

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Held Thursday, June 24, 1999, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 160, Continuing Education Complex.

Present:

Mr. Paul M. Soubry, Chair.
 Dr. Arthur Mauro, Chancellor.
 Dr. Emőke Szathmáry, President.
 Mr. Ron Black.
 Ms. Shannon Bracken.
 Professor Bernie Dronzek.
 Professor Harry Duckworth.
 Ms. Darlene Hildebrand.
 Professor Janet Hoskins.
 Mr. Krishna Lalbiharie.
 Mr. Iain MacNair.
 Mr. Dale Parkinson.
 Mr. Ken Shiffman
 Ms. Carol Smith.
 Ms. Wendi Thiessen.
 Mr. Kevin Toyne.
 Mr. Doug Ward.
 Ms. Claudia Weselake.

Ms. Bev Sawicki, University Secretary.
 Mrs. Margaret Birt, Recording Secretary.
 Mr. Bela Cziffra, UMSU Assessor.
 Professor Jay Goldstein, Faculty Assessor.
 Ms. Jean Zushman, Support Staff Assessor.

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Also Present:

Dr. Gary Glavin, Acting Vice-President (Research).
 Mr. Mike McAdam, Vice-President (Administration).
 Professor Karen Ogden, Vice-Provost (Academic Affairs).
 Ms. Shirley Plett, Senate Secretariat.

Regrets:

Mr. Wayne Anderson.
 Ms. Linda Archer.
 Mr. Gordon Fletcher.
 Mr. Steven Fletcher.
 Ms. Claudette Lahaie.

WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Shannon Bracken, Dr. Janet Hoskins, Mr. Krishna Lalbiharie, Mr. Ken Shiffman, Ms. Wendi Thiessen, and Mr. Kevin Toyne to their first meeting.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE.

Dr. Mauro presented the report of the Nominations Committee meeting of June 15, 1999, which recommended as follows:

1. That the following be appointed officers for the Board for 1999-2000:
 - (i) Paul Soubry - Chair of the Board.
 - (ii) Claudia Weselake - Vice-Chair of the Board.
2. That the following slate for standing committee of the Board be approved, with terms, where applicable, indicated in parenthesis:



(i) **Executive Committee.**

Bernie Dronzek (academic staff member) (2002)
Steven Fletcher (student member) (2000)

(ii) **Finance and Administration Committee.**

Wayne Anderson (lay member) (reappointment) (2002)
Ken Shiffman (lay member) (2002)
Gordon Fletcher (student member) (2000)

(iii) **Academic Affairs Committee.**

Shannon Bracken (student member) (2000)
Janet Hoskins (academic staff member) (2002)

(iv) **External Relations Committee.**

Darlene Hildebrand (Board member) (2001)
Doug Ward (lay member) (2002)
Harry Duckworth (academic staff member) (2002)
Kevin Toyne (student member) (2000)
Claudia Weselake (Board member) (2002)

(v) **Nominations Committee.**

Claudette Lahaie (Board member) (2002)
Janet Hoskins (Board member) (2002)

(vi) **Employee Relations and Benefits Committee.**

Ken Shiffman (lay Board member) (2002)
Harry Duckworth (academic staff member) (2002)

(vii) **Distinguished Service Award Committee.**

Steven Fletcher (Student representative) (2002)
Doug Ward (Board member) (2002)

3. **That the following slate be approved, with terms, where applicable, indicated in parenthesis:**(i) **Staff Benefits Committee.**

Ken Shiffman (2001)

(ii) **Senate.**

Wendi Thiessen (2001)

(iii) **Senate Executive.**

Wendi Thiessen (2000)

(iv) **Pension Committee.**

Nora Losey (2001)

(v) **College and Co-op Housing Board.**

Doug Ward. (2001)

Mr. MacNair and Mr. Lalbiharie noted they had not been assigned to any committees and both said they would like to serve in some capacity. Dr. Mauro said the Committee would consider their request and the Secretary would contact them in due course.

It was moved by Dr. Mauro, seconded by Dr. Szathmáry that the report of the Nominations Committee be approved as presented.

Carried.

UMSU ACCIDENT FEE.

Mr. Steven Fletcher joined the meeting by conference call from Edmonton.

Mr. McAdam noted that the cancellation by UMSU of a \$3.50 per student levy towards the Student Accident Fund had been referred from the Executive Committee to the full Board. The Executive Committee expressed concern that there was no insurance to take the place of the UMSU Student Accident Fund for any students, including those in the Bison Sports programs which had, in the past, accounted for 80% of the insurance claims. A proposal from the Dean of Physical Education for insurance coverage to cover the Bison athletes, having a cost of \$17,500 per annum, had been received by the Administration but it was noted that there is no obligation on the part of the University to provide such coverage. Mr. McAdam said no decision has been reached on this proposal as yet, but he would report to the Board no later than September. With regard to the cancellation of the \$3.50 student fee, Mr. McAdam indicated that UMSU was perfectly within its rights to cancel the fee and the reduction of the fee by the University would be implemented by Administration following approval of a related Board motion. It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Mr. Parkinson that the UMSU student fee be reduced by \$3.50 per student per year to reflect the cancellation of the Student Accident Plan by UMSU Council on May 5, 1999.

Carried

MINUTES.

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Ms. Smith, that the Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held Thursday, May 20, 1999 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM SENATE.

Ms. Weselake reported that one item at Senate concerning a proposal to offer selected first-year University of Manitoba courses in high schools, had been sent back to Continuing Education for more information. Other items discussed at Senate appear in the report of the Academic Affairs Committee.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

Dr. Duckworth presented the report of the Academic Affairs Committee arising from its meeting on June 15, 1999:

Report on Awards.

The Committee reviewed the Report on Awards as recommended by Senate at its meetings of February 5, 1999 and April 14, 1999. It was moved by Ms. Weselake, seconded by Dr. Dronzek



1. That the 16 offers of new awards and the 14 amendments and one withdrawal of existing awards set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated February 5, 1999 be approved, as recommended by Senate.

Carried.

It was then moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Dr. Dronzek

2. That the five offers of new awards and the 21 amendments and one withdrawal of existing awards set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated April 14, 1999 be approved as recommended by Senate.

Carried.

Name Change of the Manitoba Research Centre on Family Violence and Violence Against Women.

The Committee reviewed documentation from Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Research) on behalf of the University Research Committee recommending a name change from the Manitoba Research Centre on Family Violence and Violence Against Women to RESOLVE (Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse). This research centre was originally established by the University of Manitoba in concert with the University of Winnipeg and Brandon University. It has now become a prairie region network which includes universities in Saskatchewan and Alberta. The name change will better reflect the work of the expanded research centre. Senate endorsed the name change and recommends that the Board of Governors approve same. The Committee noted that the new name projects a more positive image than the old. It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Black that the Manitoba Research Centre on Family Violence and Violence Against Women be renamed to RESOLVE (Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse).

Carried.

Continuation of the Institute for the Humanities.

The Committee reviewed the University Research Committee of Senate Report on the Review of the Institute for the Humanities which had been endorsed by Senate. In addition to its success in sponsoring lectures, colloquia, and conferences, the Institute established FLOODNET (an interdisciplinary research network focussing on the management and mitigation of floods). It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Ms. Hildebrand, that the Institute for the Humanities continue for a three-year period, beginning July 1, 1999, as recommended by Senate.

Carried.

Social Work Co-operative Internship Program.

The Committee was informed that COPSE has concurred that this is a "modification of an existing program" (i.e. a modification in the Inner City Social Work Programme). No new resources from either the program or the University are required to implement the Co-operative Internship Programme. It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Dr. Dronzek, that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Social Work Co-operative Internship Programme, as recommended by Senate at its meeting of June 2, 1999.

Carried.

Amalgamation of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Department of Human Genetics.

A proposal to merge the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Department of Human Genetics was approved by the Faculty of Medicine Executive

Council and Senate. It is intended that the staff (academic and support), programmes, students, and budgets of the two departments be amalgamated. These departments have overlapping teaching, and conduct collaborative research, and educate both undergraduate and graduate students. (It is anticipated that as a result of the amalgamation there will also be some financial savings in the long run.) It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Dr. Mauro, that the Board of Governors approve the amalgamation of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Department of Human Genetics, to form a new Department of Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, effective June 30, 1999, as recommended by Senate at its meeting of June 2, 1999.

Carried.

Establishment of the Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law.

The Committee considered documentation from Dr. Braid regarding a proposed gift from Dr. Izzy Asper to establish the Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law within the Faculty of Law. The Faculty of Law wishes to establish a dynamic international business and trade law programme. The establishment of the Chair is also supported by the Faculty of Management. Senate is in agreement with both the establishment of the Chair and the Honorary Degrees Committee recommendation that the Chair be named the Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law. It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Ms. Bracken, that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Asper Chair in International Business and Trade Law as recommended by Senate at its meeting of June 2, 1999.

Carried.

