

# Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors **Open Session** March 18, 2008

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

Present:

T. Sargeant, Chair

J. Leclerc, Secretary

A. Berg

A. Black

P. Bovey

R. Dhalla

R. Eyford

E. Gordon

G. Hatch H Milan

R. Heinrichs

S. Hennessey

J. Lederman

M. McLean

W Norrie S. Van Schie R. Sigurdson

M Sitter

T. Strutt

E. Szathmáry

D. Ward

# Assessors Present:

T. Booth

J. Sealey

# Officials Present:

E. Goldie

K. Inskip

R. Kerr

J. Keselman D. McCallum

# Regrets:

J. Anderson

D. Ruth

### Absent:

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#### 1. Presentation

Dr. David Barber, Associate Dean (Research), Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, Canada Research Chair, Arctic System Science, Professor, Environment and Geography made a presentation regarding International Polar Year and research being done on board the CCGS Amundsen.

#### 2. Dr. Raiph Campbell (In memoriam)

Dr. Szathmáry advised the Board of the death of Dr. Ralph Campbell.

Dr. Ralph Campbell was the eighth President of the University of Manitoba serving for a term 1976 - 1981. At the time of his appointment, he was Principal of Scarborough College at the University of Toronto. As a native of Southern Ontario, Dr. Campbell joined the Royal Canadian Air Force and received the Distinguished Flying Cross on two occasions. After his discharge he studied at the University of Toronto and at Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar in politics and economics. He then joined the Ontario Agriculture College, now the University of Guelph, to



teach Agricultural Economics, and in 1964 accepted an appointment as Professor of Political Economy at the University of Toronto where he later became Associate Dean of Arts and Science.

Dr. Campbell's term as President was marked by a commitment to make the University more accessible and he introduced the Access Programs, expansion of the correspondence program to include year-round study, the establishment of Winnipeg Education Centre to provide innovative teacher training for residents of the core area and the modification of the timetable to facilitate part-time students.

Several new academic programs began during Dr. Campbell's term. These included joint master's programs with the University of Winnipeg, a joint program in industrial arts / business education with Red River and the establishment of a Centre for Ukrainian Canadian Studies through an affiliation agreement with St. Andrew's College.

Dr. Campbell focused on improving relations between faculty and staff, and the administration. He obtained agreement with the University of Manitoba Faculty Association for a new bargaining process which included a timetable for bargaining and a provision for final-offer-selection arbitration. Policy panels were established for non-unionized staff which provided a mechanism to review matters of mutual concern. Reduced appointments were introduced and sabbatical leaves became research / study leaves to facilitate better understanding by the community of their purpose.

Dr. Campbell "inherited" a \$4 million debt, half of which was forgiven by the Province. This necessitated major changes in the budgeting process including the establishment of a broadly based budget advisory committee, development of a reallocation process, establishment of a five-year plan and more decentralization to permit more openness and unit involvement in budgeting.

New research centers were established including the High Voltage Direct Current Resource Centre, the Institute for Social and Economic Research and support for the Allergy Research Centre was renewed in the amount of \$3 million. The Winnipeg Rh Institute was re-located to a new facility at the Fort Garry Campus which was expanded to what is now the Cangene Corporation in Smartpark.

At the outset of the University Centennial Year in 1977, Dr. Campbell established the first Department of Private Funding which, as its initial task, was to raise funds for a capital project to commemorate the University's Centennial. The campaign was a success and resulted in the construction of the Carolyn Sifton Wing of the Elizabeth Dafoe Library and the Max Bell Centre.

Dr. Campbell had been active in international development, serving for example as an economic advisor to the Government of Jordan in1962 and to Kenya in 1969. It was therefore not surprising that he placed an emphasis on international development and exchanges. Two major CIDA contracts were awarded during Dr. Campbell's term - the first to provide academic staff to Zambia and the second to develop a similar program in Kenya.

Dr. Campbell placed a high priority on external communications, in particular with the general community, the education sector and the media. As a self-acknowledged "people person", Dr. Campbell excelled in this respect. He addressed scores of community groups and was always available for the media including Peter Warren of CJOB fame who became a good friend. He was particularly interested in the relationship between the University and high schools and

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established the Articulation Council with representatives from the faculty and high schools to discuss student transition from high school to university and other related matters. Outreach awards were established to recognize meritorious service on the part of faculty and staff for community initiatives, and funding was provided for outreach activities.

