

## OPEN SESSION

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, Held Tuesday, November 30, 1999, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 160, Continuing Education Complex.

**Members Present:** Mr. Paul Soubry, Chair.  
 Ms. Claudia Weselake, Vice-Chair.  
 Dr. Emőke Szathmáry, President.  
 Mr. Wayne Anderson.  
 Ms. Linda Archer.  
 Mr. Ron Black.  
 Ms. Shannon Bracken.  
 Dr. Bernie Dronzek.  
 Dr. Harry Duckworth.  
 Mr. Gordon Fletcher.  
 Mr. Steven Fletcher.  
 Dr. Janet Hoskins.  
 Ms. Claudette Lahaie.  
 Mr. Krishna Lalbiharie.  
 Mr. Iain MacNair.  
 Mr. Dale Parkinson.  
 Mr. Ken Shiffman.  
 Ms. Carol Smith.  
 Ms. Wendy Thiessen.  
 Mr. Kevin Toyne.  
 Mr. Doug Ward  
 Mr. Béla Cziffra, UMSU Assessor.  
 Dr. Jay Goldstein, Faculty Assessor.  
 Ms. Jean Zushman, Support Staff Assessor.

**Also Present:** Mr. Mike McAdam, Vice-President (Administration).  
 Professor Karen Ogden, Acting Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.  
 Ms. Bev Sawicki, University Secretary.  
 Mrs. Margaret Birt, Recording Secretary.

**Guests:** Ms. Marnie Spears, Ketchum Canada Inc.  
 Mr. Norm Guilfoyle, Ketchum Canada Inc.  
 Ms. Elaine Goldie, Executive Director, Alumni & Development.  
 Mr. John Danakas, Director, Public Affairs.  
 Ms. Mary Jane Loustel, Director, Audit Services.

**Regrets:** Dr. Arthur Mauro.  
 Ms. Darlene Hildebrand.  
 Dr. Joanne Keselman.

**PRESENTATION.**

It was moved by Ms. Weselake, seconded by Dr. Duckworth, that the Board move into Closed and Confidential Session to receive the presentation.

Carried.

The Board moved into Open Session following the presentation.

**MINUTES.**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Ward that the Open Session Minutes of the Board of Governors meeting held September 23, 1999 be approved as circulated.

Carried.

**FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.****1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards, September 22, 1999.**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Ms. Weselake that the Board of Governors approve the three new award offers, seven award amendments, and one award withdrawal set out in the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated September 22, 1999 (which report was approved and recommended by Senate on October 6, 1999).

Carried.

**2. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards, October 21, 1999.**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Duckworth that the Board of Governors approve the nine new award offers, nine award amendments, and one award withdrawal set out in the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated October 21, 1999 (which report was approved and recommended by Senate on November 3, 1999).

Carried.

**3. Establishment of a Centre for Research and Treatment of Atherosclerosis.**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Duckworth that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Centre for Research and Treatment of Atherosclerosis for a five year period, beginning July 1, 1999, as recommended by Senate on November 3, 1999.

Carried.

**4. Establishment of an Internet Innovation Centre.**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Dr. Hoskins that the Board of Governors approve the establishment of an Internet Innovation Centre for a five-year period, beginning May 1, 1999, as recommended by Senate on November 3, 1999.

Carried.

**5. Siting of Grain Handling/Storage Facility.**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Black that the Board of Governors approve the siting of the Grain Handling/Storage Facility as an addition to the Biosystems Engineering Building, as recommended by Senate on November 3, 1999.

Carried.

**FROM THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE.**

Ms. Lahaie presented the report of the External Relations Committee arising from meetings held August 17, 1999 and November 15, 1999. At the August 17, 1999 meeting, External Relations Committee members held a preliminary discussion on the Summary of the Board of Governor's Assessment Questionnaire specifically relating to the Committee.

In order to focus Committee discussion on the future and role of the Committee, the Chair of the Committee, the Chair of the Board of Governors, the President of the University of Manitoba, and the University Secretary met on an ad hoc basis to develop a draft recommendation. The ad hoc group felt that the Committee should remain a standing committee of the Board of Governors with the duties as set out in the recommendation and that reports on fundraising, public affairs, and alumni affairs, should be made directly to

the Board of Governors semi-annually. The External Relations Committee, after considerable discussion at its November 15, 1999 meeting, endorsed the recommendation.

It was moved by Ms. Lahaie, seconded by Dr. Duckworth that the duties of the External Relations Committee, as set out in section 11.6 of By-Law 3.00 'The Board and Its Committees', be revised to read as follows:

"The External Relations Committee shall:

"11.6.1 consider, report concerning, and make recommendations to the Board on such policy matters as may be referred by the Board relating to the promotion and maintenance of good relations with the external constituencies of the University, namely:

- (a) communications and outreach initiatives of the University.
- (b) relationship of the University with its alumni including liaison with the Alumni Association; and
- (c) formal programs of the University with municipal, provincial, and federal governments.

"11.6.2 provide commentary and advice on the above-noted matters when so requested by the President."

Carried.

