

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Held Thursday,  
June 22, 2000 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 160, Continuing Education Complex.**

**Present:** Mr. Paul M. Soubry, Chair  
Dr. Arthur V. Mauro, Chancellor  
Dr. Emőke Szathmáry, President  
Mr. Wayne Anderson  
Ms. Linda Archer  
Ms. Shannon Bracken  
Ms. Colleen Bready  
Mr. Romel Dhalla  
Dr. Bernie Dronzek  
Mr. Steven Fletcher  
Dr. Janet Hoskins  
Ms. Claudette Lahaie  
Mr. Iain MacNair  
Mr. Dale Parkinson  
Mr. Ken Shiffman  
Ms. Carol Smith  
Dr. Ian Smith  
Ms. Wendi Thiessen  
Mr. Kevin Toyne  
Mr. Doug Ward  
Dr. Paul Fortier, UMFA Assessor  
Mr. Jeff Leclerc, UMSU Assessor  
Ms. Jean Zushman, Support Staff Assessor

**Also Present:** Dr. Jim Gardner, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost  
Dr. Joanne Keselman, Vice-President (Research)  
Dr. Richard Lobdell, Vice-Provost (Programs)  
Mr. Mike McAdam, Vice-President (Administration)  
Ms. Bev Sawicki, University Secretary  
Ms. Margaret Birt, Recording Secretary  
Ms. Elizabeth Borsboom, University Secretariat

**Guests:** Mr. John Danakas, Director, Public Affairs  
Mr. Mary Jane Loustel, Director, Audit Services  
Ms. Amanda James, President Graduate Students' Association  
Mr. Krishna Lalbiharie, Graduate Students' Association

**Regrets:** Mr. Ron Black  
Dr. Harry Duckworth  
Ms. Darlene Hildebrand

## MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Ward, that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Governors held April 25, 2000, be approved as circulated.

Carried.

## BUSINESS ARISING

### 1. Board Questionnaire

Mr. Soubry requested once again that Board Members complete their Board Questionnaires and return them to the University Secretary.

## AGENDA

Mr. Soubry suggested changes in the order of the agenda to accommodate visitors to the meeting who had particular interests in various portions of the agenda. He suggested item 3.5 from the Open Session agenda be considered first, and that item 6.1 from the Closed Session agenda then be considered in the Open Session..

## FOR ACTION

### FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

#### 3.5. Operating Budget 2000/2001

Mr. Parkinson, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reviewed the material in the agenda relating to the operating budget for 2000/2001. He indicated that incremental baseline allocations have been limited to \$569,000 for this fiscal year. Baseline cuts in faculties and departments total \$2,961,765, with a further reduction in baseline operating budgets of \$2,152,894 occasioned by conversion of these amounts to one-year budget-only allocations. In total, this 2000-2001 Operating Budget contains \$3,250,851 of budget-only allocations, funded entirely by drawing on the Fiscal Stabilization Fund which will be left with a balance of \$750,000. It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board approve the operating budget for the year ending March 31, 2001, as presented.

Mr. Fletcher indicated that the student representatives on the Board would vote against the recommendation. It is their contention that the Board of Governors has an obligation to ensure the quality of education at the University and under the present funding arrangements they are not convinced the quality of education will be maintained. While the Government promised a 10% tuition fee cut, they also indicated universities would receive enough money in their operating grant to make up for the difference in loss of revenue from tuition fees. As a result of Government's failure to follow through on this undertaking, the University of Manitoba is left with a deficit of \$5.2 million. Mr. Fletcher also expressed his concern about the autonomy of the Board citing the fact that the Government has indicated there should be no rise in tuition fees, whereas it is the Board that has the responsibility to set tuition fees.

Mr. Soubry said it was his hope the budget would be approved as presented and that the University would subsequently meet with the Minister and with COPSE to communicate the effects this year's budget has on the University and the consequences anticipated for next year when the Fiscal Stabilization Fund will no longer hold sufficient funds to cover a shortfall.

At a time when the University is anticipating an increase in student enrolment, the University is facing one of the most severe budgets in the last decade and Dr. Gardner said he expects there will be difficulty meeting the student demand in some of the key courses, in Arts and Science in particular. Mr. Dhalla commented that students will face larger classes, less sessions, and potentially stressed faculty members and he feels there will be fewer opportunities for faculty members to get to know students personally. These factors support his contention that students will be denied an opportunity to realized their fullest potential and form the reasons why he will be voting against the budget.

Dr. Fortier expressed concern regarding proposed staff reductions and he noted there is a formal agreement between the University and UMFA that human resources will be maintained at the same level over the life of the collective agreement.

Dr. Szathmáry said this budget should be viewed as a transition budget and there is no question that if the situation does not change next year, the University will face a crisis. Because this is a transition budget, Dr. Dronzek said he will support the budget for this year. He considers it the best budget the Administration could produce under a bad scenario.

The motion was then carried.

Dr. Mauro stated he has long been concerned that the University has been unable to motivate the Government to move on factors not under the control of the University - taxes being the main expense. He suggested replenishing the fiscal stabilization fund by transferring to the City, or being a conduit for, the amount of money received from the Province towards municipal taxation. The amount received from the Province is fixed at approximately \$13 million and the municipal taxation is \$16 million - Dr. Mauro suggested the differential of \$3 million could be transferred to the fiscal stabilization fund.

It was moved by Dr. Dronzek, seconded by Mr. Ward, that the Board move into Closed and Confidential session to consider moving the Special Committee the Report on GSA requests from the Closed Session to the Open Session.

Carried.

All visitors left the Board Room.

The Open Session resumed and visitors returned to the Board Room.