Dr. Campbell's good nature and outgoing personality made him a well-liked figure on campus and in the community. To mark the end of his term as President, the University established the Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Campbell Outreach Award in recognition of his commitment to outreach activities. Dr. Campbell was also honoured in 1984 with the conferring of the degree Doctor of Laws (honoris causa).

The President noted that Dr. Campbell's significant contributions to the University of Manitoba will forever be an important part of our history.

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Dr. Norrie:

THAT the Board of Governors extend its condolences to the family of Dr. Ralph Campbell.

CARRIED

### Minutes

# 3.1 Open Minutes

It was noted that on page three in the fourth bullet the 'including a motion of concern approved by the Faculty of Arts Council' should be removed.

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

THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2008 Open Session meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

# 3.2 Business Arising

It was moved by Ms. Heinrichs and seconded by Mr. McLean:

THAT the agenda be amended to move item 17.4 on Closed and Confidential Session agenda to be considered during the Open Session.

Ms. Lederman asked for clarification on why item 17.4 had been included on the Closed and Confidential Session. Mr. Leclerc noted that the practice is that third party contracts and related matters be considered in Closed and Confidential Session.

Ms. Heinrichs noted that the issue had been considered in Open Session at the Board and Senate in the past, so should be in Open Session again. Dr. Szathmáry noted that this particular circumstance before the Board had not been discussed in Open Session.

Ms. Heinrichs' motion was then **DEFEATED** 

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- 4. From Executive and Governance Committee none
- 5. From Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee
- 5.1 Interim Operating Budget 2008-2009

Mr. Black presented the annual submission to authorize interim spending to carry through until the Board approves the final operating budget.

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

THAT the Board of Governors authorize interim spending guidelines based on 98% of the current 2007-2008 baseline operating budget from April 1, 2008 until the Board of Governors approves the 2008-2009 budget.

CARRIED

- 5.2 2008-2009 Residence Board and Room Rates
- Mr. Black provided an overview of the rate increases to the Committee.

Ms. Heinrichs read letters from two students concerned with rate increases. One student who has been living in Arthur Mauro Residence for five years remarked on numerous concerns with the building, including burst water pipes, and suggested that the unexpected costs of the building were being covered by the students in the form of substantial rate increase, especially in comparison to rate increases in off-campus housing options. The second letter was from a student who felt that fees had increased for the same room, less food and that the quality of food had gone down. If fees continued to increase while the quality of services and facilities decreased, residence would not be affordable for students.



Ms. Heinrichs asked that information in future years regarding rates include comparisons of food plans between universities be provided, as it was in the past, and that there be a long-term look at how to sustain a new residence facility.

Ms. Sitter asked if the proposed rates included funds to be set aside for maintenance and upgrades. Mr. Black responded they did not.

Mrs. McCallum noted that the Finance, Administration and Human Resource Committee did look at the costs to upgrade the residence facilities and the costs are in the millions of dollars. It would be unreasonable to expect students to cover the entire cost of upgrading these outdated facilities. She also explained the food plan comparisons were not done as the University offers a number of food plan options at the request of students, and that the plans are difficult to compare. Mrs. McCallum also remarked that a survey regarding food quality satisfaction had been conducted and student responses indicated a generally high satisfaction rate. She said that there was an issue with burst water pipes in Arthur Mauro, generally due to students leaving windows open in -30 degree weather, and they are addressing the issue, but Arthur Mauro is an upscale residence and the first to fill up every year.

Mr. McLean noted that Ancillary Services should operate on a break-even basis and asked about the last few years with respect to residence and if there has been a surplus or deficit.



Ms. McCallum acknowledged that Ancillary Services as a whole works to break even, but the residences have not been operating on a breakeven basis. The residences have been struggling to make ends meet and have been losing money.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approves the room and board rate increases for 2008-2009 for the Arthur V. Mauro Residence, Mary Speechly Hall, Taché Hall, and University College.

CARRIED

# 5.3 Volunteers Policy and Procedure

Mr. Black provided an overview of the purpose of the policy and procedure, emphasizing that the work of a volunteer will not displace a unionized worker, and that safety standard and training will be in place for the volunteers.