#### **FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE.**

Mr. Parkinson presented items from the Finance and Administration Committee arising from its November 16, 1999 meeting.

#### **1. Central Chilled Water Plant - Consulting Engineering Contract.**

In April, 1999, the Council on Post-Secondary Education approved \$2,833,000 as part of the initial capital grant allocation for The University of Manitoba for the fiscal year 1999/2000 to address the first year of the Central Chilled Water Plant Upgrade. The proposed budget for both the Fort Garry and Bannatyne Campus is \$22.96 million.

This phase of the project will provide detailed Engineering to construct an addition to the Powerhouse and to provide detailed plans and specifications for the installation of chillers and equipment to provide 8,200 tons of chilled water capacity. This will also allow for the Engineering of the distribution of chilled water at the Bannatyne Campus.

It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Mr. Ward that the Board approve the awarding of a contract to MCW Consultants Ltd. for consulting engineering services at a cost of approximately \$990,000.

Carried.

#### **2. Audit Services Activity Report.**

It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Mr. Black that the Board receive for information the Audit Services Activity Report for the period September 1, 1999 to October 31, 1999.

Carried.

#### **3. Audit Services Report on the Status of the Year 2000 Project.**

Mr. Parkinson noted that the report from the Director of Audit Services indicates that management is confident the University of Manitoba systems, networks, and equipment will be prepared for the turn of the century. Two significant Year 2000 activities are still in progress: Administrative Systems is leading the point-to-point testing of all application



systems and system software, and the University continues to develop and communicate its contingency plans to respond in the event that operating problems associated with the Year 2000 computer bug occur. Audit Services will continue to monitor progress and outcome of these activities.

It was moved by Mr. Parkinson, seconded by Ms. Archer that the Board receive, for information, the October 31, 1999 report: The Status of the Year 2000 Project.

Carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

### **1. Appointment of Duff Roblin Professorship in Government.**

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Mr. Toyne that the Board appoint as, the Duff Roblin Professor, Professor Paul Griffith Thomas from the Department of Political Studies, for a three year term commencing July 1, 2000.

Carried.

### **2. Appointment to College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council.**

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Ms. Thiessen that the Board approve the appointment of Dr. Harold Bjarnason, Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, to the College of Veterinary Medicine Advisory Council for an unspecified term beginning November 30, 1999.

Carried.

### **3. The Manitoba Chair of United Nations Studies.**

Dr. Szathmáry explained that the public announcement of this Chair had been made by Minister Axworthy on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1999, while on a visit to Winnipeg. The University Secretary had polled members of the Honorary Degrees Committee of Senate to obtain approval for the naming of the Chair prior to it coming to the Board for retroactive approval. Dr. Szathmáry said while hearing about the Chair from the media, prior to approval by the Board, was not the preferred arrangement, the University was obliged to adhere to the Minister's schedule. It was then moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Dr. Dronzek that the Board approve the establishment of The Manitoba Chair of United Nations Studies.

Carried.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.**

The President reviewed her written report, included in the agenda, and highlighted the following:

- Dr. Ben Levin, the Dean of Continuing Education, commenced his leave from the University of Manitoba on November 15, 1999, to begin his appointment as Deputy Minister of Education and Training (Manitoba).
- The SMARTpark funding announcement was attended by the Minister of Finance, The Hon. Greg Selinger, the Minister of Industry, Trade, and Mines, the Hon. Mary Ann Mihychuk, Dr. Ron Duhamel, Secretary of State for Western Economic Diversification, and Mr. Reg Alcock, MP for Winnipeg South.
- Mr. John Meldrum, an MBA graduate of The University of Manitoba and former President of E.I.T.C., has been appointed the first President of the SMARTpark Development Corporation, effective October 25, 1999.
- Dr. Lorrie Kirshenbaum, Physiology, received his third young investigator award, the Joe Doupe Young Investigator Award, from the Canadian Society for Clinical Investigation, part of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, in



recognition of his research on molecular mechanisms that regulate cell death. Previously, Dr. Kirshenbaum has received "young investigator" awards from the Canadian Cardiovascular Society and the American Heart Association, respectively.

- Dr. Arnold Greenberg, Pediatrics and Child Health/Immunology/Biochemistry and Medical Genetics, was named the inaugural Margaret A. Sellers Chair for the Executive Director of the Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology. The Manitoba Institute of Cell Biology is a joint institute between Cancer Care Manitoba (formerly the Manitoba Cancer Research and Treatment Foundation) and the U. of M.. The Margaret A. Sellers Chair was established in 1998 by Mrs. Margaret A. (Peggy) Sellers *h*
- The Centre for Genetic Research and the Manitoba Centre for Health Policy and Evaluation will be developed on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Brodie Centre - both CFI funded initiatives, with matching money coming from the Province.
- Homecoming activities in September were extremely successful.
- Approximately 2,000 people attended the Evening of Excellence.
- The largest-ever Fall Convocation was held on October 21, 1999.
- The University over three years will receive \$1 million Canadian from the Government of Iceland and the Eimskip Steamship Company to support the proposed expansion/renovation of the Libraries' facilities to house the Icelandic collection, and to add funds to the endowment for the Chair of Icelandic Studies.
- The publication "Putting Manitoba on the Map" , prepared by John Danakas, Director of Public Affairs, appeared in the November 5, 1999 edition of the **Winnipeg Free Press**. It generated considerable favourable media attention and comments from members of the community.
- This year's **Maclean's Magazine** containing University rankings showed The University of Manitoba moving from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> position in the ranking of 15 medical-doctoral universities. ~~The University placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the "value-added" measure. For the fourth year, the University placed in the top 10 of all universities rated by Maclean's. In each of the four years the value-added ranking has been available, our university placed in the top 10 of all universities in Canada.~~ } *bmur*
- Meetings with COPSE and members of government took place on November 22, November 23, and November 25, 1999. The President noted that when the last Government introduced the property tax measure, making universities responsible for the property taxes, the present Government (then in opposition) voted against it. The University is hopeful the Government will now review this matter and have made some suggestions as to how this concern could be resolved.
- The Board received the President's report on outside activities.

In response to a question regarding the Parkade, Mr. McAdam said the facility has only been 50% to 75% full, so public relations efforts are being increased and new signage will soon be in place to make visitors and staff aware of the new parking opportunities.

**REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT OF UMSU.**

Mr. Fletcher reported:

- He recently attended a Canadian Alliance of Students lobbying meeting in Ottawa at which time students talked to a number of MPs about issues affecting post-secondary education in Canada. Topics included transfer payments, student interest rates on loans, and GST on text books. The highlight of the trip was a series of meetings with Paul Martin, one of which was a private meeting. At this

meeting Mr. Fletcher talked about the infrastructure on campus, specifically the Engineering Building. Mr. Martin suggested the University apply again to CFI for funding. The meetings attracted considerable media attention.

- A meeting was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1999, with The Hon. Drew Caldwell, Minister of Education and Training. In addition to discussing tuition fee cuts and UMSU'S Aboriginal Program, infrastructure concerns were addressed, specifically, the Engineering Building, the Architecture Building, and the Animal Science facility, and the effects of poor facilities on the morale of students.
- At The Hon. Drew Caldwell's Swearing-In ceremony, the UMSU President and Vice-President invited Mr. Caldwell to tour the University. The tour, which lasted two and a quarter hours, took place on November 30, 1999. Mr. Caldwell was shown the Aboriginal Mural in the Science tunnel, the Engineering Building where he was shown the high tech areas and then parts of the building which were damp, had paint peeling, where physical accessibility was poor, walls were cracking, and classrooms were cold. He was also provided an opportunity to meet with students along the way and asked some very good questions. The tour then moved to Tier and Isbister Buildings where Mr. Caldwell addressed one of the classes. Mr. Caldwell was provided with the book illustrating infrastructure deficiencies on both campuses.

### 3. Other.

Mr. Soubry reviewed a letter of introduction from Mr. Drew Caldwell, the Minister of Education and Training and suggested Mr. Caldwell be invited to a meeting of the Board of Governors. The President said she would pursue this matter and would contact Mr. Soubry when she had determined a suitable date for the Minister to attend a meeting of the Board of Governors.

## ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

### 1. From the Academic Affairs Committee.

Ms. Archer listed the following items which were received for information by the Academic Affairs Committee at the November 16, 1999 meeting:

- General Terms and Conditions for Student Awards.
- Program Approval Process: Undergraduate.
- Program Statements of Intent: Baccalaureate Program in Midwifery; B.Sc.(Hon) and B.Sc.(Major) in Psychology; and Graduate Diploma in Population Health.
- COPSE Approval to Expand Master's of Social Work Program Through Distance Education.
- Ethics of Research Involving Human Subjects.
- Annual Report of Office of Student Advocacy - September 1/97-Aug.31/98.
- Research Grants and Contracts Awarded - July 1/99-Sept.30/99.
- Academic Non-Research Contracts Awarded - July 1/99-September 30/99.

In response to a question from Mr. Lalbiharie on student awards, Dr. Dronzek said that for bursaries, the cut-off is a 2.5 GPA, and a student in need at 2.5 will be given a bursary if that individual has a greater need than another who has a 4.5 GPA and a slightly lesser need. The need factor is the prime criteria used in determining bursaries. There is also flexibility, in certain circumstances, to go below a 2.5 GPA, emphasizing that need is the prime determinant.

### 2. From the Finance and Administration Committee.

Mr. Parkinson reviewed the following items which were received by the Finance and

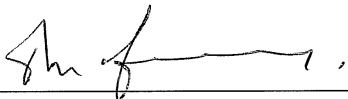
Administration Committee for information at the November 16, 1999 meeting:

- 200-2001 Estimates - Senate Comments.
- Audit Letter for Manitoba Scholarship and Bursaries Initiative (Year ended March 31, 1999).
- Appointment of Ben Levin as Deputy Minister of Education and Training.
- Nomination Information for Various Honours/Awards.

**MOTION: CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION.**

It was moved by Ms. Archer, seconded by Mr. Toyne that the Board move into Closed and Confidential Session.

Carried.



Chair.



Secretary.

