

**OPEN SESSION****Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Governors held at 3:00 p.m. on November 27, 2001  
in UMSU Council Chambers, Room 176 Helen Glass Centre**

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**Present:**

Ms. M. Albi  
 Mr. W. Anderson  
 Mr. A. Black  
 Mr. R. Black  
 Mr. R. Dhalla  
 Dr. V. Dhruvarajan  
 Dr. H. Duckworth  
 Mr. G. Dureault  
 Dr. J. Hoskins  
 Ms. E. Jones  
 Mr. J. Kusie

Mr. N. Louizos  
 Dr. W. Norrie  
 Ms. J. Plater  
 Mr. D. Popke  
 Mr. T. Sargeant  
 Dr. T. Secco  
 Mr. K. Shiffman  
 Mr. P. Soubry  
 Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry  
 Ms. W. Thiessen  
 Ms. S. Van Schie

**Also Present:**

Prof. P. Blunden, UMFA Assessor  
 Ms. L. Chartier, Support Staff Assessor  
 Ms. J. Fletcher, UMSU Assessor  
 Dr. J.S. Gardner, Vice-Pres (Acad.)  
 Ms. E. Goldie, Vice-Pres (Ext.)  
 Dr. J. Keselman, Vice-Pres (Res.)

Dr. R. Lobdell, Vice-Prov. (Programs)  
 Ms M.J. Loustel, Dir. Audit Serv.  
 Mr. M.W. McAdam, Vice-Pres. (Admin)  
 Ms. M.A. Mork, Audit Serv.  
 Ms. B.M.M. Sawicki, University Secretary  
 Ms. L. Shore, Recording Secretary

**Regrets:**

Dr. I. Smith

Prior to the Business Meeting, Board members were given an opportunity at 3:00 p.m. to view a presentation by Professor Eduard Epp on "A Networked Campus" – a proposed master campus plan in Room 370, Helen Glass Centre. At 4:00 p.m. members of the COPSE Board were welcomed by the Board Chair; a brief presentation was offered by COPSE, after which members were directed to Room 260, Helen Glass Centre for a brief demonstration of available classroom technology. This was followed by a presentation on modern teaching technology in dentistry offered by Dean Johann De Vries, Faculty of Dentistry. At 5:00 p.m. members of COPSE and the Board were accompanied to Room 101 Isbister Building where Dr. F. Boutin demonstrated the state-of-the-art language laboratory. Upon their return to Room 176, Helen Glass Centre, a brief reception/discussion took place between members of the Board and COPSE.

The business meeting commenced at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Wayne Anderson assumed the Chair and immediately welcomed Ms. Joanna Plater, a new Government Appointee, to the meeting.

**FOR ACTION**

1. **MINUTES:** September 25, 2001



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## 1.1 Approval as circulated or corrected

It was moved by Mr. Dureault, seconded by Mr. A. Black:

**THAT the minutes of September 25, 2001 be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## 1.2 Business Arising - none

## 2. FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

## 2.1 Reports of Senate Committee on Awards:

## 2.1.1 September 26, 2001

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 5, 2001, the Senate Committee on Awards approved four new awards, four award amendments, and one award withdrawal (as set out in the report of the Committee on Awards dated September 6, 2001). All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

On April 25, 2001, the Senate Executive Committee referred back an amendment to the *University of Manitoba Distinguished Dissertation Award*, as it was felt that proper procedure had not been followed. The Senate Committee on Awards is now resubmitting this amendment, following a review of the process.

It was moved by Dr. Secco, seconded by Ms. Thiessen:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the four new awards, four award amendments, and one award withdrawal as set out in the report of the Committee on Awards dated September 6, 2001 (as reviewed and received for information by Senate on October 3, 2001).**

**CARRIED**

## 4. FROM FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

## 4.1 New Apartment-Style Student Residence

The University of Manitoba is proposing to construct a 350 bed apartment style residence with each 2 bedroom suite sharing a kitchen and bathroom facilities. A feasibility study has been completed and a site plan and financial pro-forma were submitted with the proposal.

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At present, the University of Manitoba has a total of 950 residence beds on campus which accommodate about 4% of our student body. Given that 26% of University of Manitoba students live in rental housing, we are a long way from meeting the demand for residence accommodation. In fact, the University of Manitoba is among the lowest ranked in western Canada in providing accommodation to students. To achieve the average accommodation ratio among other western Canadian universities, the University of Manitoba would need to add 1655 beds.