Mr. McLean asked how volunteers for Campus Beautification impacted employee work. Mrs. McCallum responded that it is an annual event started ten years ago with the full support and agreement of CAW.

Ms. Sealey asked for examples of volunteers on campus in regular on-going positions. Mrs. McCallum responded that in the past the Bookstore provided volunteer work experience opportunities for high school students, and there were on-going volunteers who assisted with various sports teams.

Mr. Hennessey asked if there had been a policy in place before now. Mrs. McCallum responded that this was the first written policy that ensured adequate training and supervision, a waiver form and reviews of the volunteer's work for the protection of the volunteer and the University. Mr. Hennessey asked if there have been any past liability issues with volunteers. Mrs. McCallum responded that there were none she was aware of.

Mrs. McCallum also responded to an inquiry by confirming there was no impact on student organizations with respect to this policy.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Volunteers Policy and accept for information the Volunteers Procedure which has been approved by the President.

**CARRIED** 

# 5.4 Faculty of Pharmacy referendum

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve a \$110 per year contribution to be assessed against the students in the Faculty of Pharmacy. The allocation is to support the Faculty of Pharmacy Endowment Fund to be paid at the time of registration beginning in the fall of 2008. The term for this agreement is three years.

CARRIED

# 5.5 Faculty of Music referendum

Mr. Sargeant noted that Dr. Szathmáry hosted a reception on March 17<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the \$25 million that has been raised through student support over the past twenty years.

It was moved by Mr. Black and seconded by Ms. Hatch:

THAT the Board of Governors approve a \$50 per year contribution to be assessed against the students in the Faculty of Music. The allocation is to support the Faculty of Music Endowment Fund to be paid at the time of registration beginning in the fall of 2008. The term for this agreement is one year.

CARRIED

### 6. From Senate

# 6.1 <u>University of Manitoba - Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface new Affiliation</u> Agreement

Dr. Szathmáry noted that the Collège wanted to update its affiliation agreement with the University, as the one in place dated to 1972. Changes have occurred at the University and Collège since the current agreement has been signed. The Collège wanted to continue the affiliation, so a committee consisting of Mr. Leclerc, Dr. Lobdell and the Secretary from the Collège was established to review the agreement and propose changes.

Mr. Hennessey asked if the University had any other affiliation agreements. Dr. Szathmáry responded that there are other affiliation agreements, with St. John's College, St. Paul's College and St. Andrew's College as examples, but they are not quite the same. The Collège is granted its own operating funds from COPSE, has its own Board and Academic council, and grants a Bachelor of Arts in Latin Philosophy. Mr. Hennessey inquired if anyone from the University of Manitoba was on the CUSB Board and Dr. Szathmáry responded that the University had never requested it.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that she is very pleased about the new agreement. To have University of Manitoba programs in Arts, Sciences, Social Work, Business and Education delivered in our nation's official languages is an honour and a point of pride for the University.

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Mr. Black:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the New Affiliation Agreement between the University of Manitoba and Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface [as recommended by Senate on March 5, 2008].

**CARRIED** 

# 6.2 Proposal for a Diploma in Aboriginal Environmental Stewardship

Dr. Szathmáry presented the proposal for the new diploma program, noting that all courses taken in the diploma are transferrable towards a degree in the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources. The program is set up on a cost-recovery basis. The

Aboriginal Focus Program partnered with Building Environment Aboriginal Human Resources (BEAHR) to provide the work experience component of the diploma program.

Mr. Dhalla asked why materials in support of the proposed diploma used the terminology, "Indian", rather than Aboriginal. Dr. Szathmáry responded that the terminology is consistent with legislation such as the Indian Act, and further, some First Nations people choose to refer to their groups as Indian Tribes.

Mr. Strutt also noted that Aboriginal may not always be the appropriate term, but First Nations would be, and that the proposed diploma program had been developed by grassroots organizations.

Mr. Ward asked about the reference to the taxonomy in the proposal. Dr. Szathmáry responded that the taxonomy provides the framework that underlies a program. Mr. Leclerc added that six years ago there was a Committee struck to develop a structure for non-degree programs and the taxonomy outlines the requirements and definitions of various non-degree credentials.

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Ms. Heinrichs:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for the Diploma in Aboriginal Environmental Stewardship [as recommended by Senate, February 6, 2008].

