



UNIVERSITY
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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
June 21, 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	T. Bock	P. Bovey	E. Bowness	E. Collins	J. Embree
N. Halden	G. Hatch	J. Hoskins	S. Jasper	M. Labine	P. Nawrot
B. Passey	N. Rashid	M. Robertson	H. Secter	C. Tapp	R. Zegalski

Assessors Present:

R. Howard B. McKenzie

Officials Present:

S. Foster	K. Grant	T. Hay	D. Jayas	J. Kearsey	D. McCallum
G. Pasioka	T. Voss				

Regrets:

A. Berg R. Dhalla M. Forsen M. Whitmore

1. Announcements

Ms. Lederman welcomed two new members to the Board, Rosalyn Howard, Support Staff Assessor, and Brad McKenzie, UMFA Assessor, she also indicated that another new member, Mark Whitmore, elected by Senate, was unable to attend this meeting.

2. Approval of the Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Mr. Nawrot:

THAT the agenda for the June 21, 2011 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

3.1 Open Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Hatch and seconded by Mr. Zegalski:

THAT the minutes of the May 17, 2011 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Unanimous Consent Agenda

The Chair asked whether any member had concern with any of the items on the Consent Agenda. No items were identified to be dealt with separately.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve thirteen new offers, nineteen amended offers, and the withdrawal of three offers as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated April 11, 2011].

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated April 11, 2011].

That a \$1.66 per credit hour contribution be assessed against the students in the Faculty of Social Work for a four year term commencing in the fall of 2011 as outlined in the letter from Harvy Frankel, Dean, Faculty of Social Work, dated April 25, 2011.

CARRIED

5. Report from the President

The President reported that it had recently been a season of celebrations, including Convocation, the Long Service Awards presentations, various Student Recognition receptions, recognizing many joyous occasions. However, for those in leadership positions the celebrations take up significant blocks of time, which means that many are working hard to stay on top of things and working toward implementing the items resulting from the approval of the budget.

Ms. Lederman asked Dr. Barnard for information about the recent Winnipeg Free Press Editorial Board Visit that was mentioned in his written report. Dr. Barnard responded that the visit had resulted from a request by the University for a meeting with the Editorial Board. The group first toured the new residence, Tache, and the ArtLab construction which are all very attractive spaces. The tour was followed by a meeting in the President's office which went very well. In closing, Dr. Barnard indicated his sense that there would be some positive engagement from the newspaper in the future.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Rescinding Outdated Policies

Mrs. McCallum stated as part of updating current policies it became necessary to rescind those which are very out of date. Ms. Labine asked whether the policy on leasing of space by union groups would have any effect on space used by UMSU and GSA. Mrs. McCallum replied that it only applied to union groups and that a new policy was already in place to replace it.

It was moved by Dr. Halden and seconded by Chancellor Selter:

THAT the Board of Governors rescind the following Board approved Policies:

Leasing of Space by Union Groups (dated September 19,1977);

Provision of Typing Services on a Contract Basis (dated September 7, 1976);

Use of the President's #1 Form (dated March 7, 1989)

CARRIED

8. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & HUMAN RESOURCES

8.1 Health & Safety Policy

It was moved by Mr. Zegalski and seconded by Ms. Bovey:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the revised Health and Safety Policy and receive for information a series of Health and Safety Procedures previously approved by the President.

CARRIED

8.2 GSA Autonomy

Items 8.2 a, 8.2 b, and 8.2 c were considered as one.

- a) Amendment to the Student Organization Bylaw
- b) Exemption of Graduate Students' Association Members from UMSU
- c) GSA Membership Fees

Mr. Nawrot explained that this motion was long overdue and was the result of a great deal of work. He added that the fees would remain the same for the students, but that it would be beneficial to have their own voice.

It was moved by Mr. Nawrot and seconded by Dr. Embree:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendments to section 1 and 4 and the addition of section 14 to the Student Organization Bylaw.

That all students registered in the Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Manitoba be exempted from membership in the University of Manitoba Students' Union pursuant to section 6(1) of The University of Manitoba Students' Union Act.

THAT members of the Graduate Students' Association (students enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies) be assessed a \$68.88 per semester GSA Student Organization Fee, which will be forwarded to the Graduate Students' Association.

THAT members of the Graduate Students' Association (students enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies) be assessed an \$8.375 per semester GSA Student Levy Fee, which will be forwarded to the Graduate Students' Association.

THAT members of the Graduate Students' Association (students enrolled in the Faculty of Graduate Studies) will continue to be assessed the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students Manitoba fees as set by the Board of Governors previously.

CARRIED

9. FROM AUDIT & RISK MANAGEMENT

9.1 Annual Financial Report

a) Office of the Auditor General – Audit Results Memorandum (for information)

Ms. Bovey indicated that this item was for information only and invited questions. Mr. Robertson asked for clarification on the uncorrected misstatements referred to in the report. Ms. Bovey replied that these misstatements had been deemed by the OAG to be immaterial to the audit. Mr. Hay added that it was common for there to be a difference of opinion between management and auditors on how particular items should be recorded. He then re stated that the amounts were not material to the audit, and added that the items were simply adjustments to the balance sheet and that the Audit and Risk Management Committee was in agreement with Management to leave these two items uncorrected. Mr. Robertson then asked for clarification on materiality, to which Mr. Hay responded that for our audit the materiality is set by the auditors to be in the \$6.5 million to \$7 million range.

Dr. McKenzie asked about the recommendation to bring the University into compliance with the province's Whistleblower legislation and where this stands in relation to the University's priorities. Mrs. McCallum responded that there is a draft of this policy currently being reviewed by the legal office and that the plan is to bring that policy to the Board of Governors for approval in the fall of this year.

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Mr. Zegalski:

That the Board of Governors receive for information the Audit Results Memorandum from the Office of the Auditor General (OAG).

CARRIED

b) Annual Financial Report 2011

Ms. Bovey indicated that the Consolidated Financial Statements were as expected given the context and background previously provided to the Board. She invited Mr. Pasieka to speak to the documents.

Mr. Pasieka stated that the statements reflect what has happened in the past year and showed any significant changes during the year. He added that the relationship with the Province and

BBB Stadium Inc. was reflected in certain transactions to record the construction and the funding of the football stadium. Mr. Pasioka then highlighted significant items in the report, in particular the balance sheet on page 182 which reflects a decline in current assets from \$205 million to \$188 million the previous year, mostly in cash and marketable investments. This is due in part to the cost of large construction projects, the fact that marketable investments were moved to a long term position to maximize returns and are therefore reflected in the long term investments. The reason that accounts receivables are up from the previous year is an outstanding insurance payment relating to the Duff Roblin fire. Total long term assets are up by \$200 million, reflecting the loan receivable from BBB Stadium Inc. which is offset by a loan from the province. Investments are up by \$55 million dollars due to trust and endowment donations and investment performance. Capital Assets in construction and equipment around the University are up by \$139 million offset by current year amortization of \$47 million dollars. Liabilities are up by approximately \$10 million, mostly accounts payable relating to trade suppliers and construction projects. Long term liabilities have increased to \$303 million compared to \$281 million in the previous year, the most significant amount being the \$211 million in long term debt to the Province in relation to the stadium construction and the pension obligation which is lower this year by \$2 million due to good investment returns and additional contributions by the University.

Mr. Pasioka then referred to the Statement of Operations on page 183, stating that the University uses the Restricted Fund method of accounting. Funds for different purposes are recorded in separate columns. Overall, the result is \$122.9 million in revenues over expenses, comprised mainly of \$80 million in the capital fund which is related to the timing and amortization of construction projects, as well as \$32 million in the endowment fund and another \$7 million in the trust fund which reflect donations where only a portion of the net investment returns can be spent not the original principal.

Dr. Halden asked whether the loan to BBB Stadium Inc. generated interest to which Mr. Pasioka replied that it is interest bearing but the interest earned by the University is offset by the amount of interest the University pays to the Province.

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Mr. Nawrot:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Consolidated Financial Statements of The University of Manitoba for the year ended March 31, 2011.

CARRIED

c) Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Report 2010

Ms. Bovey stated that the University is compelled by law to disclose the salaries of any staff member earning more than \$50,000 per year.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Public Sector Compensation Disclosure Report of The University of Manitoba for the year ended December 31, 2010.

CARRIED

Ms. Lederman informed the Board that the University has received notice from the Office of the Auditor General will be auditing the financial arrangements relating to the stadium construction.

FOR INFORMATION

10. **FROM SENATE**

- 10.1 Changing the name of the degree granted by the Faculty of Law to Juris Doctor (J.D.) from the current Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Dr. Barnard stated that this change would have no financial or other implications.

11. **UPDATES**

- 11.1 Update from the UMSU President & GSA President (oral)

Ms. Tapp, President of UMSU, reported that members were currently being selected for UMSU Committees and that the UMSU Council and Senior Sticks had recently been on a retreat. She added that the recent Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) national meeting had been very productive in setting the direction for the upcoming year. Finally, Ms. Tapp commented that managers for the new Pub will soon be hired and details are being worked out for an opening this Fall.

Mr. Nawrot, GSA President, stated that with the completion of the Autonomy Agreement approved earlier he was able to focus on the financial side of the GSA. He reported that earnings on investments were sufficient to increase the amount of their travel awards. Mr. Nawrot added that renovations to the GSA lounge and office areas were underway and that planning for the orientation was going well. One initiative in particular is working with the Learning Assistance Centre to offer more sessions of the thesis writing workshop in order to address the long waiting list for the workshop. Additionally, the GSA would be offering monthly workshop on concrete topics such as job hunting and interviewing skills.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was moved by Ms. Tapp and seconded by Ms. Bovey:
THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary