



UNIVERSITY  
OF MANITOBA

**Minutes of the OPEN Session of the  
Board of Governors  
May 21, 2013**

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

S. Ally D. Barnard A. Berg P. Bovey A. Dansen R. Dhalla  
J. Embree N. Halden G. Hatch S. Jesseau M. Labine M. Robertson  
A. Turnbull M. Wetzel M. Whitmore

Regrets:

T. Bock E. Bowness S. Jasper B. Passey D. Sauer H. Secter  
R. Zegalski

Assessors Present: R. Howard C. Morrill

Officials Present: J. Dyer G. Glavin J. Kearsey J. Keselman D. Jayas  
G. Juliano P. Kochan S. Utsunomiya

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed Al Turnbull, UMSU President, Monika Wetzel, GSA President, and Susie Ally, UMSU Vice-President (Advocacy), and congratulated Norman Halden from Senate, and Rosalyn Howard, Support Staff Assessor, on being re-elected to the Board.

**FOR ACTION**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**THAT the agenda for the Open session of the May 21, 2013 Board of Governors meeting be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES (Open Session)**

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the March 19, 2013 OPEN Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Dr. Whitmore and seconded by Mr. Berg:

**THAT the minutes of the Open session of the March 19, 2013 meeting 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 Consent Agenda. No items were identified for individual consideration.

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

**THAT a \$3.00 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the School of Art for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2013 as outlined in the letter from Paul Hess, Director, School of Art, dated March 5, 2013.**

**THAT a \$1.67 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Department of Interior Design for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2013 as outlined in the letter from Ralph Stern, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, dated March 12, 2013.**

**THAT a \$2.00 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2013 as outlined in the letter from Edmund Dawe, Dean, Marcel A. Desautels Faculty of Music, dated March 5, 2013.**

**THAT a \$2.33 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2013 as outlined in the letter from Norm Halden, Dean, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources, dated March 5, 2013.**

**CARRIED**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT**

In addition to his written report, Dr. Barnard provided an update on the Academic Structure Initiative which Dr. Keselman has been working on since January 2012. He explained that options related to the Health Sciences Cluster were presented in late November and feedback on them was considered. He stated that a proposal was advanced and considered by the faculty



councils and would be presented to the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (SPPC) on May 27.

Dr. Barnard also circulated copies of correspondence with the Canadian Association of University Teachers (CAUT) relating to its intention to investigate an issue within the Department of Economics, related to a perceived potential conflict between academic freedom and collegial governance. Dr. Barnard's response to CAUT was that the University was handling this situation internally by members of the department working together and that the organization does not have standing to investigate, nor would it be able to do so effectively in any case.

## **6. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

*Dr. Whitmore declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.*

### **6.1 Operating Budget**

Dr. Halden stated that the Finance, Administration, and Human Resources Committee discussed the document and recommended the motion to approve the Budget. Mr. Kochan thanked Joanne Dyer, Kathleen Sobie, Joanne Keselman and David Collins. He provided a brief overview of the operating budget, referring to appendix 2 on page 32. Mr. Kochan commented that although the University had received only half of the operating grant increase expected, it was much more than many other Canadian institutions received, and the administration appreciates the Manitoba government's commitment to post-secondary education.

Dr. Keselman referred to page 21, commenting that the goal was a balanced budget which includes some strategic allocations. She explained that investments were being made in three of the four pillars of the strategic plan. These investments include \$1.3 million for academic enhancement, \$400,000 for Indigenous achievement, and \$1.6 million for enhancing the student experience. Additionally, \$1.6 million is being invested in institutional infrastructure, most notably in the area of Information Services and Technology. She referred members to Attachment 3 of the document for specific details of these baseline allocations and of approximately \$8 million being allocated in one-time funding to various units.

Dr. Keselman explained that budget reductions amounting to \$5 million are detailed in table 1 on page 23, she added that Attachment 5 provided further detail on specific reductions and allocations by unit. Dr. Keselman recalled that all units were advised early in the budget process to prepare for budget reductions of approximately 3%.

Mr. Kochan briefly commented on the capital budget, noting the total from all sources is itemized on page 26 and amounts to approximately \$103 million. He noted that page 25 lists all the items that the University plans to address in the capital budget.

Dr. Morrill asked about the IST funding, whether there would be any money for new administrative systems. Mr. Kochan indicated that the allocation to IST is not intended to support any new administrative systems. Dr. Morrill referred to page 38, noting that bad debt appeared to be increase from \$10,000 last year to \$310,000 this year. Ms. Dyer responded, explaining that the previous estimate of \$10,000, related to unpaid tuition fees, was unrealistic and far lower than the actual amount that is typically written off. Dr. Morrill then asked whether the increased contributions to the pension fund would be recurring annually. Me. Kochan replied that he did not think it would continue at that rate in the coming years.

It was moved by Dr. Halden and seconded by Mr. Robertson:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve:**

- a tuition fee increase on all programs and ancillary fees of 1.6%.
- the operating budget based on total revenue, fund transfers and expenditures of \$603,991,326, and
- financial plans for Research and Special, Trust and Endowment and the Capital Budget for the year ending March 31, 2013 as set out in Attachment 6.

**CARRIED**

*Dr. Whitmore returned to the meeting.*

#### 6.2 Increase to UMSU Operating Fee & Endowment Fund Fee

Dr. Halden commented that the Finance, Administration, & Human Resources Committee recommended this but that Mr. Turnbull would speak in more detail to this item. Mr. Turnbull explained that UMSU was increasingly in need of more funds to operate and the proposed increase is equivalent to what the fee would have been had it been indexed to inflation for the last six years.

It was moved by Dr. Halden and seconded by Ms. Wetzel:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the increase the UMSU Operating Fee by \$2.50/ semester to \$23.50/ semester and Increase the UMSU Scholarship & Bursary and Endowment Fund Fee by \$1 .50/semester to \$16.50/semester. Both increases effective for fall 2013 registration.**

**CARRIED**

#### 6.3 Policy: Responsible Conduct of Research

Dr. Glavin, Associate Vice-President (Research), explained that this policy is required in order to remain in compliance with the Tri-Agency Framework which the University signed on to approximately 18 months ago. He explained that this required the University to get its policies aligned with the framework and to engage in broad educational efforts for both researchers and trainees in all stages. He added that the policy is similar to that in place at other universities. Dr. Glavin added that the procedures had been discussed at the May meeting of Senate and, after



addressing some concerns raised by members of Senate, would be discussed again at the June meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Halden and seconded by Ms. Dansen:

**THAT the Board of Governors approves the policy on Responsible Conduct of Research, and the related policy, Code of Research Ethics.**

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION**

**9. UPDATES**

**9.1 Updates from the UMSU President & GSA President**

Mr. Turnbull reported that his team has been learning their new roles and working on the transition. Mr. Turnbull informed the Board that he was preparing to go to the annual general meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) and that UMSU is looking at the future of its relationship with CFS.

Ms. Wetzel reported that like UMSU, the GSA Executive was focused on the transition to their new roles. She added that they were currently planning the fall orientation for graduate students.

**MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

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

**THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.**

**CARRIED**

  
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Chair

  
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University Secretary

