

OPEN SESSION**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Governors held at 4:00 p.m. on June 25, 2002 in
160 Continuing Education Complex**

Present:

Mr. W. Anderson, Chair	Mr. N. Louizos
Ms. M. Albi	Dr. W. Norrie
Mr. A. Black	Ms. J. Plater
Mr. R. Dhalla	Mr. T. Sargeant
Dr. V. Dhruvarajan	Dr. T. Secco
Dr. H. Duckworth	Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry
Mr. G. Dureault	Ms. S. Van Schie
Ms. E. Gordon	Ms. W. Thiessen
Dr. J. Hoskins	Mr. J. Kusie
Ms. E. Jones	

Also Present:

Ms. E. Goldie, V.P. (External)	Prof. K. Ogden, Acting V.P. (Ac.) & Prov.
Dr. J. Keselman, V.P. (Research)	Ms. B. Sawicki, University Secretary
Mr. M. McAdam, V.P. (Admin.)	Ms. C. Keachie, Governance Specialist

Regrets:

Ms. L. Chartier, Support Staff Assessor	Dr. I. Smith
Mr. K. Frederickson	Ms. W. Thiessen
Ms. L. Meeches	Ms. D. Young
Dr. R. Roy	

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1.1 Mr. Anderson indicated that the Board has new Members, and new Assessors, namely: Ms. Ellen Gordon, Ms. Lisa Meeches, and Mr. Kris Frederickson, who were appointed by the Lt. Governor in Council, as well as Dr. Ranjan Roy (UMFA Assessor) and Mr. Joseph Ahorro (UMSU Assessor). Mr. Anderson welcomed Ms. Ellen Gordon and Mr. Joseph Ahorro who were present at the meeting.

FOR ACTION**2. MINUTES: May 14, 2002 (Open Session)****2.1 Approval**

Mr. Black noted that page 10, Item #7.1 (Capital Funding 2002 - 2003), 3rd & 4th lines which indicate "In July of 2002.....submitted", should have read, "will submit".

It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Mr. Dureault:

THAT the minutes of the May 14, 2002 Board of Governors meeting be approved as amended.
CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising - none

Ms. Sawicki asked that Board of Governors Self-Evaluation forms be completed and submitted to the Office of the University Secretary by July 30, 2002.

Mr. Black asked if the tabled motion from the March 26th, 2002 Board of Governors meeting pertaining to the Terms & Conditions of the University Ombudsman had been referred back to UMFA for comment as was indicated at the March 26th, 2002 meeting. Dr. Szathmáry replied that the document had been revised and in accordance with discussion during the March, 2002 Board meeting, sent to UMFA for comment. At this time UMFA has not provided comments regarding this matter.

3. FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

4. FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

4.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated March 22, 2002

At its meeting of March 21, 2002, the Senate Committee on Awards approved and recommended that the Board approve nine new awards, 18 award amendments and one award withdrawal (as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated March 22, 2002). These award decisions comply with the published awards guidelines of November 3, 1999 and were reported to Senate for information on May 15, 2002.

It was moved by Dr. Secco, seconded by Mr. Kusie:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the nine new awards, 18 award amendments and one award withdrawal as set out in Appendix "A" of the Senate Committee on Awards dated March 22, 2002.

CARRIED

Mr. Dureault noted that one of the criteria for receiving the St. Andrews Basketball Club George Fontaine Memorial Award is that preference shall be given to the graduates of Winnipeg inner-city high schools and asked if there is a list of Winnipeg inner-city high schools. Mr. Dureault further noted that another criteria is that the recipient of the award must be a graduate of a Manitoba high school, but not all of our students come to us as graduates of high schools.

Mr. Dureault moved to amend the motion and refer the above noted award back to the Awards Office for clarification of the selection criteria.

It was moved by Mr. Dureault, seconded by Ms. Albl:

THAT the Board of Governors amend the motion of the nine new awards to approve eight awards, and refer the St. Andrew's Basketball Club George Fontaine Memorial Award back to the Awards Office for clarification regarding the selection criteria.

