



UNIVERSITY  
OF MANITOBA

**Minutes of the OPEN Session of the  
Board of Governors  
January 27, 2015**

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

D. Barnard A. Berg T. Bock R. Dhalla J. Embree N. Halden  
S. Jesseau R. Khatkar R. Kunzman J. Lederman B. Passey H. Reichert  
L. Rempel H. Sector S. Senkbeil R. Sherbo A. Sych-Yereniuk  
J. Taylor A. Turnbull

Regrets: M. Robertson B. Stone R. Zegalski

Assessors Present: C. Morrill

Officials Present: S. Foster D. Jayas J. Kearsey J. Keselman P. Kochan

Guests: D. Collins J. Danakas J. Doering S. Gottheil T. Lussier

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Ms. Ritika Khatkar and Mr. Ryan Sherbo to their first Board meeting. They are new students appointed by government for a term ending May 31, 2015. She reminded members of the Board of Governors Retreat on January 30 & 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. It will be dinner and a keynote address on the Friday evening and then a full day of sessions on Saturday. All sessions will be held in Marshall McLuhan Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor University Centre. She reviewed the background reading materials that were provided to Board members in advance of the retreat: the Strategic Research Plan, the 2014 – 2015 Estimates Document, and the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

Ms. Bovey welcomed the following guests who would give presentations at today's meeting; Dr. David Collins, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs and Integrated Planning), Dr. Jay Doering Vice-Provost (Graduate Education) and Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Ms. Susan Gottheil, Vice-Provost (Students) and Ms. Thelma Lussier, Director of Institutional Analysis.

**FOR ACTION**

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

**THAT the agenda for the Open session of the January 27, 2015 Board of Governors meeting be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

3. MINUTES (Open Session)

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the November 25, 2014 OPEN Session as circulated or amended

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

**THAT the minutes of the Open session of the November 25, 2014 meeting be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

3.2 Business Arising

3.2.1 Building Codes

Referring to Mr. Zegalski's question about building codes from the previous meeting, Mr. Kochan clarified that it was actually the Manitoba Building Code that had some improvements to it, not the City of Winnipeg, and that the changes were not related to accessibility of buildings. He noted that the City of Winnipeg has developed a set of strict guidelines, but not Codes. He added that the University has adopted the City of Winnipeg's guidelines as best practice.

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 removal.

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

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

6.1 **THAT the Board of Governors approve two new offers and one amended offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated October 20, 2014].**

6.2 **THAT the Board of Governors approve six new offers, one amended offer, and the withdrawal of four offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated November 13, 2014].**

6.3 **THAT the Board of Governors approve the closure of the Master of Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Sciences program, effective immediately [as recommended by Senate December 3, 2014].**

**CARRIED**



## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### 5.1 President's Report

In addition to his written report provided with the meeting materials, Dr. Barnard commented on some of the highlights from the recent President's Town Hall meeting so that Board members were aware of the conversations we are having on campus. The Strategic Plan endorsed by the Board this past November becomes an important part of operational thinking and the Strategic Research Plan went to the December meeting of Senate for information and has been shared with the Board of Governors. He reported that the Faculty of Health Sciences had held its first faculty council meeting and has approved its bylaws so is moving forward in its development. Dr. Barnard then informed the Board about the Three Minute Thesis Competition on February 25, and encouraged Board members to attend. He noted that it is quite exciting to see the students present their theses in 3 minutes with only one slide. Dr. Barnard reported also that the Royal Society had recognized University of Manitoba researchers and elected three University of Manitoba faculty members to a junior college for young academics; Essylt Jones from History, Kiera Ladner, Political Studies and Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Politics and Government, and Laura Loewen from the Desautels Faculty of Music. He added that Gerald Friesen, History, was awarded the J.B. Tyrell Historical Medal by the Royal Society this year. He added that many other good things happened over the past year, highlighting the Distinguished Alumni Awards and the Comprehensive Campaign.

