

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Held
Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 160, Continuing Education
Complex**

Present: Mr. Paul M. Soubry, Chair
Ms. Claudia Weselake, Vice-Chair
Dr. Emőke Szathmáry, President
Ms. Linda Archer
Mr. Ron Black
Ms. Shannon Bracken
Dr. Bernie Dronzek
Dr. Harry Duckworth
Mr. Gordon Fletcher
Mr. Steven Fletcher
Dr. Janet Hoskins
Ms. Claudette Lahaie
Mr. Krishna Lalbiharie
Mr. Iain MacNair
Mr. Ken Shiffman
Ms. Wendi Thiessen
Mr. Kevin Toyne
Mr. Doug Ward
Dr. Jay Goldstein, Faculty Assessor
Ms. Jean Zushman, Support Staff Assessor

Also Present: Mr. Jim Gardner, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost
Dr. Joanne Keselman, 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. Elaine Goldie, Executive Director, Alumni & Development
Ms. Mary Jane Loustel, Director, Audit Services
Ms. Shelley Sweeney, FIPPA Co-ordinator

Regrets: Dr. Arthur Mauro
Mr. Wayne Anderson
Ms. Darlene Hildebrand
Mr. Dale Parkinson
Ms. Carol Smith
Mr. Béla Cziffra

PRESENTATION

Ms. Shelley Sweeney, Head of the Libraries Archives and Special Collections and FIPPA Coordinator, reviewed the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). Originally scheduled to come into effect in May of 1999, the legislation was postponed due to the election. FIPPA will come into effect for all local public bodies (including The University of Manitoba) on April 3, 2000. Ms. Sweeney explained that FIPPA was a two-part Act that covers all records in the control or custody of The University of Manitoba. The first part, governing access, states:

- 1. The public has a right to access the records of public bodies; and
- 2. Individuals have a right to access information about themselves.

Both of these rights are subject to limitations. Individuals can formally apply for access using a prescribed form. The University has an obligation to assist persons making



such a request, and the University has 30 days in which to respond.

The second part of the Act governs privacy, and it states:

1. Individuals have a right to request correction of their own personal information;
2. The University must follow rules for collecting, using and disclosing information.

The FIPPA Co-ordinator's Office handles applications for access or privacy complaints. The application then goes to the FIPPA Review Committee for consideration. The Committee determines access and communicates its decision to the President. The FIPPA Review Committee decisions are binding within the University.

[Ms. Sweeney left the meeting.]

MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Ms. Weselake, that the Minutes of the Regular Session of the Board of Governors meeting held January 25, 2000, be approved.

Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

1. Task Force Report

Mr. Soubry reminded Board members that if they had any questions on the report on Task Force recommendations, they should be relayed to the University Secretary for forwarding to the President and for subsequent report to the Board.

2. Graduate Students' Association

Mr. Soubry noted a preliminary report has been received from the University's Legal Counsel regarding the requests from Graduate Students' Association to separate from The University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU) and to incorporate, but there has not yet been an opportunity to review it with her. It will be necessary to consult with UMSU regarding separation, in accordance with the UMSU Act, and the matter will be placed on the April 25, 2000 Board of Governors agenda.

FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The Academic Affairs Committee, at a meeting held March 14, 2000, recommended the following items, which were acted upon by the Board at this meeting:

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Dated January 20, 2000

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Dronzek, that the Board of Governors approve the five award offers and seven award amendments as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated January 20, 2000 (as approved by Senate on February 2, 2000).

Carried.

2. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Dated February 4, 2000

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Dronzek, that the Board of Governors approve the 20 new awards, 14 award amendments, and 2 award withdrawals, as set

out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated February 4, 2000 (as approved and recommended by Senate on March 1, 2000).

Carried.



3. Master of Actuarial Mathematics: Discontinuance

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Szathmáry, that the Board of Governors approve the elimination of the Master of Actuarial Mathematics Program as part of an overall reorganization of the Actuarial Curriculum, as endorsed by the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated February 1, 2000 (as approved by Senate on March 1, 2000).

Carried.

4. Basic Diploma in Actuarial Studies and Advanced Diploma in Actuarial Studies

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Dronzek that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Basic Diploma in Actuarial Studies and an Advanced Diploma in Actuarial Studies, subject to the reports of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes dated January 27, 2000, and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated February 1, 2000 (as approved and recommended by Senate on March 1, 2000).

Carried.

