



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

**Minutes of the OPEN Session of the
Board of Governors
March 17, 2015**

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 M. Robertson H. Sector S. Senkbeil R. Sherbo A. Sych-Yereniuk
J. Taylor A. Turnbull R. Zegalski

Assessors Present: C. Morrill B. Stone

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

Officials sending regrets: J. Keselman

Guests: J. Danakas

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair congratulated Ms. Kunzman on being reelected Vice-President (Advocacy) of UMSU.

FOR ACTION

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

THAT the agenda for the Open session of the March 17, 2015 Board of Governors meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES (Open Session)

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the January 27, 2015 OPEN Session as circulated or amended

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

THAT the minutes of the Open session of the January 27, 2015 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 Unanimous Consent Agenda. Dr. Morrill requested that items 6.1, Student Referenda (a to e), and 8.1, University Discipline Committee Report, be removed for discussion.

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

That the Board of Governors approve the following:

7.1 THAT the Board of Governors approve one new offer, eleven amended offers, and the withdrawal of three offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated January 13, 2015].

7.2 THAT the Board of Governors approve four new offers and four amended offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated December 11, 2014].

7.3 THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of an endowed research Professorship in Neurosciences [as recommended by Senate, February 4, 2015].

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 President's Report

In addition to his written report, Dr. Barnard mentioned that the Council of Presidents of Universities in Manitoba (COPUM) had recently met to hear a presentation from Paul Vogt about his work for the provincial government on a strategy for higher education. He commented that it was a good meeting and all members are ready to collaborate. He indicated that it is a matter of waiting to see what the government sketches out, but is confident it will be consistent with what has been discussed in the past.

Dr. Morrill asked about the Annual Faculty and Staff Campaign and whether contributions could be made to help students in ways other than contributions to scholarships and bursaries. Mr. Kearsey responded that individuals can specify their donation to go anywhere they wish and suggested that Dr. Morrill contact him directly if he requires specific information.

6. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & HUMAN RESOURCES

6.1 Student Referenda

Referring to the Department of Economics Graduate Student referendum on page 24 of the materials, Dr. Morrill suggested that, in the future, the wording of the actual question posed to

the students be included with all referendum submissions. Mr. Kearsey agreed to follow up on the suggestion.

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

- a) **THAT a \$4.40 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the Degree students, and a \$2.84 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the Diploma students, in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences for a two year term commencing in the fall of 2015 as outlined in the letter from Karin Wittenberg, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, dated January 5, 2015.**
- b) **THAT a \$42.50 per semester contribution be assessed against the Graduate students in the Department of Economics for an ongoing basis commencing in the fall of 2015 as outlined in the letter from Greg Smith, Associate Dean, Faculty of Arts, dated December 3, 2014.**
- c) **THAT a \$3.30 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the College of Nursing for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2015 as outlined in the letter from Beverly O'Connell, Dean, College of Nursing, dated December 3, 2014.**
- d) **THAT a \$7.00 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Faculty of Science for a two year term commencing in the fall of 2015 as outlined in the letter from Stefi Baum, Dean, Faculty of Science, dated December 3, 2014.**
- e) **THAT a \$1.66 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Faculty of Social Work for a two year term commencing in the fall of 2015 as outlined in the letter from Jim Mu/vale, Dean, Faculty of Social Work, dated December 11, 2014.**

6.2 University Bus Pass (U-PASS) Fee

Ms. Rempel informed the Board that the city's Public Works Committee had endorsed the U-PASS proposal and it will go to the full city council for approval. Mr. Turnbull noted that this is not a new idea and the students voted highly in favour. Mr. Stone asked how students will opt out. Mr. Turnbull said that those details were still being worked out but they will make sure that those students who absolutely cannot use the U-PASS will be able to opt out.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the charge of a U-PASS fee of \$130 / semester to all UMSU and UMGSA members in the Fall and Winter semesters, to annually be increased by inflation at an amount set by the City of Winnipeg. The fee will be charged once program implementation is complete (either September 2015, January 2016, or September 2016). The participation of the UMGSA membership is conditional upon their admittance to the U-PASS program by the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Transit.

CARRIED

6.3 2015-2016 Residence Room and Meal Plan Rates

Mr. Zegalski stated that this is an annual item for the Board to consider. He asked Dr. Halden if he had anything to add. Dr. Halden stated that Tom Hay had provided a thorough summary of the progressive increases that were required to meet the needs of the residences and the research done to provide the comparisons in the submission. Mr. Zegalski observed that the proposal is that the University does not charge fees that will recover costs and be sustainable for the residences. He noted that the five year plan will bring the residences into a better position, but that the issues will not go away. He stated that the University's rates are very competitive across the country, but still in the bottom tier among other universities. He asked Mr. Kochan what the rationale is to catch up in five years instead of more quickly. Mr. Kochan responded that there is a fine balance between what the market will bear and what the University can charge and that, in management's view, the proposed rates are as high as they can be without losing residents. Mr. Stone said that he is sensitive to the need to recover costs, but there remains a need to fill the residences to make revenue targets so the University must be careful about accelerating too quickly. He added that the University of British Columbia has proposed a 20% increase over one year and there has been considerable backlash.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve:

- A) Residence room rates for 2015/16 of:
- Pembina Hall Residence - \$6,604
 - Arthur Mauro Residence - \$6,962
 - University College Residence and Mary Speechly Hall Residence
 - Single Room - \$4,856
 - Double Room - \$3,102
- B) Meal plan rates for 2015/16 of:
- 10 Meals per Week plus \$500 FoodBucks - \$4,665
 - 15 Meals per Week plus \$500 Food Bucks - \$5,025
 - 7-Day Unlimited plus \$125 FoodBucks - \$5,175
 - Super Saver Membership - \$2,200 FoodBucks
 - Premium Membership - \$2,800 FoodBucks

CARRIED

7. FROM SENATE

7.4 Proposal for the Merger of the Departments of Textile Sciences and Biosystems Engineering

Dr. Barnard reported that this proposal had been approved by both the faculty councils of the Faculty of Human Ecology and the Faculty of Agricultural & Food Sciences and by Senate at its last meeting.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the merger of the Department of Textile Sciences

and the Department of Biosystems Engineering, as outlined in the proposal dated August 18, 2014.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

8. FROM SENATE

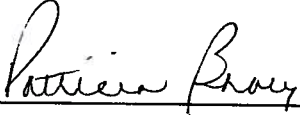
8.1 University Discipline Committee Report

Dr. Morrill asked for clarification on the reported incidents of sexual harassment, noting that there were only two incidents of sexual harassment over the last two years. He asked how sexual harassment is defined and whether it includes assault. Mr. Leclerc responded that it refers to harassment that results in discipline under the Respectful Work and Learning Environment bylaw and that sexual assaults would be dealt with by Security Services and by Winnipeg Police.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was moved by Dr. Embree and seconded by Ms. Jesseau:
THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED



Chair



University Secretary