Dr. Barnard noted that most of the Town Hall had been focused on conversation about the University's budget process. He stated that the real issue facing the University in terms of the budget is that increases in costs are exceeding increases in revenue. He explained a few options to address this but reminded the Board that costs are to some extent determined by the University, and the revenues are controlled largely by the government. He stated that the U of M has less money per student and tuition fees are among the lowest in the country, and, additionally, the University of Manitoba receives less support for research and graduate students. Dr. Barnard said that there were strong advocacy efforts ongoing through regular meetings with members of the government. He stated that the University will move ahead facing these issues and the budget process will continue as it has in the past. He reported that there would be a meeting with department heads to go over some of the material that had been covered at the Town Hall. He reminded the Board that the University's revenue will not be known until the provincial government releases its budget and because the federal government has delayed its budget and there is some political uncertainty in the province, it will likely be some time before that happens. Lastly, Dr. Barnard informed members that budget information is available online, and as more becomes known it will be posted online and brought to the Board's attention.

The Chair thanked Dr. Barnard for his report.

### 5.2 Draft Enrolment Targets



Dr. Keselman spoke to this item. Strategic enrolment management framework is in place to guide decision making on enrolment targets. She explained that Ms. Gottheil and Dr. Doering reviewed enrolment targets for programs and reported this to the Board for information. She added there were no significant changes to the report from previous year and noted that some changes were made in relation to the creation of the new Faculty of Health Sciences. Dr. Keselman also noted that these targets would be reported on an annual basis.

Dr. Morrill asked whether some programs are being downsized, referring to the targets in the Faculty of Human Ecology where the numbers do not add up. Dr. Keselman responded that the change reflects the fact that the previous year's targets were not met and the revised targets better reflect reality.

### 5.3 Policy Revision: Flag Etiquette

The President explained this was a straightforward housekeeping matter and there was no substantial change.

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

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Flag Etiquette Policy and Procedures.**  
**CARRIED**

## 6. FROM SENATE

- 6.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [October 20, 2014] (consent)
- 6.2 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [November 13, 2014] (consent)
- 6.3 Closure of Master of Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Sciences Program (consent)

### 6.4 Policy Revision: Naming of Academic Units

Dr. Barnard stated that this item is also straightforward. Ms. Lederman asked about naming of academic units for businesses or corporations and why that wasn't in the policy. Dr. Barnard responded that had already been part of the policy and was not changed in this revision.

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

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised policy on Naming of Academic Units [as recommended by Senate, January 7, 2015].**

**CARRIED**

## FOR INFORMATION

### 7. UPDATES

- 7.1 Update from the GSA President



The Chair noted that Ms. Rempel's report was included in the materials and asked if she had anything to add. Ms. Rempel highlighted a few items from her report, including graduate student concerns about the quality of their education, potential course cancellations, program closures and the possibility of a reduced number of positions available for teaching or research assistantships.

Dr. Morrill asked what sorts of things the Graduate Students' Association is concerned about. Ms. Rempel listed a number of areas where graduate students may be affected by budget cuts, noting that it remains unclear where cuts will be made and how they will impact an affordable and high quality education. She stated that some of the concerns relate to a potential decline in student support services.

Mr. Dhalla asked for the President's perspective on the Graduate Students' Association report. Dr. Barnard stated that he had already commented on the overall financial situation of the University. He explained that the University is evolving continually as it has always done. He stated his job, and the job of the Board of Governors, is to take the University in the direction we think it should be taken, based on what is best for the University as a whole in the long term. Regarding supervisory load, he stated that he feels it may not be appropriate to compare workloads of graduate student supervision at this University to that at other institutions, but that will be taken into account just as many other things are taken into account.

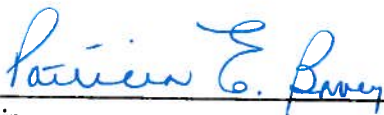
Mr. Dhalla commented that because graduate students are the lifeblood of the University, this is another example of where the Board must make serious decisions about how to apply financial constraints, whether that be uniformly or by choosing winners and losers by allocating funding based on future needs and past performance. Dr. Barnard responded that the Strategic Plan, endorsed by the Board of Governors at the last meeting, discussed the importance of those considerations. He added that student support is a high priority in the Strategic Plan and also in the Comprehensive Campaign.

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

It was moved by Ms. Reichert and seconded by Mr. Berg:  
**THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.**

**CARRIED**

The Chair thanked the visitors for attending and announced a ten minute break before beginning the Closed Session.



Chair



University Secretary