## **FROM THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO REVIEW GSA REQUESTS**

### **1 Report and Recommendations**

Mr. Ward reported that the Special Committee met on June 7, 2000 to consider materials in connection with the Graduate Students' Association request to separate from The University of

Manitoba Students' Union and he reviewed the report of the Special Committee which was included in the agenda. The Special Committee determined:

- (a) that the Graduate Students' Association is subject to the terms of The University of Manitoba Students' Union Act;
- (b) that the Graduate Students' Association does not come within the specific or generic classes of students exempted by Bylaw 28.00; and
- (c) that there presently exists a valid agreement between the Graduate Students' Association and The University of Manitoba Students' Union.

The Committee makes no recommendation at this time respecting incorporation by student organizations or the use of the University name in connection with such incorporation. The Committee feels it is imperative that the University Administration investigate use of capital funds.

It was moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. MacNair, that the Board of Governors accept the report of the Special Committee.

Carried.

[Mr. Shiffman and Ms. Lahaie left the meeting.]

## **FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - March 10, 2000**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Governors approve the one award amendment as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated March 10, 2000 (as approved and recommended by Senate on April 5, 2000.)

Carried.

### **2. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - April 12, 2000**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Ms. Smith that the Board of Governors approve the 18 new awards, 21 award amendments, and 1 award withdrawal as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated April 12, 2000 (as approved and recommended by Senate on May 10, 2000.)

Carried.

### **3. Review of the Health, Leisure, and Human Performance Research Institute**

A sub-committee of the University Research Committee of Senate conducted a review of the Health, Leisure, and Human Performance Research Institute in accordance with the requirements of Policy 1405 on *Research Centres, Institutes, and Groups*. The sub-committee found that, since the last review of the Institute in 1991, activity has dramatically increased with the number of Research Affiliates growing from 8 to 23, distributed among 5 different research groups. A significant amount of research grant funding has been acquired and considerable publication, presentation, and conference activity has ensued. The University Research

Committee is recommending that the Institute be renewed for a term of five years. It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Dhalla that the Board of Governors approve the renewal of the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute for a term of five years from July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2005, as set out in the report of the University Research committee of Senate dated March 14, 2000 (as approved and recommended by Senate on April 5, 2000.)

Carried.

#### **4. Policy 428 on Guidelines for the Establishment of Chairs (renamed "Chairs and Professorships")**

The proposed revisions will bring this policy into line with similar policies at other institutions in Canada and the United States.

There are two revisions of a substantive nature:

1. The introduction of the category of "Professorship". This category is common at other Canadian universities, and its inclusion will provide for a broader range of funding possibilities with respect to these types of positions.
2. The elimination of the distinction between "endowed" and "designated" positions. Under current University policy, chairs funded through endowments are referred to as "endowed chairs", while those funded through a series of annual gifts are known as "designated chairs". The term "designated chair" is not widely used or understood. It is proposed that for both chairs and professorships, funds may be provided by way of an endowment or through a schedule of annual expendable gifts for a defined period of not less than five years, or by an appropriate combination of endowment and annual expendable gifts.

The revised policy was forwarded to UMFA for consideration. No comments were made by UMFA within the time period set out in the UMFA Collective Agreement.

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Dhalla, that the Board of Governors approve the revised Policy 428 "Chairs and Professorships" (as approved and recommended by Senate on May 10, 2000.)

Carried.

#### **FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

#### **2. Annual Financial Statements and Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ending March 31, 2000**

The audited financial statements and notes for the year ending March 31 2000 were reviewed. The Associate Comptroller previously detailed any significant changes to the notes for the Finance and Administration Committee on March 14, 2000. Further, the Comptroller and Associate Comptroller met with members of the Committee on June 6, 2000 to review the financial statements in detail. The Provincial Auditor has completed the audit of the statements

and will be issuing an unqualified audit opinion on the statements. It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Mr. Ward that the Board approve the Financial Statements, along with the notes, for the year ending March 31, 2000.

Carried.

### 3. Securities Trading Authorization

Securities are held by the University in two ways, namely:

- (i) Accounts are set up to hold securities which the University purchases or which are donated to the University, and which the University intends to hold for a period of time.
- (ii) Trading accounts are set up to hold securities which are donated to the University and which the University will sell immediately so that the asset value at the time of the donation and the value which the University receives as a result of the sale are virtually the same.

It is necessary to ensure that there are sufficient accounts in place at any given time in order to efficiently handle the increasing number of securities donations.

It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the following employees, or their successors, be authorized to sign securities trading authorizations on behalf of The University of Manitoba (including entering orders, giving instructions, signing documents, and withdrawing assets):

Mr. Michael McAdam, Vice-President (Administration)

Ms. Leanne Burkowski, Comptroller

Mr. Gordon Pasieka, Associate Comptroller

Mr. Mark Gardner, Trust Officer

Mr. W. William Stevenson, Trust Officer

provided that two signatures must be given for any such authorization, at least one of whom is the Vice-President (Administration), Comptroller, or Associate Comptroller.

FURTHER, that the University may establish such accounts as are advisable in order to receive and sell securities.

Carried.

### 4. Central Chilled Water Plant Addition and Associated Equipment and Distribution

It was noted at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting held June 13, 2000 that the Central Chilled Water Plant Project has never been approved in its entirety by the Board of Governors in the amount of \$19 million, an amount approved by COPSE over a 3-year time frame. To date, the Board has approved individual authorizations for various components of the project, amounting to a total of \$3,308,000. It was suggested that the Finance and Administration Committee recommend to the Board approval of the entire project and that individual contracts, amounting to more than \$500,000, be individually approved. It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the Board of Governors approve the \$19









