Mitchell Bowl. He also introduced Mr. Aaron Berg who is a newly government appointed member to the Board of Governors.

2. <u>Minutes</u>

2.1 <u>Open Minutes</u>

It was noted that page 6, Item #11.1, 8th line down should be revised to read, "...programs <u>are</u> voluntary.....", as opposed to, "....programs and voluntary....". It was also noted that page 5, 2nd last paragraph, 6th line down, the word, "<u>from</u>" should be deleted.

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Ms. Bovey:

THAT the minutes of the September 18, 2007 Open Session meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising - Usage of IClickers in the classroom

In response to a request by the Board for more information pertaining to the usage of IClickers in the classroom, Mrs. McCallum introduced Mr. Daniel Despins, Instructional Technologist, and Mr. Gerry Miller, Director, Information Services and Technology (IST). Mr. Despins and Mr. Miller provided the Board with a presentation and live demonstration of the IClickers and their relevance in classrooms at the University of Manitoba.

- 3. From Executive Committee none
- 4. From Finance and Administration and Human Resources Committee none
- 5. From Senate
- 5.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part A (September 5, 2007)

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Dr. Anderson:

THAT the Board of Governors approve fourteen new offers, thirteen 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 September 5, 2007].

CARRIED

5.2 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part B

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Dr. Sigurdson:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education Student Support Fund as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part B [dated September 5, 2007].

CARRIED

5.3 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - October 2, 2007

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Dr. Ruth:

THAT the Board of Governors approve two new offers, four amended offers, and the withdrawal of two offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee

on Awards [dated October 2, 2007].

CARRIED

5.4 <u>Proposal: Establishment of a Professorship in Human Simulation</u>

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Dr. Anderson:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Professorship in Human Simulation [as recommended by Senate on November 7, 2007].

CARRIED

- 6. <u>Other Business</u>
- 6.1 Vanier Cup Motion

It was moved by Ms. Lederman, seconded by Dr. Norrie:

THAT the Board of Governors extend its congratulations to the Bisons Football team in their overwhelming victory in the Mitchell Cup and extend best wishes for tremendous success in the upcoming Vanier Cup.

CARRIED

Mr. Sargeant asked that Mr. Leclerc convey this message to Coach Brian Dobie of the University of Manitoba Bisons Football Team to pass along to members of the team.

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

9.1 Bachelor of Jazz Studies

Ms. Lederman asked if there is a plan in place to raise the necessary funds for this program. Dr. Lobdell responded that the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) has approved this program which allows the University to complete forward planning for recruiting students. He noted that COPSE has not yet settled the question about funding. Dr. Lobdell indicated part of the strategy is to make an application to COPSE for funding in Spring, 2008 when additional funding may be available for new programming. He also indicated that there is a possibility for the reallocation of minor amounts of money within the University. Dr. Lobdell noted that it is hoped that sufficient funding will be available to begin the Bachelor of Jazz Studies Program in September, 2008.

- 9.2 <u>Statement of Intent: Bachelor of Human Ecology Degree (Aboriginal Wellness) Degree</u> <u>Program</u>
- 9.3 <u>Naming of the Stephen A. Jarislowsky Chair in Modern History of the Middle East and</u> North Africa
- 10.1 President's Report

Dr. Szathmáry augmented her report highlighting several issues. She noted that the federal government has established an independent expert panel to consider options for transferring non-regulatory Federal laboratories to universities or the private sector. Dr. Szathmáry noted that the panel is to "advise the government on options for managing non-regulatory federal laboratories so that Canada benefits from a strong and collaborative science and technology sector". She also commented that the panel is organizing six regional round tables. A round

table was held October 16, 2007 in Winnipeg and was attended by representatives of the University including Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Research). Discussions are underway with representatives of federal labs in Winnipeg to determine what models might be possible and to prepare submissions to the panel.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that the University's Fall marketing campaign is using the theme, "It's My Future". She mentioned that the basis for this campaign is a blog website which features monthly reports from 17 students and alumni.

Dr. Szathmáry also mentioned that the Province of Manitoba has done very well in this year's Rhodes Scholarships. She noted that of the Prairie Rhodes Scholarships for 2008, two of them were won by Manitoba students; one by a recent graduate of the University of Manitoba, Faculty of Arts.

10.2 Report of the UMSU President

Mr. Sran noted that the Tutor Registry is now up and running. He also indicated that during the week of October 22nd, 2007, the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) held "National Lobby Days" in Ottawa. Mr. Sran commented that representatives from all across Canada met with Members of Parliament and Members of Senate. He noted that discussions centered around post-secondary education funding and discussions regarding the need for a dedicated transfer. Mr. Sran indicated UMSU is also working on a student aid campaign which includes obtaining information from students as to whether or not they are using student loans and the reasons why and what type of student loans. Mr. Sran informed the Board that a report summarizing the findings will be sent to the provincial and federal governments.

Mr. Sran commented that the annual "Celebration Week" will be held in January, 2008. He noted that some of the speakers at this year's event include Mr. Avi Lewis from the CBC who will present information on climate change, and Mr. Jack Hanna who is involved in conservation and animal rights and preservation of parks.

Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Ms. Lederman, seconded by Mr. Black:

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

CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Dr. Norrie:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary