

OPEN SESSION**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Governors held at 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2005 in
160 Continuing Education Complex**

Present:

Mr. W. Anderson, Chair
 Ms. M. Albl
 Ms. A. Aziz
 Mr. A. Black
 Dr. J. Cooper
 Dr. H. Duckworth
 Ms. M. Gallant
 Ms. E. Gordon
 Dr. J. Hoskins
 Mr. G. Lane
 Mr. S. Narine
 Dr. W. Norrie

Mr. S. Reddy
 Mr. T. Sargeant
 Ms. J. Simons
 Dr. I. Smith
 Mr. T. Strutt
 Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry
 Ms. C. Van De Kerckhove
 Ms. S. Van Schie
 Mr. D. Ward

Also Present:

Dr. M. Gabbert, UMFA Assessor
 Ms. E. Goldie, V.P. (External)
 Dr. R. Kerr, V.P. (Academic) & Provost
 Dr. J. Keselman, V.P. (Research)
 Ms. D. McCallum, V.P. (Administration)

Mr. T. Moyle, Support Staff Assessor
 Ms. C. Keachie, Governance Specialist
 Mr. J. Leclerc, University Secretary
 Dr. J. de Vries, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry

Regrets:

Ms. L. Meeches

Absent: Mr. S. Hennessey

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Anderson congratulated Mr. Ward on his re-election as the Alumni representative to the Board of Governors. Mr. Anderson also welcomed Dean de Vries from the Faculty of Dentistry who attended the meeting to speak to Item # 5.2 (Faculty of Dentistry International Dentist Degree Program and Clinical Based Graduate Program Tuition Fee Increase Proposal).
2. Mr. Anderson congratulated Ms. Aziz and Ms. Van De Kerckhove on their re-election as UMSU President and Vice-President respectively.

FOR ACTION

2. **MINUTES:** January 25, 2005

2.1 Approved as circulated

It was moved by Ms. Van Schie, seconded by Mr. Sargeant:

THAT the minutes of the Board of Governors Open Session meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising - none

3. **FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - none**

4. **FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

4.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated January 28, 2005

It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Dr. Cooper:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 11 new awards, 21 award amendments and one withdrawal as set out in Appendix "A" of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part A [dated January 28, 2005].

CARRIED

4.2 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated January 28, 2005, Part B

It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Dr. Norrie:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Allan Waisman Aboriginal Architecture Scholarship as set out in Appendix "A" of the report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part B [dated January 28, 2005].

CARRIED

4.3 Proposal re: General Major and Advanced Major in Italian Studies - Faculty of Arts

The Faculty of Arts is proposing the introduction of a General Major and Advanced Major in Italian Studies. The program is designed to provided advanced reading, writing, oral and translation skills in contemporary Italian language, in the context of a broad appreciation for Italian/Roman history and its contributions to art and culture. The proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee.

The financial resources required for this new program will come from a generous donation from the Fondazione Cassamarca, who have committed an endowment



of \$965,000 over the next nine years.

It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Dr. Cooper:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal of the Faculty of Arts to introduce a General Major and an Advanced Major in Italian Studies [as recommended by the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes on February 2, 2005, the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on January 24, 2005, and as approved by Senate on March 2, 2005].

CARRIED

4.4 Proposal re: Ph.D. Program in Peace and Conflict Studies - Faculty of Graduate Studies

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is proposing the introduction of a Ph.D. Program in Peace and Conflict Studies in the Arthur V. Mauro Centre for Peace and Justice, St. Paul's College. The program would prepare students to apply analytical and theoretical models and conflict resolution processes to the analysis of, and intervention in, diverse conflict contexts. The proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee.

The financial resources required for this new program will come from the Mauro Centre Endowment, which has raised over \$2.75-million in cash and pledges. A request to the Council on Post-Secondary Education for the funding of an administrative assistant for the program (approximately \$45,000) is being considered by Administration, but the funding may be sought from other internal sources.

It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Dr. Hoskins:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to introduce a Ph.D. Program in Peace and Conflict Studies [as recommended by the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on February 7, 2005, and as approved by Senate on March 2, 2005].

CARRIED

5. **FROM FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

5.1 MBA Tuition Fees

The Board of Governors, at their January, 2005 meeting approved the I.H. Asper School of Business' proposal to consolidate its Full and Part-time MBA programs. Inherent in and essential to that proposal and to the future of MBA education at the University of Manitoba is the need to harmonize the full-time and part-time tuition fees. The two fees are currently widely divergent for virtually the same educational curriculum and the same MBA credential.

Accordingly, in support of MBA consolidation, it is requested that the full-time and part-time MBA tuition fee be harmonized at the current full-time fee of \$18,096. Resulting from decisions made in the mid-1990s, full-time students currently pay \$18,096 tuition, \$504 in Asper student endowment fees plus \$6,000 for mandatory program travel and complete their degree in one year. Conversely, part-time students pay \$9,362 tuition plus \$1,108 Asper student endowment fees and normally complete their degree over three to six years. It is recommended that the current full-time fee be retained because, while below cost and national averages, it is an established and market accepted fee at the University, and best balances the concerns of future program access and quality, with equitable and fair cost sharing across the program's major stakeholders. As fully argued in the proposal, this recommendation is responsive and compliant to the Manitoba Government's concerns with and direction on tuition increases.

Mr. Sargeant asked to be reminded of the process the Board is to follow when there is a tuition fee proposal; Mr. Sargeant was under the assumption that the Board would have to have an indication from the Provincial Government that the tuition fee increase would be approved, despite the fact there is a tuition freeze. Mrs. McCallum responded that the Provincial Government prefers that the Board of Governors approve any tuition fee increases first before the proposal is sent to the Minister of Advanced Education for final approval.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the harmonization of tuition fees for the consolidated MBA program at \$18,096.

CARRIED

5.2 Faculty of Dentistry - International Dentist Degree Program and Clinical Based Graduate Program Tuition Fee Increase Proposal

A proposal was submitted by the Faculty of Dentistry to increase tuition fees for the International Dentist Degree Program ("IDDP") and clinical based graduate programs in Orthodontics, Periodontics and Oral Surgery. The Faculty has proposed to increase first year IDDP tuition fees from \$29,900 to \$36,400 per year beginning with students entering the program in 2005/2006. The Faculty has also proposed to increase first year Orthodontics from \$6,151 to \$13,151, first year Periodontics from \$6,151 to \$8,151 and first-year Oral Surgery from \$6,151 to \$9,151 per year. These graduate fee increases will also be applicable to new intakes of students beginning in the fall of 2006.

The Dean held an information meeting with the graduate and IDDP students and twenty-one out of twenty-eight students confirmed their support of the proposed graduate and IDDP fee increases. The Faculty plans to use the increased fee revenues to acquire new dental chairs and stations for the Dental Clinic.

Ms. Aziz asked why there is a proposal for an increase in tuition fees for students as opposed to a one-time capital funding proposal? Mrs. McCallum responded

that the cost of the dental chairs is close to \$1-million. This additional revenue will not be adequate to buy the chairs outright; the revenue will be used to service the interest and loan required to purchase the chairs. Mrs. McCallum further indicated that there are not enough students in the program to generate enough additional revenue to buy the chairs outright.

Ms. Gallant commented that it has been said that increases in undergraduate tuition fees have not had an impact on the applicant pool. The statement has been made that other universities are also dramatically increasing their tuition fees and that the University of Manitoba is still more accessible than other universities. Dean de Vries responded that in the past year there was a 23% increase in the applicant pool.

Ms. Van Schie asked what percentage of students in Dentistry are aboriginal. Dean de Vries noted that 10% of undergraduate students in Dentistry are aboriginal students.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve an increase in the program fee of \$6,500 for the International Dentist Degree Program, \$7,000 for the Orthodontics Program, \$2,000 for the Periodontics Program and \$3,000 for the Oral Surgery Program for new students entering these programs effective Fall 2005. Tuition fee increases for existing students in these programs will be adjusted only by any additional increases that might be approved for existing fees.

CARRIED

5.3 Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies Endowment Fund

A referendum was held on Friday, January 28 and Monday, January 31, 2005 concerning a \$55 per year contribution by Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies students in support of the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies Endowment Fund. The result was a 94% vote in favour of the contribution for three years beginning September 2005. There were 366 students eligible to vote; of these 161 voted and 151 were in favour. There were no spoiled ballots.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve a \$55 per year student contribution be assessed against students in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies for a three year period effective September, 2005 as outlined in the letter from Dr. Dennis Hrycaiko, Dean, Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies dated February 9,2005.

CARRIED

5.4 2005-2006 Residence Board and Room Rates

The proposed 2005-06 Board Plan recommends:

a 6% increase on Room Rates;
 a 4% increase based on rooms; and
 2% increase based on technology planning and capital upgrades.

Ms. Aziz asked if the Board was aware that students are being charged \$9.04 for a cold breakfast; Ms. Aziz felt that this is an unreasonable fee. Mrs. McCallum responded that there are three meal plans which consist of either 12, 15, or 17 meals per week at Speechly/Tache; the other residences are on a declining balance. The students pay a certain amount for those meal plans; if the total amount paid is divided by the total number of meals, it comes out to a certain number of dollars per meal; therefore, students are not really paying \$9.04 for breakfast. Mrs. McCallum further indicated that other models were looked at and the Administration remains willing to look at other models.

The decision to have a cold breakfast was made at a town-hall meeting involving all residence students; the options were to either close Pembina Hall cafeteria, or modify service to something less than what the students were receiving. The students decided to keep the cafeteria open and opt for a cold breakfast (this town-hall took place eight years ago). Mrs. McCallum noted that on an annual basis there is a task-force to review meal plans; students can make suggestions as to possible changes in the existing plan. The plan that is in place at the present time is the plan that the students voted for.

Ms. Albl asked about the upgrades for Arthur V. Mauro residence, and why students are paying for the costs. Ms. Albl asked if the contractors who constructed the building could pick up the costs as the building is new. Mrs. McCallum responded that it is not something that can likely be sought after from the contractor; some of the rooms are overheating during the winter, so students have been opening their windows which have led to pipes freezing, which has resulted in flooding at the residence. Mrs. McCallum further noted that residences are self-supporting. Mrs. McCallum indicated that she would look into seeing what efforts have been looked into to get the money from the contractor.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the room and board rates for 2005 - 2006 as presented.

CARRIED

5.5 Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources Undergraduate Tuition Fee Rates

The University's Board of Governors at its January 22, 2002 meeting approved

the establishment of the Faculty of the Environment which has subsequently been renamed the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources. Since its inception, students taking undergraduate courses in this new faculty have been assessed tuition fees using the existing fee schedule for Arts and Science undergraduate courses. A per credit hour tuition rate of \$118 (un-rebated) is assessed for undergraduate courses formerly taught by the Faculty of Science. A per credit hour tuition rate of \$100 (un-rebated) is assessed for undergraduate courses formerly taught by the Faculty of Arts. The continued assessment of tuition fees for undergraduate courses taught by the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources as the Faculties of Arts and Science rates is both problematic to administer and inequitable. Within the Department of Environment and Geography for example, different per-credit hour rates are charged for undergraduate courses taught within the same department, reflecting the fact that the Department offers Bachelor's programs lending either to a B.Sc. or a B.A. degree.

It is recommended that the per credit hour rate assessed for undergraduate courses taught by the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources be set at \$118 per credit hour. This recommended per-credit hour tuition fee is equal to tuition fees charged for undergraduate courses taught by the Faculty of Science.

Mr. Sargeant asked if the harmonization amounts to a tuition fee increase does it have to go through the Provincial approval process?

Dr. Szathmáry responded that some time ago a decision was made that students operating out of one faculty should all be charged the same fee. Since this faculty was created by one department coming from the Faculty of Science, another department coming from the Faculty of Arts, and a third offering only a graduate program, it was decided to bring the programs together and continue with the fees until the students who would have originally started in their home faculties would have graduated; at such time the harmonized fee would be introduced.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the harmonization of undergraduate tuition fees for the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources Tuition Fees at \$118 per credit hour.

CARRIED

6. **FROM OTHER COMMITTEES** - none

7. **NEW BUSINESS** - none

FOR INFORMATION

8. **FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** - none

9. **FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** - none
10. **FROM FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** - none
11. **FROM OTHER COMMITTEES** - none
12. **REPORTS**

12.1 Report of the President

Dr. Szathmáry augmented her written report, highlighting several issues. Dr. Szathmáry summarized the impact of the Provincial Budget on the University of Manitoba. For post-secondary education, there is a 3.1% increase, or 4.0% when property tax savings are factored in. The capital envelope for universities and colleges is \$13,720,600 compared to \$18,549,500 in 2004-2005. The base operating grant for 2004-2005 is \$204,428,000. The operating grant consists of a 1.48% increase in base grant and an increase of \$1,535,600 (2% of tuition fee revenue projected for 2004-2005) to recognize that tuition fees have been maintained at 1999-2000 levels. The University of Manitoba's overall operating grant has been increased by 2.25%.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that Department of Native Studies professor, Dr. Emma LaRoque, will be receiving a National Aboriginal Achievement Award, along with third year Management student Ms. Fauna Kingdon. Dr. Szathmáry also noted that Dr. Betty Havens, Department of Community Health Sciences, who was recently awarded the Order of Canada has passed away. Dr. Szathmáry traveled to the University of Nairobi in Kenya to present remarks on the 25th anniversary of the collaboration between the University of Nairobi and the University of Manitoba in the area of study of sexually transmitted diseases (HIV, AIDS).

12.2 Report of the UMSU President

Ms. Aziz noted that a number of Faculty Councils and Faculty Associations have finished their elections; Ms. Gallant has won the election for President of the Graduate Students' Association (GSA). Ms. Aziz commented that UMSU is facing a number of insurance issues, particularly for liability of alcohol at student events. Ms. Aziz indicated there has been movement regarding a Universal Bus-Pass System to provide cheaper transit costs to students either in the Fall of 2005 or January, 2006.

Ms. Aziz further noted that the new Executive Director of UMSU is Ms. Cathy Anstey. Ms. Aziz indicated that the Art Gallery at University Centre will be holding its final show beginning April 4th and will be held for 2 weeks.

13. **OTHER INFORMATION** - none

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was moved by Dr. Duckworth, seconded by Ms. Van Schie:

THAT the meeting move to Closed and Confidential Session.


CARRIED


MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Dr. Cooper:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED


Chair


University Secretary

