



UNIVERSITY  
OF MANITOBA

**Minutes of the  
OPEN Session of the Board of Governors  
September 22, 2015**

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

J. Anderson D. Barnard A. Berg T. Bock S. Connelly M. Forsen  
N. Halden R. Khatkar J. Kopp R. Kunzman K. Mann T. Millington  
B. Passey M. Robertson R. Sherbo A. Sych-Yereniuk J. Taylor R. Zegalski

Regrets: H. Reichert H. Sector

Assessors Present: T. Kucera B. Stone

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

**FOR ACTION**

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Mr. Berg and seconded by Ms. Sych-Yereniuk:  
**THAT the agenda for the meeting be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**3. MINUTES (Open) Session**

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the June 23, 2015 Open Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Mr. Zegalski and seconded by Mr. Bock:  
**THAT the minutes of the June 23, 2015 Open session be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

3.2 Business Arising - none

**FOR INFORMATION**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

4.1 President's Report

In addition to his report included with the materials, Dr. Barnard informed the Board that this fall the University saw its highest enrolment ever at just under 30,000 students. He added that the

University had recently hosted colleagues from Nairobi with whom there is a longstanding research partnership and relationship. He explained that there had recently been a change of leadership there and it was a very positive and successful meeting about one of the University's outstanding areas of research. Dr. Barnard stated that the new student orientation had been very successful with an abundance of activity in the first week of classes.

Mr. Zegalski asked if there would be a press release regarding the enrolment figures. Dr. Barnard responded that there has been some coverage in the media already. Ms. Forsen stated she found it exciting to see such high enrolment numbers and asked if the President knew why enrolment was so high. Dr. Barnard responded that the high enrolment is a good thing but it would be difficult to attribute it to anything in particular.

#### 4.2 Sustainability Report

The Chair invited Mr. Hall to speak to his report. Mr. Hall stated that as a result of the recent benchmarking exercise, the University was recognized with a silver rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education. He explained that this is an indication of the work that has been done in this area by the University and by the Office of Sustainability. He noted also that the benchmarking exercise also served to identify areas for improvement and will guide the renewal of the University's sustainability strategy.

In response to a question from Dr. Halden regarding CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, Mr. Hall stated that the University must improve the accounting of emissions and noted that some emissions are not within the University's control. Mr. Hall stated that the two biggest sources of carbon emissions at the University are the power plant as well as the large number of people who commute to and from the campus. He stated that he has been working to formalize the emissions inventory and will continue with work on the power plant. He noted that intensity measures for emissions are trending in the right direction at the University as there has been a 33% reduction in emissions per square foot of the University.

Mr. Sherbo asked about the role of the Office of Sustainability in supporting fossil fuel divestment projects. Mr. Hall replied that the Office of Sustainability is gathering information on campaigns that are happening across the country and learning from investment experts about the impacts of divestment and alternative tactics that might be used instead of or in combination with divestment, he is working to share that information with the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) and also with the University's Treasury Services and financial managers. He stated that his intention is to ensure that those who make these decisions have the best possible information. Mr. Kochan added that both UMSU and GSA have been in touch with his office about their views and he expects there to be a discussion at some point.

Mr. Stone asked how the university community could be encouraged to become involved in sustainability initiatives and whether there would be support or funding provided. Mr. Hall responded that there will be a green office program launching this fall which will help to manage



the University's ecological footprint. He added that he is happy to meet with any department to discuss options and availability of resources to support them in sustainability initiatives.

The Chair thanked Mr. Hall for the presentation.

**5. FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (as approved August 25, 2015)**

5.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated June 23, 2015]

**MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL - MATTERS RELATED TO LABOUR RELATIONS**

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

**THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session – Matters related to Labour Relations**

**CARRIED**

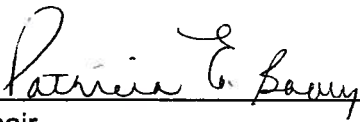
The Chair thanked the Assessors for attending.


**MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – Matters Related to Labour Relations**

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

**THAT the meeting move into CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – MATTERS RELATED TO LABOUR RELATIONS.**

**CARRIED**

  
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Chair

  
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University Secretary

