

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Held Tuesday,
April 25, 2000 in Room 160, Continuing Education Complex.**

Present: Mr. Paul M. Soubry, Chair
Ms. Claudia Weselake, Vice-Chair
Dr. Arthur V. Mauro, Chancellor
Dr. Emőke Szathmáry, President
Mr. Wayne Anderson
Mr. Ron Black
Dr. Bernie Dronzek
Dr. Harry Duckworth
Mr. Steven Fletcher
Ms. Darlene Hildebrand
Dr. Janet Hoskins
Ms. Claudette Lahaie
Mr. Krishna Lalhiharie
Mr. Iain MacNair
Mr. Dale Parkinson
Ms. Carol Smith
Mr. Kevin Toyne
Mr. Doug Ward
Mr. Béla Cziffra, UMSU Assessor
Dr. Jay Goldstein, Faculty Assessor
Ms. Jean Zushman, Support Staff Assessor

Also Present: Dr. Jim Gardner, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost
Dr. Gary Glavin, Associate Vice-President (Research)
Mr. Mike McAdam, Vice-President (Administration)
Ms. Bev Sawicki, University Secretary
Mrs. Margaret Birt, Recording Secretary

Guests: Mr. John Danakas, Director, Public Affairs
Ms. Colleen Bready, Incoming Vice-President, UMSU

Regrets: Ms. Linda Archer
Mr. Ken Shiffman
Ms. Wendi Thiessen
Dr. Joanne Keselman

Absent: Ms. Shannon Bracken
Mr. Gordon Fletcher

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Ms. Weselake, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors held March 28, 2000, be approved.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Residence Room and Board Rates 2000-2001

In response to a question posed by Mr. Lalbiharie at the March 28, 2000 Board meeting, Mr. McAdam confirmed that the figure on which the 2% increase in residence and board rates is based is \$1.4 M. The total increase would therefore be \$28,000.

2. Board of Governors Assessment Questionnaire

Mr. Soubry once again urged Board members to complete and return their Board Assessment Questionnaires. All questionnaires were supposed to be submitted by April 13, 2000, but to date only five have been received. He emphasized that the only way the Board could improve its performance was by getting feedback from members, and he asked that outstanding questionnaires be submitted to the University Secretariat by Tuesday of next week, May 2, 2000.

FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Finance and Administration Committee, at a meeting held April 18, 2000, recommended the following item, which was acted upon by the Board at this meeting:

1. Agricultural and Food Sciences Student Referendum

The Board was advised that the undergraduate students in the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences held a referendum on January 27th and 28th, 2000, concerning an \$85 student contribution for all Agricultural and Food Sciences students (\$57 to the Agricultural and Food Sciences Endowment Fund and \$28 to student initiatives for the Faculty). The result was an 82% vote in favour of such a fee increase for each of 3 years, effective September 2000, pro-rated for part-time students.

It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Mr. Ward that a tax deductible \$85 per year student contribution be paid through registration, \$57 directed to the Agricultural and Food Sciences Endowment Fund, \$28 directed to student initiatives for the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. This amount is to be pro-rated for part-time students. The term of this agreement is three years and is effective as of September 2000.

Carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry reviewed her report which was circulated at the meeting.

Dr. Goldstein noted that at the last Board meeting the President indicated there would be an update on the Joint University/UMFA Committees arising from the last round of bargaining and he wondered if the update would be presented at this meeting. Mr. McAdam confirmed that the next detailed report will come forward to the June Finance and Administration Committee meeting and hence to the Board on June 27, 2000.

In response to a question from Mr. Black, the President stated that as of this date the University had received no information on the grant from the Provincial Government. She noted, however, that hospital Boards had been informed of their allocations.

Dr. Duckworth asked how the University would be developing its policy with regard to the Millennium Chairs. Dr. Glavin indicated that planning for the Chairs has been ongoing and at a recent Deans' and Directors' Council meeting, Deans and Directors made brief presentations as to their strategic research plans and identified either retention or recruitment issues. Those plans have now been collated and sent back to Deans for further revision. Once the allocation of the Chairs is received, hopefully by May 1, 2000, the plans formulated by the Deans and Directors will be used to decide how the Chairs will be used. A Research Plan has to be submitted by the University to the Canada Research Chair Programs by August 1, 2000.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF UMSU

Prior to Mr. Steven Fletcher presenting his report, Mr. Soubry took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Steven Fletcher on his re-election as President of UMSU and to introduce Ms. Colleen Bready, new Vice-President. Ms. Bready is the outgoing Director of Student Affairs on the current UMSU Executive, and a student in the Faculty of Arts from the Department of Political Studies.

Mr. Fletcher reported as follows:

- He was pleased to advise that the dispute between UMSU and the Newspaper has been resolved.
- UMSU is currently in the process of appointing its new Executive and appointing new members to the Board of Governors.
- Mr. Fletcher complimented Dean Gregory, John Danakas, and the Administration on their efforts to make the Official Opening of the Nursing Building a splendid occasion.
- UMSU now have their new Chambers in the basement of the Nursing Building and Mr. Fletcher said UMSU would be honoured to have the Board hold an upcoming Board meeting in these new facilities.

Before proceeding to the next item on the agenda, Mr. Soubry said he would like to congratulate Dr. Janet Hoskins on becoming the first woman Warden of St. John's College in 134 years. He referred to the article in the **Macleans Magazine** which recorded the event.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Board received for information the following items which had also been previously reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee at its April 18, 2000 meeting:

1. From the Finance and Administration Committee.

- Accumulated Deferred Maintenance at Canadian Universities - Results of a Canadian Association of University Business Officers (CAUBO) Study. Mr. McAdam noted that

this study was a joint undertaking by AUCC (Association of Universities and Colleges in Canada) and CAUBO, which confirmed there is a serious issue relating to deferred maintenance, accumulated deferred maintenance, and urgent deferred maintenance, all across Canada. Manitoba's numbers are worse than the national average. The report will be used as further argument for increased funding for all post-secondary institutions in Manitoba. Mr. McAdam noted the media coverage on this critical issue was very disappointing. He indicated that the full report was available from his Office or from the University Secretariat and any Board member wishing to review the full report could contact either office.

- A revised meeting schedule for 2000-2001 was circulated.

It was moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. MacNair, that the Board move into closed and confidential session.

Carried.