

**Minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting held Tuesday, November 28, 2000 at 5:00
p.m. in Room 160 Continuing Education Complex**

- Present:**
- Mr. Wayne Anderson
 - Mr. Alfred Black
 - Mr. Ron Black
 - Ms. Colleen Bready
 - Ms. Angela Busch
 - Ms. Melanie Crouch
 - Mr. Romel Dhalla
 - Dr. Harry Duckworth
 - Mr. Gerald Dureault
 - Mr. Steven Fletcher
 - Dr. Jay Goldstein, UMFA Assessor
 - Ms. Darlene Hildebrand
 - Dr. Janet Hoskins
 - Mr. Krishna Lalbiharie
 - Mr. Jeff Leclerc, UMSU Assessor
 - Dr. Arthur Mauro, Chancellor
 - Dr. Tony Secco
 - Mr. Ken Shiffman
 - Dr. Ian Smith
 - Mr. Paul M. Soubry, Chair
 - Dr. Emőke Szathmáry, President
 - Ms. Shirley Van Schie
 - Mr. Doug Ward
 - Mrs. J. Zushman, Support Staff Assessor
- Regrets:**
- Ms. Linda Archer
 - Ms. Wendi Thiessen
- Also Present:**
- Dr. James Gardner, Vice-President (Academic)
 - Dr. Gary Glavin, Assoc. Vice-President (Research) for Joanne Keselman,
Vice-President (Research)
 - Mr. Mike McAdam, Vice-President (Administration)
 - Ms. Beverly Sawicki, University Secretary
 - Ms. Elizabeth Borsboom, Recording Secretary
- Guests:**
- Dr. Richard Lobdell, Vice-Provost (Programs)
 - Ms. Mary Jane Loustel, Director, Audit Services

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

FOR ACTION**1. MINUTES: September 26, 2000 (Regular, Open Session)**

1.1 Approval as circulated or amended

It was moved by Dr. Duckworth and seconded by Mr. A. Black:

THAT the minutes of the September 26, 2000 Open Session Meeting of the Board of Governors be approved as circulated.

Carried

1.2 Business Arising

Mr. Soubry mentioned two items for discussion under business arising. The first being the Board Self-Assessment Questionnaire which will be covered under the closed session.

The second item was the advisement of the appointment of Senate members to the Committee of Election. Dean Michael Cox, Faculty of Architecture and Dr. John Page, Faculty of Science were appointed by Senate.

2. FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

2.1 Awards

(a) Senate Report on Awards - September 28, 2000

At the April 5, 2000 Senate meeting, the terms of reference for the Committee on Awards were changed to allow the Committee to approve and inform Senate of all new offers and amendments of awards that meet the published guidelines for awards. At its meeting on September 19, 2000, the Senate Committee on Awards approved eight new awards, twelve award amendments and one award withdrawal (as set out in the report on the Committee on Awards dated September 28, 2000). All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and therefore do not require the approval of Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Secco and seconded by Mr. Dureault:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 8 new awards, 12 award amendments and 1 award withdrawal as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated September 28, 2000 (as reviewed and received for information by Senate on November 1, 2000).

Carried

2.2 Departmental Name Change

(a) Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics

The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences is proposing that the name of the ^{be changed} Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management to the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics effective July 1, 2001. The major rationale for changing the department name is to recognize the broader scope of agriculture through the increasing importance of agribusiness. The name change is supported by both the Faculty of Management and the Department of Economics.

It was moved by Dr. Secco and seconded by Dr. Duckworth:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to change the name of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management to the Department of Agribusiness and Agricultural Economics effective July 1, 2001 (as set out in the memorandum from Dean Bjarnason dated October 4, 2000 and as approved and recommended by Senate on November 1, 2000).

Carried

(b) Department of Civil Engineering

In September 1996, after extensive debate, Senate approved a motion to place the Geological Engineering program into the *Not Currently Offered* category. The accreditation for the Geological Engineering program is only to the end of 2000. At this time, the Faculty of Engineering is proposing to change the name of the Department of Civil and Geological Engineering to the Department of Civil Engineering. The rationale for this is that the name of a department should reflect the program(s) being offered. The Geological Engineering program will remain in the *Not Currently Offered* category. If, in future, there are sufficient resources to offer Geological Engineering, the name of the department will be changed back to support that. There are no students engaged in geological engineering at the graduate level.

Mr. R. Black raised the question of why the program had been "shelved". Mr. Fletcher noted for the record that he was the President of the Geological Engineering Society when this change occurred. He felt that it was not done properly and that hopefully, in the future when programs are eliminated from the University, they will go through a more thorough assessment of the programs and be more forthright with a presentation regarding what will happen when a program is shelved and later "axed". He felt that this was not what he was told initially when this program was "shelved".

Dr. Szathmáry clarified, for new members of the Board, that Mr. Fletcher was referring to the degree program in Geological Engineering which still remains "on the shelf" in the Department of Civil and Geological Engineering. The present recommendation is for a

change of name of the department. With reference to the shelving of the geological engineering program, procedures were followed properly at that time. Faculty Council made the decision within the Faculty of Engineering, and recommended that the program be shelved. Students who were registered in the program at the time were permitted to complete their program of studies but no new students were admitted to the program. That decision was done due to budgetary constraints.

Mr. R. Black thanked the President for her clarification because his first question was to understand why this particular recommendation was being made. Obviously this has been going on for several years. Mr. R. Black wanted to note his disappointment, coming from an area of the province where anything to do with geology is vitally important, that the University is not taking a more active role in protecting that discipline.

It was moved by Dr. Secco and seconded by Mr. Dureault:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal to change the name of the Department of Civil and Geological Engineering to the Department of Civil Engineering effective July 1, 2001 (as set out in the memorandum from Dean Ruth dated November 23, 1999 and as approved and recommended by Senate on November 1, 2000).

Carried

FOR INFORMATION

3. REPORTS

3.1 Report of the President

The President briefly reviewed her written report as submitted in the agenda, pages 34-46. The report highlighted samples of activities and special achievements in the following categories: Academic Matters, Research Matters, Administrative Matters and External Matters. As well, Notable Events, external to the University, were also listed in part B of the report.

3.2 Report of the President of UMSU

Mr. Fletcher reported that UMSU will be bringing in a restaurant to the third floor of University Centre called Bar Italia. As well, an arcade and video rental outlet will open on the third floor of University Centre. Mr. Fletcher also added that members of UMSU are looking forward to working with the new members of Parliament, particularly the Liberal members of Parliament, to make things better for students. The UMSU Elections will take place in February and preparations are underway.

4. FROM THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

4.1 Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Cttee. with respect to Campus-Wide Technology Needs

The Senate Executive Committee, at its meeting of April 26, 2000, referred a report of the Senate Committee on Academic Computer (SCAC) on campus-wide technology needs to the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (SPPC). The report of the SCAC sought to make some estimate of the rates of computer-oriented technological changes that are occurring in the classroom and in some forms of research. The Committee on Academic Computing attempted to assess the physical requirements and costs, in terms of cabling and network electronics, that would be needed in order to bring the institution to some form of currency with regard to this type of technology. Those costs are substantial and are beyond the current resources of Information Services and Technology. SPPC has considered the report and makes a number of observations, including the following:

- Information Services and Technology should continue the process of consulting with building users, which will lead to a more accurate assessment of needs and a possibility of establishing priorities and a time frame for development;
- a centrally-coordinated expression of budget responsibility for specific items and rooms should be established;
- the upgrading of classrooms should be centrally coordinated;
- effort should be made to determine what equipment has been bought recently from research budgets and from operating budgets; and
- if upgrading computer and network technology is determined to be a priority for the University, additional funds will have to be sought outside the normal funding envelope.

Senate approved the following motion at its meeting of October 4, 2000; THAT Senate endorse the Report on Campus-Wide Technology Needs as the first step in the planning process and encourages the authors to extend their data collection before moving to the proposal and feasibility stage.

4.2 Program Approval Process - Undergraduate and Graduate - Revised October 18, 2000

Board members received revised flow-charts in September which describe the New (or Substantial Change) Program Approval Process for both Undergraduate and Graduate New Programs. Since then, slight errors were detected on both of the flow-charts. Those have been corrected, and Board members were provided with revised flow-charts.

4.3 Research Grants and Contracts Awarded - July 1, 2000 - September 30, 2000

A report was provided to Board members in pages 74-96 of the agenda. A total of 343 research grants and contracts were awarded totaling \$10,613,768.00.

6. OTHER

7. MOTION: CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Dr. Mauro and seconded by Mr. A. Black:

THAT the Board of Governors move into closed session.

Carried