



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

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The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in E1-270 EITC.

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

D. Barnard    A. Berg    P. Bovey    A. Bonar    E. Bowness    A. Curran  
J. Daly    R. Dhalla    M. Forsen    J. Lederman    H. Milan    S. Rashid  
M. Robertson    R. Sigurdson    M. Tripple

Assessors Present:

B. Austin-Smith    J. Sealey

Officials Present:

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

Regrets:

J. Embree    E. Goldie    G. Hatch    J. Keselman    R. Mahé    W. Norrie  
D. Ruth    T. Strutt    R. Zegalski

1.    **Announcements**

Mr. Sargeant welcomed Mr. Andy Bonar, the new President of the Graduate Students' Association, as a member of the Board of Governors. He also reminded members of the Board of four upcoming events: the meeting of the Committee of Election on December 8<sup>th</sup> to elect a new Chancellor for the University of Manitoba, the retirement reception in honour of Elaine Goldie, Vice-President (External) on December 9<sup>th</sup>, the December 10<sup>th</sup> Holiday Celebration in the Administration Building and the Board of Governors Retreat on January 16, 2010.

2.    **Presentation**

Dr. Digvir Jayas, Vice-President (Research), provided the Board with an overview of research activities at the University of Manitoba.

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### 3. Approval of the Agenda

The Board requested that item 5.3 Policy and Procedures: Research Centres, Institutes and Groups and item 5.4 Revision to Policy: Non-Acceptance of Discriminatory Scholarships, Bursaries or Fellowships be removed from the Unanimous Consent Agenda.

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

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

**CARRIED**

### 4. Minutes

#### 4.1 Open Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Tripple and seconded by Ms. Daly:

**THAT the minutes of the September 29, 2009 Open Session be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

#### 4.2 Business Arising - none

### 5. Unanimous Consent Agenda

It was moved by Ms. Forsen and seconded by Ms. Bovey that the Board of Governors approve and/or receive for information the following:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve four new offers, nine amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated August 27, 2009].**

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part B [dated August 27, 2009].**

**THAT the Board of Governors approve three new offers, nineteen amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated September 29, 2009].**

**THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Statement of Intent Re: Bachelor of Arts Integrated Studies.**

**CARRIED**



## 5. Report from the President

Dr. Barnard discussed his first formal meeting with the new Premier and noted that they discussed the University of Manitoba's planning framework, the financial position of the University and actions being taken to deal with the current financial situation. Dr. Barnard added that the Premier emphasized that while the next few years will be difficult for the provincial budgets, the priority of the government remains education and healthcare.

Mr. Bonar asked if there was representation from graduate students involved in the ROSE and OARS projects. Mrs. McCallum replied that the president of UMSU was on the ROSE steering committee and Dr. Lobdell added that the working groups for OARS were in the process of being formed and that undergraduate and graduate students would be contacted to participate.

Ms. Lederman noted that there had recently been a letter to the editor in the Winnipeg Free Press regarding the role of students versus dignitaries during the Convocation sessions that discussed shifting the focus more towards the graduating students. Mr. Leclerc replied that there has been a meeting arranged to discuss this issue.

## 6. From Senate

### 6.1 Establishment of the Manitoba Institute for Materials

Ms. Forsen noted that there would be a review of the Institute after three years and asked what would be measured to determine if the Institute was successful. Dr. Jayas replied that the proposal outlined the purpose of the Institute and that it would be difficult to have concrete numbers to measure within three years, but the initial review would measure against the outlined purpose of the Institute using general trends from the first three years and that in following years more concrete numbers would be used for assessment.

It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Dr. Sigurdson:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of the Manitoba Institute for Materials [as recommended by Senate November 4, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

### 6.2 Policy and Procedures on the Naming of Buildings, Parts of Buildings and Space

Mr. Leclerc noted that this policy was revised to identify any gaps in the process and to clearly define current practice.

In response to a question, Mr. Sargeant clarified that while the Board retains the overriding authority on naming, and considers all naming of faculties, the normal procedure allows Senate the authority to approve naming of buildings.



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

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Policy and Procedures on Naming of Buildings, Parts of Buildings and Space [as recommended by Senate October 7, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

6.3 Policy and Procedures on Research Centres, Institutes and Groups

It was noted that while this item was requested to be removed from the Unanimous Consent Agenda, the request was intended to be for a different policy and that there were no questions concerns regarding this item.

It was moved by Dr. Barnard and seconded by Mr. Berg:

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Policy on Research Centres, Institutes and Groups [as recommended by Senate October 7, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

6.4 Revision to Policy on Non-Acceptance of Discriminatory Scholarships, Bursaries or Fellowships

A member of the Board recommended that the final sentence of section 1.1 of the Policy be revised to read "The object is to ensure that the student award program at the University does not directly or indirectly exclude any group(s) of students on the basis of those characteristics set out in the Manitoba Human Rights Code, in a manner that may violate the Code." The Board agreed with the recommendation.

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

**THAT the Board of Governors approve the revisions to the Policy on Non –Acceptance of Discriminatory Scholarships, Bursaries or Fellowships [as recommended by Senate October 7, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

The Board of Governors received the following item for information:

7. **Reports**

7.1 Update from the UMSU & GSA Presidents

Mr. Rashid discussed the Target Poverty Campaign held on November 5, 2009 that involved hundreds of students, noted that CCTV UMSU Vision is up and running and outlined the



Collaboration to Promote Art and Music programs. He also noted that there will be blogs from UMSU executives online and that a free store has been opened next to the food bank.

Mr. Bonar noted that three individuals have been hired for the new GSA magazine and that the first issue would be distributed next month. He added that as COPSE has provided approval of the use of the word University, the name University of Manitoba Graduate Students' Association will now be used. Mr. Bonar also noted the work being done to ensure the representation of graduate students on committees across campus.

Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

It was moved by Mr. Rashid and seconded by Ms. Lederman:

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

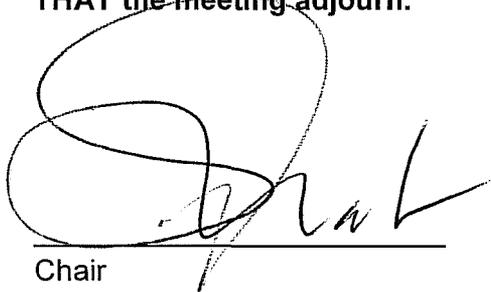
**CARRIED**

Motion to Adjourn

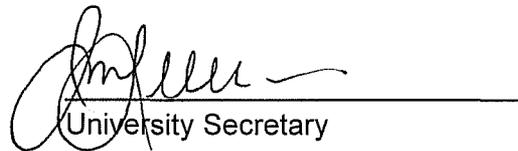
It was moved by Mr. Rashid:

**THAT the meeting adjourn.**

**CARRIED**



Chair



University Secretary

