

# Minutes of the **OPEN Session of the Board of Governors** March 19, 2019

Present:

J. Lieberman, Chair

J. Leclerc, Secretary

D. Barnard

J. Beddoes

S. Bonner-Proulx

S. Demmings

L. Hyde K. Kieloch

J. Knysh

K. Lee

C. Loewen

J. MacKenzie

R. Mohammed

M. Mollot

C. Neumann K. Osiowy

J. Sanderson

M. Silicz

J. Taylor

By Telephone:

J. Anderson J. Linden

H. Secter

Regrets:

M. Sharma

T. Taves

Assessors Present: S. Woloschuk

Officials Present:

S. Foster

T. Hay

D. Jayas

J. Kearsey

J. Ristock

L. Zapshala-Kelln

Guests:

A. Edmunds

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair congratulated Mr. Sanderson and Ms. Bonner-Proulx on having been re-elected President and Vice-President of the University of Manitoba Students' Union. He noted that the Graduate Students' Association election is still underway.

Mr. Sanderson reported that he and six other students had participated in the national 5 Days for the Homeless campaign and achieved their goal of \$20,000 raised in donations. He thanked Board members for their contributions and said there is still time to donate.

### FOR ACTION

#### 1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Lee: THAT the agenda for the March 19, 2019 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

#### 2. MINUTES (Open) Session



2.1 Approval of the Minutes of the January 29, 2019 Open Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Mr. Mohammed and seconded by Mr. Demmings:

THAT the minutes of the January 29, 2019 Open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

- 2.2 Business Arising
- 2.2.1 Submission from Management, Resources, and Compensation Committee (MRCC) regarding a motion from Senate

The Chair stated that the submission outlines that at the January 29, 2019 meeting, the Board responded to a recommendation from the Management, Resources, and Compensation Committee regarding a motion from Senate that the presidential search process be revised. He said he had sent a letter to Senate February 5, 2019 advising of the Board's decision that the process would remain as approved in September, 2018, and outlining in detail the reasons for this decision.

The Chair said that at the February 6, 2019 meeting of Senate, a second motion was made that recommended that the presidential search process be revised, and this motion was considered by the MRCC on March 4, 2019. He said the MRCC reviewed the points raised in the Senate discussion and in a letter shared by Dr. Hudson, as well as some other commentary made in the media regarding an open versus a confidential search, all of which was included in the meeting materials. He noted that the MRCC is of the view that the Board has twice confirmed that the search process will be confidential to the search committee, for the reasons stated in his February 5, 2019 communication to Senate. He stated that a confidential search is consistent with the processes being used at other Canadian universities and the standard for public universities in Canada, and will, in the Committee's view, generate the strongest candidate pool while ensuring that the views of the University community are represented through the broadly representative membership of the search committee and through an extensive community consultation process, which is currently underway.

Dr. Barnard said that the recommendation was made by Senate at its February meeting and as Chair of Senate, he is conveying it to the Board. He said that the view of many members of Senate is that an open process would serve the University well. He noted that Senate has heard the Board's response and its response was to suggest a circumstance whereby there could be broader engagement through a Closed session of Senate. He commented that he thinks Senate appreciated the Board's communication; however, was not convinced by it. He noted that the minutes of the Senate meeting are included in the agenda, beginning at page 19, for the reference of the Board.

The Chair said that all the information was conveyed to MRCC and the Committee sees no reason to revisit a decision that has been duly considered and twice confirmed by the Board.



There were no additional comments from members of the Board.

#### 5. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair reminded members that this part of the agenda is used to approve routine matters that are not controversial and do not normally generate much discussion and said that if any member of the Board wants to ask a question, discuss, or oppose an item on the consent agenda, they can request that in advance through the Secretary's Office or ask that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the motion.

It was moved by Ms. Lee and seconded by Dr. Taylor:

THAT the Board of Governors approve or receive for information the following:

THAT the Board of Governors approve Amendment 86/19/01 to the University of Manitoba GFT Pension Plan (1986) and the Consolidated Plan Document for the University of Manitoba GFT Pension Plan (1986) as the official Plan Document.

THAT the Board of Governors approve nine new offers and five amended offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated January 15, 2019].

THAT the Board of Governors approve one amended offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated January 15, 2019].