Items for Information:

1. New Programs:

(i) Global Political Economy.

The Committee received for information a letter from COPSE to the President, that the University is now permitted to proceed with a full program proposal for the establishment of a B.A.(General) and a B.A. (Advanced) in Global Political Economy.

(ii) Ph.D. Program in Natural Resources and Environmental Management.

The President has been advised by COPSE it can proceed with a full program proposal for a Ph.D. program in Natural Resources and Environmental Management. COPSE requested that Aboriginal groups in the province be consulted, that the University pursue opportunities for partnership and cooperation with relevant government and non-government agencies, and that the program be flexible and accessible to Aboriginal learners.

(iii) Ph.D. Program in Social Work.

COPSE, in a letter to the President, indicated that the University can proceed with a full program proposal for the implementation of a Ph.D. program in Social Work. It was noted that the resource needs of the Ph.D. program will be met through a reallocation of existing budgets.



2. Transfer Credits for Assiniboine Community College Graduates of Business Administration Programme (University Stream) to Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Programme.

At its June 2, 1999 meeting, Senate approved the proposal establishing block transfer credit to qualified graduates of the Assiniboine Community College Business Administration Diploma Program (University Stream) who are admitted to the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Program.

3. Arts Student Body Council: "A Better BA: An Assessment of the Current Bachelor of Arts Program at The University of Manitoba".

The Committee received for information the booklet entitled "A Better BA: An Assessment of the Current Bachelor of Arts Program at The University of Manitoba", together with comments from Dean Raymond Currie, Faculty of Arts, and Dean Romulo Magsino, Faculty of Education. The Committee asked questions of the Vice-President (Academic) and the President. Vice-President (Academic) commented on each of the eight policy recommendations on page 34 of the booklet. Dr. Duckworth commented that while it was a very interesting, well-expressed, and perceptive report, his view is that it contains nothing really new. The issues raised were the same as those which people in academic life have worried about for years.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Ms. Weselake presented the report of the Executive Committee arising from its June 15, 1999 meeting:

SMART Park Zoning Agreement (DAZ 218/97).

Mr. McAdam noted that all lease agreements related to the rezoned land would incorporate the Chancellor's suggestion that such agreements are subject to the terms of Zoning Agreement DAZ 218/97.

It was moved by Ms. Weselake, seconded by Dr. Dronzek, that the execution of Zoning Agreement DAZ218/97 be approved. Further that all lease or other agreements related to the said rezoned land be made subject to the terms of Zoning Agreement DAZ 218/97.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

1. The Policy Council of the Centre for Ukrainian/Canadian Studies.

The Executive Committee reappointed Chief Justice Benjamin Hewack to the Board of Governors of the Policy Council for Ukrainian/Canadian Studies for a term August 1, 1999 to June 30, 2002.

2. Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology.

Dr. J. C. Jamieson and Dr. Brian Hennen were appointed to the Board of Management of the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology, both for two year terms ending June 30, 2001.

3. Manitoba Model Forest Inc..

Dr. Gordon Goldsborough was reappointed as the University representative and Dr. John Sinclair was appointed as alternate, to the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Model Forest Inc., both for terms from May 1, 1999 to April 30, 2000.

4. Environmental Health and Safety, 1998 Annual Report.

The Environmental Health and Safety 1998 Annual Report was received for information.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dr. Szathmáry reported:

- Notable events included Convocation Ceremonies at the University of Manitoba and sister universities.
- On June 3, 1999, the Faculty of Management International Distinguished Entrepreneur Award Dinner was held which this year honoured Mr. Isadore Sharp, the founder of the Four Seasons Hotel chain.
- An interview with a reporter from **Manitoba Business** took place recently which will result in an 8 page insert on the University in **Manitoba Business** sometime during the summer. One hundred thousand copies of the insert will be printed and distributed to showcase the University.
- A Town Hall Meeting was held on June 15, 1999, at the Fort Garry Campus and was attended by approximately 75 people. The intention of the Town Hall meetings was that questions on any topic would be answered by the President, Vice-Presidents, or the Associate Vice-Presidents.

Dr. Glavin's written report was contained in the agenda. He highlighted the following:

- The Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) has decided to increase the New Opportunities funding envelope for each university. This is further to the previous announcement of the increase of \$400,000 to The University of Manitoba CFI envelope, brought about through arguments put forward by the Research Grants Officer and reported in the 1998-99 CAUBO report. This brings The University of Manitoba quota for New Opportunities funding to \$4,000,000. The University has attained 14 out of 14 total awards in this category, bringing in just under \$1 million from CFI. When this is matched with provincial money and money from the individual investigators, this last round will yield \$2.2 million for University researchers.

Mr. McAdam's written report was contained in the agenda. He highlighted the following:

- The President received correspondence from COPSE dated June 1, 1999 which indicated that the estimates process for Capital projects was beginning for 2000-2001. Last year's revised Capital process, which was segregated from the Operating budget process and involved the review of priority project submissions of each institution by Manitoba Government Services, would continue. Last year a draft long-term, ten-year capital plan was developed, and that process will continue this year. Universities are asked to (a) review priorities for capital infrastructure projects, (b) submit proposal forms for new projects only, not those previously submitted, (c) provide a reprioritized list of all projects, including incomplete 1999-2000 projects (with information updated as needed) and new projects. These submissions are expected by July 15, 1999. A letter from COPSE dated June 14, 1999, addressed to the President and Chair, contained notice to begin the Operating component of the budget process to be due September 24, 1999.
- The June 16, 1999 issue of **The Bulletin** contained detailed information of interest to the University and the university community in connection with the Games.



- In response to a question from the Chancellor, Mr. McAdam confirmed that the Nursing Building is ready to be turned over to the Pan Am Games on July 1, 1999.

Professor Ogden reported:

- Admissions to direct-entry to university are down slightly from last year, but admissions to programs requiring prior university experience are up over 10%.

REPORT FROM UMSU.

Mr. Cziffra reported:

- A successful Aboriginal Outreach Day resulted in 37 students (Grades 6 to 12) from the Peguis First Nation coming to the University of Manitoba for tours.
- The unveiling of the aboriginal mural, painted by artist Victor Tessessaze, in the tunnel connecting University Centre to the Sciences complex was held June 7, 1999.
- Representatives of UMSU held meetings with Jon Gerrard of the Liberal Party, and the with the NDP Caucus. Following a meeting with the City of Winnipeg the Mayor agreed to strike a committee to look into student grievances.
- UMSU is actively working with the University of Winnipeg and the Red River College to improve relationships.
- In connection with the Pan American Games, UMSU will be conducting tours in several languages on a daily basis.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Report of the Management Resources and Compensation Committee.

The Chair and the Chancellor conducted discussions with the President to review the President's priorities for the coming year. The President's priorities were then reviewed by the Management Resources and Compensation Committee on June 21, 1999, and the Committee recommended approval by the Board.

The priorities are:

1. Plan and prepare strategy for the Capital Campaign.
2. Adjust the new system of planning and resource allocation that was put into place November 1998 in order to:
 - (a) make the presentation of the budget for year 1 more efficient
 - (b) develop preliminary unit-level academic/activity plans for year 2, and tentative plans for year 3, and
 - (c) develop preliminary forecast budgets for year 2 based on grant, tuition, debt pay-down, and staff turnover assumptions.
3. Continue to improve communications and rapport with all internal and external communities.
4. Continue implementing the Task Force recommendations.
5. Develop a system for labour negotiations.

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Ward that the President's priorities for the period June 1, 1999 to May 31, 2000 be approved.

Carried.

Board Meeting Schedule.

The Chair reviewed the new meeting schedule. The Executive and Board meetings would be held in alternate months resulting in less duplication of material. Some flexibility might be needed in months leading up to the budget, but this can be accommodated. The Chair indicated that Board members would be notified of major events during the year, such as Convocation, the Annual General Meeting, Homecoming, etc. so Board members could plan around important dates.

Auditor's Report, and Financial Statements for the Pension Plans, for the Year Ended December 31, 1998.

Mr. McAdam reviewed the audited Financial Statement for the Pension Plans which were circulated with the agenda, and noted there are modest surpluses in our existing pension plans.

National Associate of University Board Chairs and Secretaries (NAUBCS).

The Chair reported on a meeting he attended on June 23, 1999 with the University Secretary and representatives from the University of Winnipeg and Brandon University and Le College Universitaire de Saint-Boniface. The meeting was held at The University of Winnipeg to discuss the proposed NAUBCS Conference to be held in Winnipeg, May 6 - 9, 2001. He explained that while there was no cost to the University involved as the Conference was self-supporting, there would be a commitment of staff time. One theme being considered for the Conference is the 10th Anniversary of the Smith Report. Each university was invited to propose alternate themes which will be considered at a subsequent meeting on July 28, 1999.

MOTION: CLOSED SESSION.

It was moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Black that the Board move into Closed and Confidential session.

Carried.