5. Master of Mathematical, Computational, and Statistical Sciences

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Hoskins that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Master of Mathematical, Computational, and Statistical Sciences, in accordance with the recommendation set out in the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated February 1, 2000 (as approved and recommended by Senate on March 1, 2000).

6. Linguistics and American Sign Language/English Interpretation

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Black, that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a new program in Linguistics and American Sign Language/English Interpretation to be taught jointly by the Linguistics Department at The University of Manitoba and the ASL/English Interpretation Program at Red River College, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree, subject to conditions set out in the related reports of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes (dated October 22, 1999) and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (dated November 2, 1999) (as approved by Senate on February 2, 2000).

Carried.

7. Report of the University Research Committee of Senate on the Review of the Transport Institute

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Toyne that the Board of Governors approve the renewal of the Transport Institute for a term of five years from July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2004, as set out in the report of the University Research Committee of Senate (as approved and recommended by Senate on February 2, 2000).

Carried.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee, at a meeting held March 14, 2000, recommended the following item which was ratified by the Board at this meeting:

1. Change in Signors for Transfer of Stock Certificates, Bonds, and Debentures

It was moved by Ms. Weselake, seconded by Mr. Lalbiharie, that the Board of Governors ratify the following:

That the resolution (with respect to transfers in blank in connection with all stock certificates, bonds, and debentures held by the University) dated November 26, 1998, be amended by the deletion of Cynthia Coop as signor and with the replacement of Claudia Weselake as signor.

Carried.

FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Finance and Administration Committee, at a meeting held March 14, 2000, recommended the following items which were acted upon by the Board at this meeting:

1. Residence Room and Board Rates 2000-2001

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Dr. Dronzek that the Board of Governors approve an increase of 2% in board and room rates of University residences.

Carried.

Mr. Lalbiharie opposed the motion.

2. School of Dental Hygiene Endowment Fund

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Mr. Gordon Fletcher, that the Board of Governors approve the assessment of a \$30/year student fee for Dental Hygiene students in the Faculty of Dentistry for an additional three-year period effective September 2000, as outlined in the letter from Professor Salme E. Lavigne, Director of the School of Dental Hygiene, dated February 21, 2000.

Carried.

3. Faculty of Science Student Referendum

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Ms. Bracken that the Board of Governors approve a tax deductible \$55 per year student contribution to be paid through registration, \$25 to be directed to the Science Endowment Fund, \$25 to the Science Equipment Purchase Fund, and \$5 directed to the Science Students' Association. This amount to be pro-rated for part-time students. The term of this agreement is three years, beginning September 2000.

Carried.

4. Auditors for Student Organizations

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Mr. Toyne, that the Board of Governors approve Sill & Company as Auditors for the Student Organizations for a five-year period commencing with the fiscal year-end March 31, 2000.

Carried.

5. Budget: Interim Spending Guidelines 2000-2001

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Mr. Black that the Board of Governors authorize interim spending guidelines based on 97% of the 1999-2000 approved budget, until the Board of Governors approves the 2000-~~2000~~ budget.

2001 Budget

Carried.

Dr. Szathmáry noted some changes in the background information contained on the Board of Governors Document Submission sheet. The last sentence of the second last paragraph reads "However, fee increases at least matching inflation increases (approximately 2.5% for 1999) can be anticipated if grant increases are not sufficient." The President said this possibility was entertained by the Deputy Minister of Education when he spoke with the presidents of the universities in Manitoba. It was never a remark made by the Minister of Education. The latest information is that the Government is not likely to favour this kind of approach.

6. Post-Retirement Adjustments

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Dr. Duckworth that the Board of Governors



approve that effective for the 2000/2001 fiscal year, additional post-retirement adjustments be provided in the amount of 0.75% of the pension entitlement and post-retirement adjustments in effect on March 31, 1999.

Carried.

7. Audit Services Audit Plan 2000-2001

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Dr. Duckworth that the Board of Governors endorse the Audit Program proposed in the document entitled "Audit Services Audit Plan 2000-2001."

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Appointment: John W. Dafoe Foundation Committee

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Mr. Toyne that the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Professor Kathryn Young, Dean of Students and Co-ordinator of the Program in Canadian Studies at St. John's College, as a member of the John W. Dafoe Foundation Committee to replace Professor Carol Shields.