#### The Board of Governors received the following for information:

- 3.1.1 Report from the Senate Committee on Awards A (December 18, 2018)
- 3.1.2 Report from the Senate Committee on Awards B (December 18, 2018)
- 3.4.1 Suspension of Admissions to Bachelor of Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences and Bachelor of Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences, After-Degree, Implementation
- 3.4.2 Report of the University Discipline Committee
- 3.5.1 Office of the Auditor General Annual Audit Plan

**CARRIED** 

## **FOR RECOMMENDATION**

#### 4. FROM SENATE

4.1 Closure of the Health, Leisure, and Human Performance Institute

Dr. Barnard said the Health, Leisure, and Human Performance Institute is located in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management and that Senate is recommending that the Institute be closed, effective March 31, 2019. He noted this recommendation comes following recommendations from the Senate Committee on University Research and the Faculty Council in Kinesiology and Recreation Management. He added that the recommendation was informed by a task force established within the Faculty to assess the impact and sustainability of the



Institute. He noted also that some of the activities currently supported by the Institute will continue under the auspices of the Associate Dean (Research) in the Faculty. It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Dr. Mollot:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the closure of the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute, effective March 31, 2019 [as recommended by Senate, March 6, 2019].

CARRIED

## 5. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND HUMAN RESOURCES

#### 5.1 2019-2020 Residence Room and Meal Plan Rates

Ms. Zapshala-Kelln introduced Ms. Andrea Edmunds, Director of Ancillary Services. Ms. Edmunds stated that the proposal is to increase residence rates by 5%. She explained that this is the last year of a five-year business plan and financial projections indicate that the unit will be able to ease off that level of increases, and become self-sustaining by 2020/21.

Ms. Edmunds said that approval is also sought to increase meal plans 2.5% to 5% based on the type of meal plan offered, as well as a \$5.00 increase to the extended stay fee for those staying over the holiday break.

Ms. Edmunds said that she is pleased overall with the results of the five-year plan, adding that the unit appears to be well-positioned to continue to make intentional re-investment in buildings and amenities, and foster residence life programming. She added that there is much work left to be done in terms of refreshing spaces and improving services and she looks forward to working with students to help shape the next steps.

In response to a question about the size of increases once the unit has become self-sustaining, Ms. Edmunds said that she will look to ease off the increases but must recognize that expenses increase with inflation. She added that different funding models for universities in other provinces make it difficult to compare the cost of off-campus living versus on-campus living across institutions.

It was moved by Ms. Lee and seconded by Mr. Knysh:

That the Board of Governors approves:

A) Residence room rates (per term) for 2019-20 of:

Pembina Hall Residence - \$3,902

**Arthur Mauro Residence - \$4,173** 

Mary Speechly Hall Residence - \$2,980 (single); \$1,904 (double)

University College Residence - \$3,035 (single); \$1,939 (double)

B) Meal plan rates (per term) for 2019-20 of:

10 Meals per Week plus \$250 Food Bucks - \$2,588

15 Meals per Week plus \$250 Food Bucks - \$2,783

7-Day Unlimited plus \$100 FoodBucks - \$2,869 UC FoodBucks Plan - \$1,650



## UC Flex Plan (\$750 Food Bucks plus 100 meals at Fresh Food Company) - \$2,065

C) Extended stay fee (holiday break) for 2019-20 of: \$115

**CARRIED** 

- FROM AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT
- 6.1 Audit Services Charter

Ms. Zapshala-Kelln stated that the Audit Services charter was formally reviewed in November of 2018. She noted that the Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARMC) had requested a change in the language so that instead of stating that disclosure would be made to "appropriate parties", it would read that disclosure would be made to the Vice-President (Administration) and the ARMC.

It was moved by Mr. Osiowy and seconded by Mr. Silicz:

THAT the Board of Governors approves the revised Audit Services Charter (Charter) as presented.

**CARRIED** 

## **FOR INFORMATION**

- 7. Report from the President
- Dr. Barnard highlighted three items from his report:
  - 1) The 3 Minute Thesis competition was held on March 18. The competition is a great way to see the calibre of graduate students at the University and it is exciting to see what work they are doing.
  - 2) The advisory committee established by Dr. Janice Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) will consider the current mandate of the Vice-Provost (Indigenous engagement) (VPIE) position at the University of Manitoba and the needs and supports required to move forward. This committee is chaired by Dr. Catherine Cook, Vice-Dean, Indigenous, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences. The committee includes an Elder; Indigenous faculty, staff and students; and senior academic leadership. It will engage in extensive consultation with the community and provide recommendations in a final report due this summer.
  - 3) A Federal Court of Appeal hearing was scheduled for March 5 & 6, 2019 in Access Copyright v. York University. This appeal was to consider whether the trial judge was correct in finding that York's copyright guidelines do not comply with the Fair Dealing copyright exception. York's guidelines follow the same industry standard as the University of Manitoba and other Canadian institutions. The decision is likely to be



appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada regardless of its outcome, however, the Federal Court's disposition will be informative in the interim.

## MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL

It was moved by Ms. Lee and seconded by Mr. Demmings: THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

**CARRIED** 

Chair

University Secretary