For Fall, 2001, residence rooms were completely booked by May. The waiting list is limited to 90 students. A shortage of rental properties in the city and the lack of on-campus accommodation makes it harder to recruit students to our university.

In 2003, due to the elimination of grade 13 in Ontario, there will be a double cohort of graduates applying to universities. Our ability to attract these students to the University of Manitoba would be enhanced if we could offer more student housing.

A new student residence would have additional benefits:

- A modern, apartment style facility would provide an alternative to the existing dormitory facilities making residence living more attractive to mature students desiring more privacy and independence.
- More students living on campus would enhance student life especially on evenings and weekends.
- An apartment style residence would increase our ability to attract international students making this a more diverse campus.
- A modern, air-conditioned, apartment style facility would enhance our ability to attract conferences to our campus.

The recent drop in interest rates makes this an opportune time to undertake this project. The objective is to commence construction in spring, 2002 with occupancy in September, 2003.

This was a request for approval in principle to proceed with this project. The design and construction contracts will be brought to the Board of Governors for approval upon completion of the request for proposal and tendering processes.

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Mr. A. Black:

**THAT the Board of Governors give approval in principle to the design and construction of a 350 bed, 2 bedroom apartment style student residence at Maclean Crescent and Dafoe Road.**

CARRIED



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## 4.2 Medical Rehabilitation Student Council Referendum

It was moved by Mr. Shiffman, seconded by Mr. A. Black:

**THAT the Board of Governors authorize the deduction of fees from students registered in the School of Medical Rehabilitation as follows:**

**...a tax deductible contribution of \$50.00 per year to be paid at the time of registration. This contribution will be directed to the School of Medical Rehabilitation as follows:**

**\$40.00 to the School of Medical Rehabilitation Endowment Fund  
\$10.00 to Mobilizing for the Millennium Capital Campaign.**

**The term for this agreement is to be three years.**

Enclosed documentation indicated that the referendum carried with 83% in favour. The referendum was supported by 90 students and opposed by 18 students.

CARRIED

5. **NEW BUSINESS**5.1 **External Relations Committee**

The Chair, the Vice-Chair, the President and the University Secretary recommended that the External Relations Committee be asked to consider issues relating to the University's positioning in the *Macleans* university surveys. If the Board of Governors agrees to this recommendation, the University Secretary will schedule the necessary External Relations Committee meetings.

The Chair and the Vice-Chair have also requested that the External Relations Committee represent the Board of Governors at events which will be held in conjunction with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University. When the Committee meets, it can determine who will attend each event.

At its first meeting, the External Relations Committee will also be required to conduct the following business:

- (a) elect a Chair and Vice-Chair; and
- (b) identify community representatives who might be called upon to fill vacant committee positions from the community at large.

It was moved by Dr. Secco, seconded by Mr. Kusie:

1. **THAT the External Relations Committee consider issues relating to the University's positioning in the *Macleans* university surveys. The Committee is to report to the Board of Governors at the March 2002 Board meeting.**

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2. **FURTHER THAT the External Relations Committee represent the Board of Governors at events held in conjunction with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the University.**

CARRIED

6. **FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - none**

FOR RATIFICATION - none

**FOR INFORMATION**7. **FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

## 7.1 Correspondence re COPSE Approval of Program Proposal:

## 7.1.1 Interdisciplinary Master's Program in Disability Studies

On May 9, 2001, Senate approved the proposal for the establishment of an interdisciplinary graduate degree program in disability studies. Following similar approval by the Board of Governors in June, the proposal was forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE), together with a request for baseline funding of \$145,000. COPSE has now advised that it will consider all program funding requests for 2002-03 early in the 2002 calendar year.

## 7.1.2 Diploma in Aboriginal Health and Family Services

On September 25, 2001, the Board of Governors accepted a recommendation from Senate for the establishment of a Diploma in Aboriginal Child and Family Services. The Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) has approved financial support for this program.

The Vice-Provost (Programs) has authorized implementation on behalf of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.

## 7.2 Canadian Forces University program Annual Report - September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001

This annual report covers the period from September 1, 2000 to August 31, 2001, which was the twenty-seventh year of the program.

