



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

**Minutes of the
OPEN Session of the Board of Governors
March 21, 2017**

Present: R. Zegalski, Chair
J. Leclerc, Secretary

E. A-iyeh J. Anderson D. Barnard J. Beddoes S. Connelly S. Demmings
L. Hyde R. Khatkar K. Lee J. Lieberman J. MacKenzie H. Maxted
K. Mirecki R. Mohammed M. Mollot T. Nagra K. Osiowy J. Taylor (by phone)

Regrets: D. Hallock M. Silicz

Absent: J. Linden

Assessors Present: T. Kucera B. Stone

Officials Present: S. Foster D. Jayas G. Juliano J. Kearsey J. Keselman
J. Ristock

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair welcomed new members of the Board who were present for their first meeting: Ms. Laurel Hyde, Dr. Marc Mollot, and Mr. Rafi Mohammed. He added his congratulations to Ms. Nagra on being re-elected President of the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU).

FOR ACTION

2. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Mr. Demmings:
THAT the agenda for the March 21, 2017 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **MINUTES (Open) Session**

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the February 17, 2017 Open Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Mr. Mirecki and seconded by Mr. Osiowy:
THAT the minutes of the February 17, 2017 Open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising – Accessibility Audit

Mr. Leclerc reminded the Board that a question had been asked at the previous meeting about the timeline for the Accessibility Audit. He said that Andrew Konowalchuk, Associate Vice-President (Administration) had informed him that an Accelerated “Best Value” Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued the week of February 21, 2017 with work to begin approximately April 1 to 15, 2017. He added that the work is expected to be completed in twelve to eighteen months with either of the following options:

- Option one would be extensive and encompass all barriers.
- Option two would examine select areas in all locations for access and circulation, public/common space, amenities, washrooms, information and communication (wayfinding).

4. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

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

4.1.1 THAT the Board of Governors approve eight new offers and seven amended offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated January 24, 2017].

4.1.2 THAT the Board of Governors approve one new offer and one amended offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated January 24, 2017].

The Board received the following for information:

4.2.1 The Annual Report of the University Discipline Committee

CARRIED

5. FROM SENATE

5.1 Proposal for a Master of Science in Prosthodontics

Dr. Ristock stated that this is a small program funded by tuition fees and clinical revenue that caters to a small number of students. She added that this is one of only three such programs in Canada.

It was moved by Mr. Mohammed and seconded by Ms. Connelly.

THAT the Board of Governors approve a proposal to establish a Master of Science in Prosthodontics [as recommended by Senate, March 1, 2017].

CARRIED

5.2 Closure of Bachelor of Human Ecology (General) Degree

Dr. Barnard said that over the last few years, the University has worked to simplify its structure to reduce the number of faculties. He explained that this has resulted in programs and people

from the Faculty of Human Ecology moving to become part of other faculties. Dr. Ristock explained that the closure of the Bachelor of Human Ecology (General) Degree is the result of the closure of that faculty.

Mr. Mohammed asked if there is a need for human ecologists in Manitoba. Dr. Ristock said that human ecology is still a teachable subject in the Faculty of Education and a pathway to that teachable subject still remains. She added that there are there ways to obtain an equivalent degree.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the closure of Bachelor of Human Ecology (General) degree, effective upon approval [as recommended by Senate, March 1, 2017].

CARRIED

5.3 Proposal to form the Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences through the Merger of the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences and the Department of Food Science

Dr. Barnard stated that this proposal is another result of the closure of the Faculty of Human Ecology as the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences was moved to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences.

Dr. Ristock noted that the department councils of both Human Nutritional Sciences and Food Science approved this merger. Mr. Mirecki asked how many students there were in these departments. Dr. Ristock said she would get that information and report back to the Board of Governors. Ms. Hyde asked if there had been any consultation with industry on this. Dr. Ristock said that part of the normal processes of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences is to consult with industry.

In response to a question from Mr. Demmings, Dr. Ristock stated that this merger will be beneficial for both staff and students.

It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Chancellor Sector:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences through the merger of the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences and the Department of Food Science [as recommended by Senate, March 1, 2017].

CARRIED

FOR DISCUSSION

6. FROM SENATE

6.1 Suspension of Admissions to the Integrated Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education Degree

Dr. Barnard stated that he has consulted with Senate and is now consulting the Board of Governors before suspending admissions to the Integrated Bachelor of Music/Bachelor of Education Degree. Dr. Ristock explained that this is a suspension for one year to allow the Faculties of Education and Music to review and explore other options.

6.2 Proposed Admission Targets, 2017-2018

Dr. Barnard stated that the University established admission targets a number of years ago at a macro level with specific targets for individual programs. He noted that the proposed admission targets were discussed and accepted with little debate at Senate.

