



UNIVERSITY  
OF MANITOBA

**Minutes of the OPEN Session of the  
Board of Governors  
January 28, 2014**

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Present: P. Bovey, Chair  
J. Leclerc, Secretary

S. Ally	D. Barnard	A. Berg	T. Bock	A. Dansen	R. Dhalla
J. Embree	N. Halden	S. Jesseau	J. Lederman	B. Passey	M. Robertson
D. Sauer	H. Sector	S. Senkbeil	A. Turnbull	M. Wetzel	M. Whitmore

Regrets: J. Keselman P. Kochan M. Labine R. Zegalski

Assessors Present: C. Morrill R. Howard

Officials Present: S. Foster D. Jayas J. Kearsey A. Konowalchuk

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FOR ACTION**

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Dhalla requested that the agenda be amended to add a discussion of the Alumni vacancy on the Board of Governors.

It was moved by Mr. Berg and seconded by Ms. Wetzel:

**THAT the agenda for the Open session of the January 28, 2014 Board of Governors meeting be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

3. MINUTES (Open Session)

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the November 26, 2013 OPEN Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Ms. Ally and seconded by Mr. Berg:

**THAT the minutes of the Open session of the November 26, 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. Ms. Senkbeil identified item 6.1.1 Faculty of Education Student Referendum as something she would like removed from the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Ms. Lederman and seconded by Dr. Whitmore:

**That the Board of Governors approve and/or receive for information the following:**

- 6.1.2 That a \$3.33 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Faculty of Engineering for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2014 as outlined in the letter from Jonathan Beddoes, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, dated November 13, 2013.**
- 6.1.3 That a \$11.66 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the School of Medical Rehabilitation - Respiratory Therapy program for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2014 and the 1996 referendum vote of \$300 per student per year on an ongoing basis is no longer applicable as outlined in the letter from Emily Etcheverry, Director, School of Medical Rehabilitation, dated November 27, 2013.**
- 7.1 THAT the Board of Governors approve revising the terms of reference for the Finance, Administration, & Human Resources (FAHR) Committee so that the requirements for the “one member of the community” read as follows: “one member of the community with an accounting designation or with senior executive or board experience”.**
- 8.1 THAT the Board of Governors approve three new offers, seven amended offers, and the withdrawal of three offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated October 29, 2013].**
- 8.2 THAT the Board of Governors approve four new offers, ten amended offers, and the withdrawal of twelve offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated November 19, 2013].**
- 8.3 THAT the Board of Governors approve the closure of the Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation in Occupational Therapy and the Bachelor of Medical Rehabilitation in Physical Therapy, effective immediately [as recommended by Senate, December 4, 2013].**
- 8.4 THAT the Board of Governors approve the closure of the Disaster Research Institute, effective immediately [as recommended by Senate, December 4, 2013].**
- 8.5 THAT the Board of Governors approve the closure of the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy in Genetics and the Master of Science in Psychiatry, effective immediately [as recommended by Senate, December 4, 2013].**

**CARRIED**

The Board received the following for Information (from Senate):

**10.1 2014-2015 Academic Schedule.**

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**5.1 President's Report**

In addition to his written report included in the meeting materials, Dr. Barnard reported that he has had some good meetings with provincial government officials in his role as President of the University as well with the federal government in his role as Chair of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). He explained that he has been involved in lobbying efforts in Ottawa and had met with the federal Finance Minister, Jim Flaherty regarding funding for the post-secondary education sector. Dr. Barnard noted that he was encouraged that his messages seemed to be received warmly.

**6. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**6.1 Faculty of Education Student Referendum**

The Chair reminded the Board that this item had been removed from the Consent Agenda and asked whether there were any questions. Ms. Senkbeil observed that students in the Faculty of Education had not been given an option to vote "No" if they so wished. She added that this may have been the reason for the number of spoiled ballots in the referendum. Mr. Kearsey stated that he did not have any specific information on this referendum but could bring that to the next Board meeting. Dr. Whitmore agreed that these referendums normally included a Yes or No question. Ms. Ally noted that a vote for the first option seemed to imply that a student wanted to continue to pay the same fee rather than the new, increased fee. Chancellor Selter cautioned that it was not the Board's place to say to another decision making body that it wouldn't approve the decision made as it could set a precedent. He recommended that, going forward, student referenda be required to include an option to vote "No". Mr. Kearsey stated that the student referendum process is currently being reviewed, and he will make this recommendation. Ms. Senkbeil stated her view that the Board must set forward the guidelines expected and should decide whether to ratify resolutions that do not meet the standard.

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

**That a \$3.70 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Faculty of Education for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2014 as outlined in the letter from David Mandzuk, Dean, Faculty of Education, dated October 28, 2013.**

**CARRIED**

**FOR INFORMATION**

**8. UPDATES**

**8.1 Update from the UMSU President**

Mr. Turnbull's written report was included in the meeting materials. There were no questions.

8.2 Update from the GSA President

Ms. Wetzel's written report was included in the meeting materials. There were no questions.

**Addition to the Agenda**

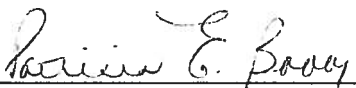
Mr. Dhalla explained that it had been brought to his attention that the Board of Governors would be appointing a replacement for Gwen Hatch who had resigned from the Board of the Alumni Association and the Board of the University. He stated that there was a lack of clarity about the appropriate process to be used to make this appointment. Mr. Dhalla expressed his feeling that this individual should be elected by the Alumni of the University and asked why the Board Governance and Nominating Committee is making this appointment. Ms. Bovey explained that this is a unique situation because it is a mid-term vacancy.


Mr. Leclerc noted that it is stated in the University of Manitoba Act that the Board of the Alumni Association appoints a mid-term replacement. He explained that because the Governance & Nominating Committee has developed a list of skill sets needed to fill gaps on the Board, the Director of the Alumni Association was willing to consider a recommendation because the Alumni Association Board will be filling the vacancy. Mr. Leclerc also informed the Board that it is quite common to make recommendations to the appointing bodies, including the provincial government. Mr. Dhalla thanked the Chair for the explanation and stated that he simply wanted to ensure that the integrity of the Alumni Association be preserved and the proper process followed.

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

It was moved by Mr. Sauer and seconded by Dr. Embree:  
**THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.**

**CARRIED**

  
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Chair

  
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University Secretary