



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
May 19, 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 D. Barnard A. Black P. Bovey R. Dhalla R. Eyford
G. Hatch J. Lederman H. Milan W. Norrie S. Rashid A. Sabouni
R. Sigurdson M. Sitter T. Strutt M. Tripple S. Van Schie

Assessors Present:

B. Austin-Smith J. Sealey

Officials Present:

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

Regrets:

A. Berg R. Mahé D. Ruth R. Zegalski

1. Announcements

Mr. Sargeant welcomed Mr. Rashid, Mr. Sabouni and Dr. Austin-Smith as members of the Board of Governors. He thanked Mr. Black and Ms. Van Schie for their nine years of service to the Board and noted their excellent work and contributions to the Board and its Committees over their three terms. He also noted that the terms of Dr. Anderson, Mr. Eyford, Ms. Sitter, Mr. Dhalla, Ms. Sealey and Mr. Mahé were ending and thanked them all for their service while adding that some of them may be returning for another term pending appointments and election results.

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

THAT the agenda for the May 19, 2009 Open Session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

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3. **Minutes**

3.1 Open Minutes

Ms. Lederman noted that she was not present at the April 27, 2009 meeting.

The final sentence of the third paragraph of section 5 should be changed from "will" to "may".

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

THAT the minutes of the April 27, 2009 Open Session be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising - none

4. **Report from the President**

Dr. Barnard noted that federal funding announcements through the Knowledge Infrastructure Program investments have been made in three provinces so far and that there would be an announcement tomorrow at the University of Winnipeg. He added that there has not been any details released regarding funding for the University of Manitoba yet, however the feedback received on the proposed projects has been positive.

The President advised the Board that a funding partnership with a private sector organization, which will support the University of Manitoba in its efforts to enhance Aboriginal achievement, will likely be confirmed in the near future.

Mrs. McCallum informed the Board of a donation of \$6.9 million towards the new student residence building from the College Housing Holdings Inc. Board. The College Housing Holdings Inc. Board had decided it was in the best interest to sell the apartment at 99 Dalhousie Drive and found a vendor who is willing to continue to operate it as cooperative housing. Mrs. McCallum, who has been the chair of the Board for the past nine years, noted that the Board has student representation and that Mr. Dhalla sat on the Board as well. As a result of the sale, assets became available and the College Housing Holdings Board decided unanimously to donate the proceeds to the University.

5. **From Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee** - none

5.1 Operating Budget 2009-2010

Ms. Bovey noted that the Finance, Administration and Human Resources Committee had a thorough and good discussion regarding the operating budget submission. The budget is balanced and responsive to the reality of the current economic situation of the University. Ms. Bovey thanked Mrs. McCallum and everyone involved in the process for their hard work.



Mrs. McCallum began with a summary of the annual process used to develop the operating budget and reviewed the definitions of the terms used throughout the documents. She outlined the factors upon which the budget development had been based; including the COPSE base grant increase of 4.5%, a tuition increase of 4.5% inclusive of ancillary fees, a 22% increase to undergraduate international student fees and projected decreases in enrolment of 1%, and a 5% decrease in international student enrolment. Mrs. McCallum noted that the proposal to increase graduate students continuing fees by \$150 was pending COPSE approval and that if approved, all the funds collected would be directed towards graduate student support.

Mrs. McCallum detailed the approach used to create a pool of funds of \$4.8 million for reallocation in support of the strategic initiatives of the University. These included changes to the Strategic Initiatives Process, backing out inflationary increases in areas such as library acquisitions and supplies and expenses, a 1% reduction across all units and the reduction or elimination of baseline funding to select units.

Dr. Barnard highlighted the three areas identified as strategic priorities, which were included in the President's Report, as Academic Enhancement which would provide funding to new programs already approved by Senate and the Board, Aboriginal Achievement and enhancing the Student Experience.

Mrs. McCallum remarked that it is the first year since 1999 that cuts have been made, with the anticipation of next year being more difficult and that plans have already begun to consider other long-term options for next year. Dr. Barnard added that the Provost's Council and Executive Council have scheduled two days in early June to begin the discussions.

Ms. Lederman commended the work of those involved with developing the budget and commented that going forward, it seems as though the University would have to make some difficult decisions on the priorities of the University and noted that the Board had a role to play in that process, especially concerning policy decisions. Dr. Barnard agreed and stated that the motivation behind the Provost's Council meetings in early June was to start that process and engage the Board earlier in the process than in past years.

Mr. Eyford asked if the projections on the turnover savings from the SIP had been considered in the future and if they will be impacted by lower rates of retirement. Mrs. McCallum replied that while it was an important point that the retirement levels may peak, vacancies are created by other circumstances as well.

In response to a question, Mrs. McCallum noted that through an arrangement with the City of Winnipeg, transit services between the two campuses on the #36 bus had been increased to every 30 minutes and that it was a factor which impacted the decision to no longer offer the University Shuttle Bus service free of charge.



Mr. Tripple asked how students would be informed of the change in the fee refund schedule. Mrs. McCallum replied that the information would be advertised widely by the Registrar's Office and on the website.

Mr. Tripple asked for clarification on the increase to international undergraduate student fees. Mrs. McCallum outlined that the current structure includes a \$570 surcharge on a three credit-hour course, resulting in a fee of \$810 and that under the proposed increase, that amount would increase to \$987.

Mr. Rashid commended those involved in developing the proposed budget, however noted that he would not support an increase to international undergraduate students fees and that all students on campus would find this increase concerning. He added that this was not a sustainable solution to budgetary shortfalls.

Mr. Tripple suggested that perhaps the Board should consider the measure of passing an unbalanced budget.

Mr. Dhalla commented that UMSU had the capability to mobilize its students, and that UMSU should use this advantage and approach the provincial government.

Dr. Barnard noted that the two areas of priority for the province this year had been education and health, so in the context of where allocations were made, the University received an increased grant while other departments received no increase. He added that he appreciated the concern of increased fees, however it has been agreed that the University needs to find a way to move forward in the most effective way while considering what is required to deliver a high quality education.

Dr. Anderson asked what the projected revenue of the increased fees would be. Mrs. McCallum responded that the increase would result in \$1.3 million of additional revenue.

It was moved by Mr. Rashid and seconded by Mr. Sabouni:

THAT the Operating Budget be amended by removing the proposed increase to undergraduate international student fees.

By a vote of 4 in support of and 13 against, the motion was **DEFEATED**. Mr. Tripple requested that his vote in support of the motion to amend the budget be noted.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the operating budget based on total revenue and expenditures of \$487,161,820 for the year ending March 31, 2010 as presented.

CARRIED



5.3 Policy and Procedure: Salary Administration for Nurses in Northern Manitoba

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Salary Administration for Nurses in Northern Manitoba Policy as presented.

CARRIED

6. **From Senate**

6.1 Proposed Site for the new Pembina Hall Student Residence

Mr. Simms provided the Board with a presentation regarding the proposed new 13 story residence building that would clear-span the existing Pembina Hall structure. He discussed the alternate sites that had been considered and possible plans for developing a residence row in the future. The presentation detailed an assessment of how the building's shadow would impact the surrounding areas, which would especially be of importance when considering the development of the rooms for Music and Art at the back of Taché Hall.

Mr. Simms, in response to questions from members of the Board, discussed specific details of the design, including elements of the exterior and interior of the building and noted that there would be 360 units for individual occupancy.

Members of the Board expressed excitement regarding the boldness of the design.

Dr. Barnard remarked that it was gratifying to have the both the Senate and Board's response to the plan to be as positive as it has been.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve the site for the proposed Pembina Hall Student Residence [as recommended by Senate on May 13, 2009].

CARRIED

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

7. **Reports**

7.1 Update from the UMSU President

Mr. Rashid remarked that the new UMSU executive had participated in a retreat and that he, along with Mr. Tripple, had returned earlier in the day from the national CFS AGM in Ottawa where 84 universities had been represented. Mr. Sabouni added that he was looking forward to working with the Board throughout the upcoming year.

8. **Other Business - none**



Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

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

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

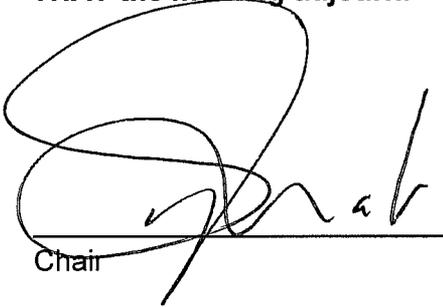
CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

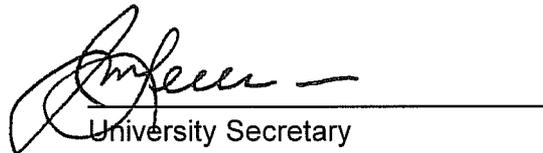
It was moved by Ms. Van Schie:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED



Chair



University Secretary