MOTION TO AMEND DEFEATED

ORIGINAL MOTION THEN CARRIED

5. FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

None

6. FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

6.1 Audited Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2002

The audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2002, together with the draft Auditors Report dated May 31, 2002, were reviewed. The Board was advised that there were no changes in accounting policy in fiscal year 2001/2002 and as a result, there were no significant changes to the financial statements or notes. The Board was advised that in the January 31, 2002 Monthly Operating Report, a \$5.2 million surplus was projected and a surplus greater than this amount did in fact materialize at March 31, 2002. The surplus is attributable to a number of factors, the main ones are as follows:

- actual utility expenses were \$1.9 million under budget, as a result of lower gas prices than originally expected and lower consumption to fiscal year end;
- actual property taxes were \$2.9 million under budget, primarily as a result of the Manitoba government's decision to phase out property taxes over five years and a downward adjustment of tax accruals for new structures not yet fully assessed;
- revenue increases of 2% from student tuition fees were included in the budget but actual increases in financial credit hour counts (and hence fees) for Regular Session undergraduate programs were about 7%. As a result, tuition fees were approximately \$3.9 million greater than the original budget set at April 1, 2001. Since some fees are allocated to faculties and schools for spending purposes during the year, however, only about 70% is available as surplus for re-allocation as shown below; and
- increased miscellaneous, overhead and sales and service income over budget of \$5 million.

The Board was advised that the operating surplus for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2002 has been transferred into the Specific Provisions which include the following specific purposes: (a) establishment of a \$1.9 million provision for utility costs that may exceed budget in abnormally cold winters or as a result of unpredictable price variances. For fiscal 2002-2003, this amount was removed from the utilities budget of Physical Plant to assist in producing a balanced budget; (b) an allocation of \$3.5 million to replenish the Fiscal Stabilization Provision which was used in 2001/2002 to balance the operating budget; (c) an allocation of \$6.9 million for the Administrative System Renewal Provision. Estimates of total costs for the systems renewal projects is slightly above \$17 million, of which \$13.0 has now been established in the provision; and (d) an allocation of \$1.5 million to cover costs of the Building on Strengths Capital Campaign.

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Sargeant:

That the Board of Governors approve the audited Financial Statements of the University of Manitoba, for the year ended March 31, 2002.

CARRIED

Mr. Kusie noted that page 30 of the agenda ["Members of the Board of Governors"] does not include his degree after his name, which should have been listed as, "James Kusie, B. Comm. (Hons)".

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

FOR INFORMATION:

8. FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

8.1 Research Centres & Institutes: Report of the Senate Committee on University Research on the review of the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences

In accordance with the terms of Policy 1405 on *Research Centres, Institutes and Groups*, a review sub-committee conducted a review of the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences.

The sub-committee determined that a full review was not warranted and that the Institute should continue for a further five-year period. The Senate Committee on University Research agreed that the Institute of Cardiovascular Science is "meeting both the general expectations of university research institutes and its specific objectives; and that the activities of the Institute reflected positively on the general reputation of the University".

Senate approved the Senate Committee on University Research's recommendation at its meeting of May 15, 2002. A copy of the Committee's report was provided to Board members.

9. FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

10. FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

None

11. FROM THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

None

12. REPORTS

12.1 Report from the President

Professor Ogden spoke on behalf of the President, who was not present for this portion of the meeting because she had a conference call to attend to. Professor Ogden asked each Vice-President to report information to the Board of Governors regarding their particular area. Dr. Keselman reported that five additional University of Manitoba faculty members had been appointed to Canada Research Chairs. Dr. Keselman also reported that the Canadian Foundation for Innovation recently released the results from their International Program Competition. One of the programs in the competition was called the "International Access Fund"; six awards were given; the University of Manitoba was one of the six to receive this funding.

Mr. McAdam provided the Board of Governors with updates regarding the asbestos situation at the University of Manitoba. Mr. McAdam noted that there was a voluntary medical surveillance for anyone who wished to be examined; there was no evidence of asbestos related-health problems with those that were examined.

Ms. Goldie advised on the status of the Capital Campaign.

Professor Ogden informed the Board of Governors that as of May 31, 2002, applications to attend the University of Manitoba were up 14% over the same time last year. The applications from international students was up 76% from the same time last year.

12.2 Report from the UMSU President

Mr. Louizos advised the Board of Governors that the UMSU Council Retreat took place this past summer, noting that there was an excellent turnout. The Strategic Plan for UMSU will be presented at the next Board of Governors meeting, September 24th, 2002.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Dr. Secco:

THAT the meeting move to Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Mr. Dureault, seconded by Ms. Albi:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED


Chair


University Secretary