Carried.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry reviewed her written report which was circulated in the agenda. She drew attention to her letter to the **Winnipeg Free Press** which was published on February 22, 2000, and a subsequent letter dated March 10, 2000 which she wrote to the Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, at his request, on the subject of the 21st Century Chairs. Manitoba university presidents had been informed that Cabinet would be making a decision on the distribution of the 2000 Chairs on March 23, 2000, and that the presidents would receive information on the distribution mechanism to be followed on March 24, 2000. However, to date no news on this subject has been received from Ottawa and it is not known whether or not Cabinet has made a decision.

Dr. Gardner reported that the Provincial Government has reinstated the terminal registered nursing diploma program at Red River Community College. He stated that under the Manitoba Nursing Education Strategy contract between the University and the Department of Health, the University is obliged to enrol 400 first-year Nursing students by the year 2002. The University has enrolled 383 first-year Nursing students and is approximately two years ahead of schedule in terms of meeting the goals contained in the contract. The media, however, has inferred that the University was failing to meet its goals. In reaction to the media statements, the President addressed a letter to the Premier and Dr. Gardner made representations to the Deputy Minister of Education and Deputy Minister of Health.

Dr. Szathmáry referred to the dispute between UMSU and **The Manitoban** respecting operation of the **Manitoban** newspaper. She indicated that while both parties consist of our students, UMSU operates independently of the University and it is up to the parties concerned to resolve the conflict. The President has offered to provide the services of a third party neutral mediator to assist in a resolution.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF UMSU

Mr. Steven Fletcher, President of UMSU, noted the following:

- A protest, recently held at the Legislative Building in support of Nursing students, received a considerable amount of media coverage. The Minister of Health spoke, as did the opposition leaders, along with the President of UMSU. Mr. Fletcher affirmed that Nursing students are committed to ensuring the interests of the nursing profession, the University, and people in the health care system



are upheld.

- A very successful Annual Scholarship and Bursary Fundraising Dinner was held on March 23, 2000 at which the Premier spoke.
- With regard to the issue with the **Manitoban**, a motion was brought forward from the UMSU Finance Committee to terminate the agreement existing between UMSU and the **Manitoban** because of some breaches of contract. Nicholas Hurst, Publisher at the **Winnipeg Free Press** was approached for advice and he indicated he would be willing to become involved. On Friday, President Szathmáry offered the services of the University Mediation Services and as at the present date, it appears both sides will avail themselves of the offer. A stand-still agreement for 45 days, without prejudice, has been extended by UMSU to the **Manitoban** to allow feelings to cool and to encourage a mutually acceptable agreement within that time frame.

ALUMNI, DEVELOPMENT, AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT

Ms. Goldie, Executive Director of Alumni and Development, reviewed the written report which was included in the agenda. She advised the Board that negotiations are currently underway to secure the "key gift" to the Campaign and she anticipated an announcement at the next meeting. In response to a question from Ms. Weselake, Ms. Goldie indicated that she hoped the Campaign Chair would be in place before the end of the month. Ms. Goldie was thanked for the succinct and informative report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The Board received for information the following items which had also been previously reviewed by various Board committees:

1. From the Academic Affairs Committee

- Survey of University 1 Students 1998-99.
- Summary of Course and Program Changes 1995-1999.
- Undergraduate Minor Program in Environmental Science Approved by COPSE.
- Student Advocacy Annual Report: September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999.
- University Discipline Committee Annual Report: September 1, 1998 to August 31, 1999.
- Research Grants and Contracts Awarded: October 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999.
- Academic Non-Research Contracts Awarded: October 1, 1999 to December 31, 1999.
- Student Affairs Research Reports: Volume 11, Numbers 2, 3, 4, and 5.

2. From the Finance and Administration Committee

- The Draft Notes for the Annual Financial Report.

3. Other

- Board and Standing Committee Meeting Schedule for 2000/2001. Mr. Soubry indicated the schedule was in the same format as this year and he encouraged any Board members who had comments on the proposed schedule to contact Ms. Sawicki, the University Secretary.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

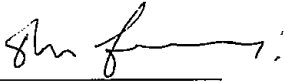
Mr. Soubry urged Board members to complete and return the questionnaire to the University Secretary prior to April 13, 2000. For those members who would be leaving

the Board as of May 31, 2000, he emphasized the importance of completing the questionnaire so the Board would have the benefit of their experience and their suggestions to continue to improve communications with continuing and new Board members.

MOTION: CLOSED SESSION

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

Carried.



Chair



University Secretary