CARRIED

# 6.3 Proposal to establish an Endowed Research Chair in Gastroenterology

Dr. Szathmáry noted that this proposal from the Faculty of Medicine is to provide leadership in this area of research. The funding would support research undertaken by a clinical scientist in gastroenterology.

Ms. Heinrichs noted how excited she was to see this research being undertaken by Internal Medicine as someone who could benefit from advancements in this area of research.

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Ms. Heinrichs:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of an Endowed Research Chair in Gastroenterology [as recommended by Senate on March 5, 2008].

**CARRIED** 

6.4 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part A [dated December 3, 2007]

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Mr. McLean:

THAT the Board of Governors approve fifteen new offers, eight amended offers, and the withdrawal of two offers, as set out in the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part A [Dated December 3, 2007].

**CARRIED** 

6.5 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part A [dated January 16, 2008]

It was moved by moved by Dr. Szathmáry and seconded by Mr. McLean:

Mr. McLean asked to clarify that the International Graduate Student Bursary created to cover the gap period would still be funded. Dr. Szathmáry confirmed it is still funded.

THAT the Board of Governors approve five new offers, two amended offers, and the withdrawal of three offers, as set out in the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part A [Dated January 16, 2008].

CARRIED

# 7. Other Business - none

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

- 8. FROM EXECUTIVE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE none
- FROM FINANCIAL, ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE none
- 10. FROM SENATE
- 10.1 Naming of the Canadian Chiropractic Research Foundation Professorship in Spine Biomechanics and Human Neurophysiology
- 10.2 Statement of Intent: Internationally-Educated Engineers Qualification Program (IEEQ)
- 10.3 Report of the University Disciplinary Committee for the period of September 1, 2006 to August 31, 2007
- 11. Reports
- 11.1 Report of the President
  - Dr. Szathmáry augmented her report with several highlights. The second year of reporting using the Aurora Student System which compiles information on each of two terms, and report on each of them had shown that enrolment numbers are down. As this is only the second year in which enrolment at two different dates is given, it is not known if the apparent decline is a trend. The percentage of international students had also decreased and Dr. Szathmáry noted the importance of stabilizing this enrolment.
  - Dr. Szathmáry provided further details regarding the Premier's mission to Australia which she was asked to join. The successful research-focused mission lead to the announcement of \$1.8 million in funding to support three research projects involving University of Manitoba researchers. In addition, several memoranda of understanding were signed to allow for exchanges.
  - Dr. Szathmáry noted the increased generosity of employees and retirees who increased contributions to the United Way by 2.5% over 2006.

The President also reported the University of Manitoba Press celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Press has received numerous accolades over the years, and its achievements can perhaps be summarized best by the following excerpt from the Assessment Report of the Manitoba Arts Council:

"The University of Manitoba Press is a 'savvy' publisher, one of the pre-eminent publishers of trade non-fiction in the west. The Press titles have a great deal of cross-over appeal between academic and trade markets. Editorial selections are congruent with the Press's mandate, and treat serious subjects in an in-depth fashion, and with "an edge" that appeals to readers. Books are beautifully-designed and distinguished by impeccable editing. This editorial excellence is reflected in the impressive list of recent awards. The University of Manitoba Press is soundly run, and sales figures are healthy. In sum, University of Manitoba Press has 'everything you want to see in a University press'."

Dr. Szathmáry noted the impressive number of people attending the *This Lunch Hour has 33 Minutes* speaker series featuring University researchers talking about their work, and the phenomenally successful *Get to Know Research at Your University* speaker series.

# 11.2 Report of the UMSU President

Ms. Heinrichs reported on behalf of UMSU. Elections were recently held and there will be a new executive starting on May 1, 2008. Ms. Heinrichs also discussed the First Aid for Student Aid conference that UMSU participated in that occurred in December, in addition to participation in an AMC rally and the celebration of International Women's Day in March. Ms. Heinrichs also suggested the Graduate Students Association should be provided with an opportunity to report. Mr. McLean noted the GSA had also held elections and a new executive coming in. Mr. McLean also noted that as the Canada Millennium Scholarship Foundation will be ending in 2009, there will be room for targeted at-risk student funding.

## Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

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

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

**CARRIED** 

# Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Black and seconded by Ms. Van Schie:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

**CARRIED** 

Chair

∕ University Secretary

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