Mr. Mohammed asked what tools are used by Senate in determining admission targets for a faculty. Dr. Ristock explained that determining factors include number of seats, enrolment projections, and patterns of enrolment in previous years, as well as some of the goals set out in the University's Strategic Enrolment Management Plan (SEMP). Mr. Osiowy asked whether the admission targets for the Faculty of Engineering might change when the new building is completed. Dr. Beddoes responded, stating that enrolment has increased incrementally over time and the new building will provide facilities and space resources that could be used to increase the enrolment further, however, the Faculty will require funds in its operating budget to support that enrolment growth. Dr. Beddoes noted that the operating budget may be somewhat uncertain in the next few years.

Dr. Mollot asked if there was any consultation with the private or public sector that indicates a need for more engineers. Dr. Beddoes said that the faculty has had multiple discussions with industry and employers in Manitoba and has evaluated the engineering labour force outlook for engineers in Canada to 2020, which is broken down by discipline and by province. He added that there appears to be a strong demand for engineers in all disciplines going forward. Dr. Mollot asked if it was a standard practice among faculties to review market demand and consult with employers. Dr. Beddoes indicated that he was uncertain how other Faculties determine their admission targets although he would expect that they would look at a number of internal and external factors, including the resources required to support a change in enrolment.

In response to a question from Ms. Lee, Dr. Ristock said that the numbers presented were stable as compared to last year and there is no projected increase in enrolment.

Mr. Demmings asked about the term "open" as it relates to enrolment in the Faculty of Arts. Dr. Barnard explained that although there were no enrolment limits in the Faculty there are some limits in individual classes.

Ms. Hyde asked how the University balances the need to grow a discipline with the capacity of a Faculty to admit students. Dr. Barnard responded that if there is an increasing need for graduates in a particular discipline, the capacity of the University to accommodate increased enrolment must be considered.



Mr. Mirecki asked whether the open admission in the Faculties of Arts and Science take away resources from other faculties and whether increases to other Faculties have been denied because of allocations to Arts and Science. Dr. Taylor said that the Faculties share in the incremental budget model so there is an established amount to the Faculty of Arts annually with increases or reductions being determined centrally. He noted that there has been a reduction in the last six years and he has never seen the Faculty of Arts at an advantage to the detriment of other programs. He added that his Faculty also provides service teaching for other faculties, meaning that only one third of students taking classes in the Faculty of Arts are actually registered as Faculty of Arts students.

Dr. Anderson commented that a Faculty with open admission may have certain programs within it that are limited to a certain number of students, and students are often placed on waiting lists.

Mr. Leclerc informed members of the Board that they will receive a presentation on enrolment numbers at the June Board meeting.

FOR INFORMATION

7. Report from the President

Dr. Barnard commented that members are likely aware of legislation introduced yesterday by the Province. He noted that there will be some effects on the labour situation and tuition fees going forward. He said that Administration will work to gain a full understanding of the implications to the University of this legislation. He added that this legislation will be reflected in matters coming to the Board, including recommendations for fees and information about labour situations.

Dr. Barnard said that the University had recently celebrated its 140th birthday with a number of celebrations beginning with a moving Indigenous ceremony, a pancake breakfast, and then a ceremony on the steps of the Administration Building. He recalled that all of the speakers mentioned the significance of the University in their lives, including Premier Pallister who spoke about his mother and his wife's mother who attended the University of Manitoba and how that influenced his family.

Dr. Barnard stated that there had been a meeting of elders and traditional peoples earlier in the day with a guest speaker from the U.S.

Regarding the Front and Centre fundraising campaign, Mr. Kearsey noted that \$409 million has been raised toward the goal of \$500 million. He added that this figure includes the provincial government's \$150 million commitment.

Mr. Mohammed asked for an overview of what the provincial government had said in relation to tuition increases. Dr. Barnard said that the Province had introduced legislation that would allow



the University to increase tuition fees by 5.0 percent plus the rate of inflation (as determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI)). He explained that the University of Manitoba currently has the third lowest tuition in the country and the Province has given the University some room to increase tuition fees so that the University has the lowest tuition in western Canada. He noted that relative to similar universities, adjusted for size, the University of Manitoba receives \$75 million less in annual funding (on average). He added that if tuition were to increase to the University of Saskatchewan rates half of that gap could be closed. Dr. Barnard stated that if the University were to increase tuition by the maximum allowed it would still take four to six years to reach the same level as other institutions. In response to a follow up question from Mr. Mohammed, Dr. Barnard said that the University would take some of the increased revenue to increase funding to those students in need while maintaining the same rates for those who are more able to pay.

Ms. Nagra asked if there has been any indication of the grant that will be announced with the provincial budget on April 11. Dr. Barnard said that there has been no specific communication about that. He added that in the context of other conversations, there have been indications that the maximum increase may be what the K-12 education sector received, which was 1%.


Ms. Lee asked if the Board would receive a communications strategy for addressing the increases and how it would be communicated to students. Mr. Kearsey responded that there will be a strategy shared with students, though that would not typically be shared with the Board of Governors. Mr. Leclerc noted this is new ground for the University as it has been many years since a tuition increase greater than the rate of inflation was allowed and that any increase will not take effect until 2018.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL

It was moved by Mr. Mollot and seconded by Mr. Demmings:
THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED


Chair


University Secretary