As a result of the Canadian Forces University Program (CFUP):

- 1) over eleven hundred CF personnel and their immediate family members have obtained a degree on their own time;
- 2) the Department of National Defence, in keeping with its Defence 2000 commitment to life-long learning, has benefitted by more educated and motivated personnel; and



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- 3) the University of Manitoba received over \$741,000 in tuition fees from CFUP students in the past year, as well as a disproportionately large number of full-time subsidized CF students.

**8. FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - none****9. FROM THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE****9.1 A Networked Community - The University of Manitoba Campus Plan**

The Fort Garry Campus has grown significantly over the past 125 years, beginning as an agricultural college and developing later as a comprehensive university.

In January, 2000, Professor Eduard Epp from the Faculty of Architecture, assisted by a steering committee, was given a mandate to produce a campus plan to provide guidelines to support future growth and development at the Fort Garry Campus over the next several decades. The Plan contains a set of eleven principles which will be used as guideposts in developing the physical design of the campus.

The Campus Plan initiative has involved a participatory process with many members of the university community through an interactive web site, a campus wide survey, a campus design workshop and ongoing dialogue with various individuals, consultants and special interest groups.

A brochure was circulated to all members, outlining the scope of the planning and design issues that will influence the future development of the Fort Garry Campus.

The Senate will be asked to provide comment in the plan. Subsequent to Senate's review the Board will be asked for approval in principle of the Campus Plan.

As specific projects come on stream within the context of the Campus Plan, they will be brought forward individually to the Board of Governors for approval.

**9.2 Construction Tendering Process**

A summary of the tendering process for construction and construction-related contracts at the University of Manitoba was provided to Board members, together with a summary of the progress made to date in implementing the procedures. As a result of a request made at the Finance and Administration Committee meeting, flowcharts of the process were also provided.



10. REPORTS

10.1 Report of the President

Aside from having provided a written report, Dr. Szathmáry commented on the recently published 2001 *Macleans* university ratings.

10.2 Status Report Re: Task Force Report

10.3 Report of the President of UMSU

Mr Louizos made the following comments:

- UMSU is continuing to emphasize communication amongst students;
- in the recent labour disputes, UMSU ran a campaign encouraging all parties to put students first;
- students continue to support *Building on Strengths* by providing scholarships of up to \$1.2M per year;
- UMSU is in the process of ~~converting storage space such that~~ <sup>expanding</sup> ~~expanded~~ by 2200 sq. ft. Furniture will be purchased and it is hoped to have internet facilities for <sup>students</sup> ~~customers~~ by Spring, 2002;
- On November 28, 2001, Councils of both UMSU/GSA will be considering a new agreement between the two bodies as mediated by Dean Harvey Selter;
- work is continuing on a new UMSU Health and Dental Plan for students at a cost of \$197 per year. ~~Students can opt-out if they so wish or they can combine this with other plans;~~ <sup>will be able to opt out of either or extended health and dental benefits if they desire but they will be required to show evidence of existing coverage. *Bmm*</sup>
- Pep rallies are planned to support the Bisons in their quest for the Vanier Cup. UMSU has chartered a bus to Toronto for December 1<sup>st</sup> and, to date, 54 students will be going to support their team;
- ~~UMSU held its Annual Scholarship fund-raising dinner;~~ <sup>is in the process of planning its 4th *Bmm*</sup>
- the theme of "Life and Learning" week in the year of the University's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be "Heroes of our Time";
- UMSU has established new Presidential Commissions on issues of greatest concern to students, e.g., women, aboriginal people, safety, international students, etc. Roundtables will be held to determine the greatest concerns in each of the areas covered by Presidential Commission. It will be the task of each Commission to work on potential resolutions;
- student unions in Manitoba have formed a coalition through which they hope to have students' concerns heard by governing bodies and thus serve students better;
- UMSU's planned National Forum for Spring, 2003 has been endorsed by 24 of the largest universities in Canada;
- discussions have taken place with the administration with respect to security issues; and
- UMSU is working on two academic issues – availability of the SEEQ on the internet and examination schedules published at an earlier date.

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11. OTHER - none

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Dureault, seconded by Mr. A. Black:

THAT the meeting moved to Closed Session.

CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Dr. Secco, seconded by Mr. Kusie:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

  
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Chair

  
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University Secretary

