

Minutes of the **OPEN Session of the Board of Governors** March 15, 2016

Present:

P. Bovey, Chair

J. Leclerc, Secretary

J. Anderson

D. Barnard

A. Berg (ph.) T. Bock

N. Halden

K. Mann

T. Millington

B. Passey

H. Reichert

T. Sargeant

R. Sherbo

A. Sych-Yereniuk

J. Taylor

R. Zegalski

Regrets:

S. Connelly H. Secter

M. Forsen

R. Khatkar

J. Kopp

R. Kunzman

R. Vamos

Absent:

M. Robertson

Assessors Present:

T. Kucera

R. Kinley (alt.)

Officials Present:

S. Foster

D. Jayas

J. Kearsey

J. Keselman P. Kochan

A. Konowalchuk

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed Randall Kinley, the alternate support staff assessor who was attending in place of Barry Stone. She advised members that the Board of Governors Orientation scheduled for April 7 has been cancelled due to lack of participation.

FOR ACTION

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Zegalski and seconded by Ms. Reichert: THAT the agenda for the March 15, 2016 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES (Open) Session**

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2016 Open Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Mr. Bock and seconded by Mr. Sherbo:

THAT the minutes of the January 26, 2016 Open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED



3.2 Business Arising - none

4. **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

The Chair asked whether any member had concern with any of the items on the Unanimous Consent Agenda. No items were identified for removal, however, Mr. Kochan noted that informational item 8.1, Financial Results and Annual Projection for Quarter Ending December 31, 2015 would normally have been included in the Unanimous Consent Agenda and requested that it be added.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve six new offers, six amended offers, and the withdrawal of nine offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated December 7, 2015].

THAT the Board of Governors approve three new offers and one amended offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated December 7, 2015].

THAT the Board of Governors approve Amendment 70/16/01 which amends the Plan as requested by the Office of the Superintendent - Pension Commission of Manitoba. This is essentially a housekeeping amendment.

THAT the Board of Governors approve Amendment 93/16/01 which amends the Plan to reflect the intended calculation of the Money Purchase Maximum Contribution Limit when it is used to determine the Maximum Annual Defined Benefit Pension after 2014 in respect of Credited Service earned prior to 2015. This is essentially a housekeeping amendment.

CARRIED

The Board received the following for information:

Financial Results and Annual Projection for Quarter Ending December 31, 2015.

FOR ACTION

5. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 Residence Room and Meal Plan Rates

Mr. Zegalski stated that this item is an annual submission which comes through the Finance Committee. He noted that there is sometimes controversy around raising these rates but that the Committee recommends approval.

Mr. Kochan explained that it is a challenge to balance increases with what the market can bear. He explained that this increase is a step towards reaching the goal of having the Residences



break even by 2020. He stated that rates cannot be raised too quickly without risking an increase in vacancies. He added that this is in line with increases made in the past.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve:

A) Residence room rates for 2016-17 of:

Pembina Hall Residence- \$6,806 Arthur Mauro Residence- \$7,278 Mary Speechly Hall Residence- \$5,198 (single); \$3,320 (double) University College Residence- \$5,294 (single); \$3,382 (double) Extended Stay- \$100

B) Meal plan rates for 2016-17 of:

10 Meals per Week plus \$500 Food Bucks - \$4,806 15 Meals per Week plus \$500 Food Bucks - \$5, 176 7-Day Unlimited plus \$125 FoodBucks - \$5,330 Super Saver Membership - \$2,310 Food Bucks Premium Membership - \$2,940 FoodBucks

CARRIED

5.2 Sustainability Strategy 2016 to 2018

Mr. Zegalski explained that this updated Sustainability Strategy came to the Finance Committee for recommendation. He stated that the Committee was very pleased with the document and commended Mr. Kochan and Mr. Konowalchuk, as well as Mr. Ian Hall, for the excellent work done on this.

Mr. Kochan echoed Mr. Zegalski's comments on the work done in developing this document. He explained that Mr. Konowalchuk was present to answer any questions. Mr. Konowalchuk observed that the Sustainability Committee, chaired by Professor John Sinclair, prepared a document with clear priority actions which reflects the demands of the STARS Program which provides the rating system used in higher education institutions in relation to sustainability. He noted also that the University of Manitoba received a Silver rating in its first year and his hope is that a gold rating can be attained in the next few years.

Ms. Reichert asked if there was an annual update or status report planned for this strategy. Mr. Konowalchuk said that Mr. Hall prepares an annual report which could very easily be shared with the Board. Mr. Mann commented that Ian Hall had presented a draft of the strategy at a recent meeting of the Graduate Students' Association Council and it had been very well received.

Dr. Kucera noted the absence of any mention of direct consultation with any of the union groups on campus. The Chair noted that the membership of the Sustainability Committee includes members of a number of university unions.



It was moved by Mr. Zegalski and seconded by Dr. Barnard: THAT the Board of Governors approve the Sustainability Strategy 2016-18.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

- 6. FROM SENATE
- 6.1 Suspension of Admission to M.A. in Icelandic Studies and M.Sc. in Textile Sciences
- Dr. Barnard stated that he had nothing to add to this and noted that it is for information only.
- 6.2 Admission Targets for 2016
- Dr. Barnard stated that he had nothing to add to this and noted that it is for information only.
- 6.3 University Discipline Committee Report
- Dr. Barnard stated that he had nothing to add to this and noted that it is for information only.
- 7. Report from the President

Dr. Barnard said he would be happy to answer any questions, and informed the Board of Governors that there had recently been a power outage at the Bannatyne campus which had been expertly handled by Mr. Konowalchuk and his team. He commended Mr. Konowalchuk on the rapid resolution to what had been a significant event.

Additionally, Dr. Barnard stated that he had recently spoken to a member of the Front and Centre Campaign Team who had made a significant donation to the University.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL

It was moved by Mr. Bock and seconded by Mr. Mann: THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary

