



UNIVERSITY
OF MANITOBA

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
January 25, 2011**

The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in the Alan A. Borger Sr. Executive Conference Room, E1-270 EITC.

Present: J. Lederman, Chair
J. Leclerc, University Secretary

D. Barnard A. Berg T. Bock P. Bovey E. Bowness
E. Collins J. Embree N. Halden G. Hatch J. Hoskins
S. Jasper M. Labine H. Laube H. Sector

Assessors Present:

B. Austin-Smith J. Sealey

Officials Present:

S. Foster D. Jayas J. Kearsey J. Keselman D. McCallum

Regrets:

R. Dhalla M. Forsen B. Passey D. Sauer R. Zegalski

Absent:

M. Ates M. Robertson

1. **Announcements**

Ms. Lederman welcomed Mr. Emmet Collins, a new student member appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in council.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

The Chair asked whether any member had concern with any of the items on the Consent Agenda. No concerns were brought forward.

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Dr. Hoskins:

THAT the agenda for the January 25, 2011 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

3.1 Open Minutes

A few errors were identified.

It was moved by Ms. Laube and seconded by Dr. Hoskins:

THAT the minutes of the September 28, 2010 Open Session be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. PRESENTATION

4.1 Innovation – Contributions of the University of Manitoba

Dr. Digvir Jayas, Vice-President (Research), delivered a presentation on the commercialization of research at the University of Manitoba. A copy of Dr. Jayas' presentation will be emailed to Board members for their reference.

5. Unanimous Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Hatch and seconded by Dr. Embree that the Board of Governors approve and/or receive for information the following:

THAT the Board of Governors approve six new offers, six amended offers, and the withdrawal of eleven offers as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated October 18, 2010].

THAT the Board of Governors approve five new offers, five amended offers, and the withdrawal of three offers as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated November 8, 2010].

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Professorship in Neurobiology Research [endorsed by Senate on December 1, 2010].

THAT the Board of Governors approve that the students from the School of Medical Rehabilitation contribute \$1.66 per credit hour for a three year term to the School of Medical Rehabilitation Endowment Fund, beginning in the fall of 2011/2012.

THAT the Board of Governors approve that the students from the Faculty of Medicine contribute \$100.00 per year for a four year term to the Faculty of Medicine Student Scholarships, the Student Initiative Fund, and the Wish Clinic, beginning in the fall of 2011/2012.

THAT the Board of Governors approve that the students from the Faculty of Pharmacy contribute \$3.67 per credit hour for a three year term to Faculty of Pharmacy Endowment Fund, the Student Initiative Fund, and the Wish Clinic, beginning in the fall of 2011/2012.

THAT the Board of Governors approve that the students from the Faculty of Engineering contribute \$3.05 per credit hour for a three year term to Faculty of Engineering Endowment Fund, beginning in the fall of 2011/2012

That the Board of Governors approve the revised Student Advocacy Office Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

6. Report from the President

In addition to the written report provided in the agenda materials, Dr. Barnard reported that he had attended a meeting in Ontario immediately following the Board of Governors retreat on January 22nd. It was a positive and encouraging meeting which focused on developing a new narrative for the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) for the next few years.

Dr. Austin-Smith asked whether there was a plan in place to assure that Faculty member's parking would not be disrupted on days when events will be held in the new stadium. Dr. Barnard replied that the University was committed to that principle, but the details were not yet worked out.

7. FROM GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 Review of the Chancellor Election Process

Ms. Lederman stated that this process was reviewed as a result of observations made by the Committee for the most recent election of the Chancellor. Some changes were in order to increase confidentiality for the nominees and also to increase the transparency of the process. She added that the revised bylaw and policy had been approved by Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Dr. Embree:

THAT the Board of Governors:

- a) approve the attached Bylaw outlining the Role of the Chancellor; and**
- b) approve the attached Policy governing the Election of the Chancellor.**

CARRIED

Ms. Laube asked if there had been discussion of ex-officio members of the Committee from UMSU and the GSA. Ms. Lederman replied that the intent was to have a committee of a manageable size and that two students would form part of the Committee membership.

8. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1 Sustainability Policy

Ms. Bovey spoke to this item, indicating that this policy was necessary because the University is a signatory of the Halifax Declaration, among others. She added that there had been a great deal of consultation. Mrs. McCallum stated that the Sustainability Committee is actively working on developing a comprehensive sustainability strategy for the University that would address operations, food services, buildings, education, and research. Mrs. McCallum added that Board of Governors approval will signify to the University community that sustainability is indeed important to the University.

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Dr. Halden:

That the Board of Governors approve the Sustainability Policy and accept for information the Sustainability Procedures approved by the Vice-President (Administration) and the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.

CARRIED

9. FROM SENATE FOR APPROVAL

9.1 Site Approvals related to the Stadium Development and the Sport and Active Living Precinct

It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Dr. Hoskins:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the extension of the Sport and Active Living Precinct, the relocation of the play fields, and the siting of the Active Living Centre on Parking Lot X [approved by Senate on December 1, 2010].

CARRIED

The following three items were considered together.

9.5 Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Joint Honours Degree in Computer Science – Statistics

9.6 Proposal for an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering (BME)

9.7 Closure of the Manitoba Centre for Hellenic Civilization

It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Dr. Embree:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for a Bachelor of Science Joint Honours Degree in Computer Science - Statistics [as recommended by Senate January 5, 2011].

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for an M.Sc. and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering [as recommended by Senate October 6, 2010].

THAT the Board of Governors approve the closure of the Manitoba Centre for Hellenic Civilization [as recommended by Senate December 1, 2010].

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

11. UPDATES

11.1 Update from the UMSU President

Ms. Laube reported that the Celebration Week held at the Inner City Campus and at the Bannatyne Campus were both successful the previous week and that the Fort Garry Campus events were taking place this week. She added that UMSU was working on developing a series of "Awareness" weeks which will highlight various issues the student should be more aware of. The weeks will focus on environmental issues, treaties, accessibility, and LGBTTT issues.

Ms. Laube also stated that UMSU is moving forward with ideas for the space vacated by the Wise Guys pub and the intent is to make the community livelier.

11.2 Update from the GSA President

Ms. Labine reported that the GSA would soon have a new office network installed and that they have added two more staff members to their team. She added that the founder of Doctors Without Borders, Dr. Heinzl, would be speaking at the Bannatyne Campus in the coming weeks and that workshops focusing on soft skills for graduate students would be held in March. Ms. Labine also reported on some renovations to the GSA office and to the grad students lounge which would make both spaces more useful to the students. She stated that the GSA is working with the Faculty of Graduate Studies on a joint orientation for new students and working with UMSU on the community pub concept while working toward a pub at the Bannatyne Campus. She added that the GSA has also partnered in a joint venture with the MBA program to hold a Dragon's Den type of event in June.

Ms. Lederman asked what percentage of Masters students continue on to doctoral work. Ms. Labine responded that of the 3200 to 3300 graduate students the ratio is approximately 2 Master's students for every Ph.D. student.

Mrs. McCallum asked where the new lounge space at the Bannatyne Campus would be located. Ms. Labine answered that it was planned for the Basic Medical Sciences Building.

Ms. Hatch asked whether there are more women or men currently pursuing a Master's degree. Ms. Labine replied that in the Life Sciences and in Arts there are more women, but in the areas of Agriculture and Science there are more men.

Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Dr. Halden and seconded by Ms. Bovey:

THAT the Board of Governors move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Ms. Bovey:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary