



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
March 17, 2009**

The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 160, Extended Education Complex.

Present: T. Sargeant, Chair
J. Leclerc, Secretary

J. Anderson A. Berg P. Bovey R. Eyford A. Glenn
G. Hatch J. Keselman J. Lederman H. Milan D. Ruth
R. Sigurdson M. Sitter J. Sopotiuik T. Strutt M. Tripple
S. Van Schie

Assessors Present:

B. McKenzie J. Sealey

Officials Present:

E. Goldie K. Inskip D. Jayas R. Lobdell D. McCallum

Regrets:

D. Barnard A. Black R. Dhalla R. Mahé W. Norrie R. Zegalski

1. **Announcements**

Mr. Sargeant congratulated Mr. Tripple on his re-election as UMSU Vice-President Advocacy. Mr. Sargeant noted that Dr. Keselman would be representing Dr. Barnard at the meeting and that Dr. McKenzie was present as UMFA assessor in Dr. Booth's absence.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Mr. Sargeant noted that item 7.2, Term Appointment and Tenure for Academic Staff Excluded from Bargaining Units, had been withdrawn from the agenda.

On request of a Board member, item 4.1, Approval of the Open Minutes for the January 27, 2009 meeting and item 7.4, Policy and Procedure: Biological Safety, were removed from the Unanimous Consent agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Strutt and seconded by Dr. Anderson:

THAT the agenda for the March 17, 2009 Open Session be approved as amended.

CARRIED

2. Unanimous Consent Agenda

It was moved by Dr. Sigurdson and seconded by Ms. Bovey that the Board of Governors approve the following motions by unanimous consent:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Policy: Violent or Threatening Behaviour as presented.

THAT the Board of Governors approve that a \$2.00 per credit hour contribution be assessed against students in the School of Dental Hygiene for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2009.

THAT the Board of Governors approve that a \$5.83 per credit hour contribution be assessed against students in the Faculty of Dentistry for a three year term commencing in the fall of 2009.

THAT the Board of Governors approve 12 new offers, six amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated December 17, 2008].

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Renal Transplant.

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Research Chair in Watershed Science.

CARRIED

3. Minutes

3.1 Open Minutes

It was moved by Ms. Bovey and seconded by Ms. Hatch:

THAT the minutes of the March 17, 2009 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Report from the President

Dr. Keselman congratulated Dr. Jayas for being the co-recipient of the prestigious 2009 Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering. She noted that this prize has been awarded annually for the past four years and that University of Manitoba



researchers have been the recipients twice. Dr. Keselman also noted that the 2009 federal budget included a significant allocation of \$2 billion to support infrastructure projects in universities and colleges and that the University of Manitoba is working in conjunction with the provincial government to optimize the potential access to funds.

5. From Governance Sub-Committee

5.1 Code of Conduct for Members of the Board of Governors

Mr. Sargeant noted that the Code of Conduct has been under consideration for a number of years and after many comments and changes is ready to be considered for approval. He added that it covers a number of areas for Board members including integrity, partiality, confidentiality, rules of conduct and conflict of interest. The Code includes a declaration that members will be required to sign annually.

Dr. McKenzie noted that the General Duties and Obligations of Members section included a statement that a member shall not assist any organizations in its dealings with the University when it may result in real or apparent preferential treatment, and asked for clarification on that point in respect to the assessor representing UMFA. Mr. Sargeant replied that any gains that may be garnered would be by the whole group, such as UMFA, not just to the individual assessor and therefore are not a concern.

Mr. Sargeant reiterated that any conflicts of interest that arise throughout the year should be disclosed to the University Secretary and that a conflict of interest can be declared verbally during a meeting if one arises.

The Board requested that wording of the resolution be revised by deleting "Bylaw".

It was moved by Ms. Hatch and seconded by Ms. Sitter:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Code of Conduct for Members of the Board of Governors, to be effective June 1, 2009.

CARRIED

6. From Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee

6.1 Interim Spending Guidelines for 2009-10

Mrs. McCallum explained that this submission is considered by the Board on an annual basis as the provincial funding allocation is unknown at this point, and the interim spending guidelines allow the University to continue with business from April 1st until the operating budget is approved by the Board.



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

THAT the Board of Governors authorize interim spending guidelines based on 98% of the current 2008-09 baseline operating budget from April 1, 2009 until the Board of Governors approves the 2009-10 operating budget.

CARRIED

6.2 2009-10 Residence Board and Room Rates

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the room and board rate increases for 2009-10 for the Arthur V. Mauro Residence, Mary Speechly Hall, Taché Hall, and University College as presented.

CARRIED

6.3 Policy and Procedure: Biological Safety

Dr. Anderson observed that the procedure outlines that the Executive Director of Human Resources shall appoint members to the Biological Safety Advisory Committee and asked for clarification on how the appointments would be made, along with noting a concern of too much oversight being created. Mrs. McCallum replied that the appointments would be made in consultation with the Vice-Presidents and others with expertise in this area to create a diverse and knowledgeable Committee.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Biological Safety Policy as presented.

CARRIED

7. **From Senate**

7.1 Proposal for a Joint Master's Program in Peace and Conflict Studies

Dr. Keselman provided with Board with an overview of the recommendation, highlighting that this program would create a joint program building on the strengths of the both the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg. She added that the proposal had been submitted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (SPPC) for consideration, followed by the Senate Executive. Senate Executive referred the proposal to the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom (SCAF) for discussion. Following consideration of the SPPC and the SCAF reports, Senate Executive placed the proposal on the February Senate Agenda for consideration.

Ms. Milan asked if it was correct to assume that the approval is based on the funding requirements being met. Mr. Sargeant replied that the program approval process involves the



Board approving the proposal prior to funding from COPSE. If funding is not secured, the program is not implemented. Dr. Keselman added that the Provost will not allow a program to be implemented without adequate funding.

Ms. Lederman noted the significant amount of national and international support for the program. Dr. Lobdell added that there are relatively few programs in this area and that there has been nothing but praise for the proposed program. Dr. Keselman remarked that if the program were implemented, it would position us uniquely in the world as Winnipeg would join Washington, D.C. as the only two locations that would offer the full range of programs from the Bachelor, Master's through Ph.D. levels.

Dr. Anderson, as the representative of Senate that chaired SCAF, remarked that the SCAF report has no intention of detracting from the merit of the program as it is an important area, however is also important for the Board to understand that while the full time faculty of the program would be from the University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg, there would also be adjunct professors from Menno Simons College. As there are academic freedom differences between the institutions and no independent grievance boards in case of a conflict, SCAF saw an issue related to protecting academic freedom. Dr. Anderson added that she respected Senate for the debate that occurred regarding the proposal.

It was moved by Dr. Sigurdson and seconded by Ms. Lederman:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal for the Joint Master's Program in Peace and Conflict Studies [as recommended by Senate February 4, 2009].

CARRIED

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

10. **Reports**

10.1 Update from the UMSU President

Mr. Sopotiuik reported that the UMSU election held in early March had a 20% voter turn-out and noted that Mr. Tripple had been re-elected to his position as Vice-President Advocacy. He also discussed the CFS lobby week in Ottawa that including meetings with over 200 parliamentarians to discuss issuing regarding PSE funding, including funding transfers between granting councils. Mr. Glenn added that GSA had also recently held an election and that voter turn-out had increased by 4%.

11. **From Senate**

11.1 Report of the University Disciplinary Committee for the period of September 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008



Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Ms. Van Schie and seconded by Dr. Ruth:

THAT the Board of Governors move into Closed and Confidential Session.

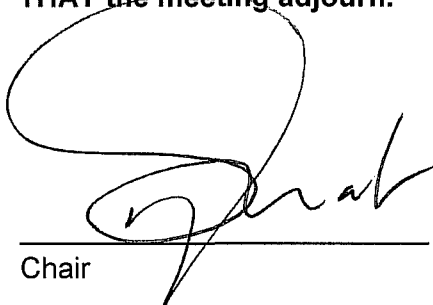
CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn


It was moved by Mr. Sopotiuik:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED



Chair



University Secretary

