

OPEN SESSION**Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Governors held at 2:00 p.m. on September 20, 2005
in 160 Continuing Education Complex**

Present:

Mr. W. Anderson, Chair
 Mr. D. Ames
 Ms. A. Aziz
 Mr. A. Black
 Ms. J. Charles
 Dr. J. Cooper
 Ms. E. Gordon
 Mr. S. Hennessey
 Dr. J. Hoskins
 Ms. H. Milan
 Mr. S. Narine
 Mr. S. Reddy

Dr. D. Ruth
 Ms. J. Simons
 Dr. I. Smith
 Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry
 Mr. T. Sargeant
 Mr. D. Vandal
 Ms. C. Van De Kerckhove
 Ms. S. Van Schie

Also Present:

Dr. M. Gabbert, UMFA Assessor
 Ms. M. Gallant, UMSU Assessor
 Ms. E. Goldie, V.P. (External)
 Dr. R. Kerr, V.P. (Academic) & Provost
 Dr. J. Keselman, V.P. (Research)

Ms. D. McCallum, V.P. (Administration)
 Mr. T. Moyle, Support Staff Assessor
 Ms. C. Keachie, Governance Specialist
 Mr. J. Leclerc, University Secretary
 Mr. J. Danakas, Director, Public Affairs
 Mr. A. Simms, Associate Vice-President
 (Administration)

Regrets:

Dr. W. Norrie
 Mr. T. Strutt
 Mr. D. Ward

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Anderson welcomed Ms. Johanna Charles, Ms. Heather Milan, and Mr. Dan Vandal as new members to the Board of Governors. He also welcomed Mr. Steven Hennessey (who formerly served as the UMSU Assessor during 2004/2005).
2. Mr. Anderson congratulated Dr. Szathmáry for her recent election to the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada. This was met with a round of applause.



FOR ACTION

2. **MINUTES:** June 21, 2005

2.1 Approved as corrected

It was noted that Ms. Van De Kerckhove and Mr. Ward were not listed as attending the meeting; in fact, both were in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Narine:

THAT the minutes of the June 21, 2005 Board of Governors Open Session meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising - Correction to Tuition and Related Fee Schedule

Mrs. McCallum noted that at the last meeting a question was raised by Mr. Ward about why there was graduate revenue listed under the University 1's line, and why there was undergraduate revenue listed under Graduate Studies. She acknowledged that this was an error; however, the grand totals were correct. A revised schedule was included in the agenda material on page 18.

3. **FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - none**

4. **FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

4.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated (May 11, 2005)

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Gordon:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 5 new awards, 2 award amendments, and 1 withdrawal as set out in Appendix "A" of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards (dated May 11, 2005).

CARRIED

4.2 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part A (August 3, 2005)

It was moved by Dr. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Gordon:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 13 new awards, 27 award amendments and 3 withdrawals as set out in Appendix "A" of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards (dated August 3, 2005).

CARRIED

5. **FROM FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - none**

6. **FROM OTHER COMMITTEES - none**

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

CARRIED

7.1 Manitoba Model Forest Inc.

The Manitoba Model Forest (MBMF), headquarters in Pine Falls, Manitoba, was established as part of a nation-wide network of sites designed to encourage the adoption of sustainable forestry practices and alternate forest uses. Funding is in part from the Canadian Forestry Service. The University appoints a representative and an alternate to the MBMF Board of Directors.

It was moved by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Mr. Black:

THAT the Board of Governors approve THAT Dr. Rick Baydack, Associate Dean, Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources be re-appointed the University of Manitoba representative on the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Model Forest Inc. for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

THAT Dr. John Sinclair, Natural Resources Institute be re-appointed the alternate representative on the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Model Forest Inc. for the period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

8. **FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - none**

9. **FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

9.1 Election of a Chair and Vice-Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee

The terms of reference for the Academic Affairs Committee note that, "The Academic Affairs Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair annually from amongst its elected members."

Accordingly, an election for these positions took place at the September 6, 2005 meeting of the Committee. At that time, Dr. Archie Cooper was elected as Chair of the Committee and Ms. Ellen Gordon was elected as Vice-Chair.

10. **FROM FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE - none**

11. **FROM OTHER COMMITTEES - none**

12. **REPORTS**

12.1 Report of the President

Dr. Szathmáry augmented her written report, highlighting several issues. She noted that there was an increase of total enrollment during summer session by 7.7% and the number of students who attended was 8,749 compared to 7,995 in

2004. Dr. Szathmáry also indicated that on the first day of classes for Fall, 2005 session, enrollment was 1.8% higher (total of 28,013 students) than last year (27,518 students), and credit hours have also increased by 0.8%.

Dr. Szathmáry mentioned that the University of Manitoba entered into a negotiation with the Province of Manitoba after the University's budget was approved by the Board of Governors at its meeting on May 22, 2005. At the June 21, 2005 Board meeting, the University received permission from the Board to make a proposal to government that would allow the University to manage a balanced budget but at the same time not implement three new ancillary fees that have been approved by the Board of Governors. Dr. Szathmáry commented that the University of Manitoba entered into negotiations with the Province of Manitoba through the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE). She informed the Board that the government has accepted the University's proposal that the money the University set aside to cover some of the costs in the current fiscal year for three new administrative systems (the Human Resources Information System, the Financial Management Information System, and the Student information System). She noted that government is prepared to provide one-time funding for that amount (\$6.9-million); therefore, the University does not need the \$6.9-million for these systems; therefore the University can use the \$6.9-million to balance the budget in lieu of launching new ancillary fees.

Dr. Szathmáry also informed the Board of Governors that an award from Genome Canada was given to Dr. Geoff Hicks, Biochemistry and Medical Genetics; Dr. Hicks will head a \$22.6-million project entitled, "The North American Conditional Mouse Mutagenesis Project."

Dr. Kerr noted that the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources has shown significant growth in its enrollment. Dr. Keselman noted that Dr. John Loxley of the Department of Economics was elected to the Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences of the Royal Society of Canada. She also reported that Dr. Frank Plummer and Dr. Allan Ronald are co-recipients of the 2005 International Award of the St. Boniface Hospital Research Foundation for their work in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Mrs. McCallum informed the Board of Governors of the effects of the significant amount of rainfall during the summer of 2005; four separate insurance claims have been filed. She noted that the University experienced damage estimated at approximately \$1.5-million. Mrs. Goldie informed the Board of Governors that there was a special event held in recognition of a \$1-million gift from Dr. Don Wright, also known as the "Jingle King", who wrote songs for commercials. Dr. Wright's gift will support the Centre for Music, Art and Design and student scholarships in the Faculty of Music. Mrs. Goldie also noted that the Alumni Association will be hosting "Homecoming, 2005", September 22nd to September 25th with numerous events planned for the weekend.

Regarding Mini University, Mr. Reddy asked how many children who are unable



to afford this program are accommodated? Dr. Szathmáry responded that she would look into this report back to the Board. She said that there was an initiative to obtain funding so that children from the inner-city could attend for a two-week period at Mini University. The President did note that the Asper Centre for Entrepreneurship launched a program called, "The Currie Biz Camps" approximately five years ago which are supported by external funds; this is an initiative directed to students who are in middle school and high school, and who, in the opinion of their instructors, are so bright they may get into trouble unless they have alternatives to choose from. Dr. Szathmáry indicated that these students learn business concepts, and are given a variety of initiatives to undertake (e.g. developing a business plan).

Ms. Aziz asked Ms. Goldie about the MBNA MasterCard Program sponsored by the Alumni Association; she noted that UMSU often receives complaints from students about MasterCard representatives who set up a booth in University Centre from time to time. Ms. Aziz wondered if this is a program aimed at Alumni specifically, or if this is the same program that operates in University Centre. Mrs. Goldie responded that in the past two months the Alumni Association has moved from MBNA to Bank of Montreal; she noted that this is a significant way for the Alumni Association to earn revenue. Mr. Sargeant asked how much the Alumni earns from this association from the credit card partnership? Mrs. Goldie indicated that she would find out and report back to the Board.

12.2 Report of the UMSU President

Ms. Aziz informed the Board of Governors that UMSU has been very busy wrapping up Orientation Week. She also highlighted some recent UMSU events: September 17, 2005 UMSU ran the first annual "Amazing Race"; there were 16 teams of students racing all over Winnipeg competing for Travel Cuts gift certificates. Ms. Aziz also noted that there was a cricket tournament in which a number of international students participated. She also thanked the Alumni Association for \$1,000 tuition fee donation; ballots are still being collected for this prize. Ms. Aziz noted that UMSU has distributed over 17,000 student day planners since the beginning of this school year. She also invited all members of the Board to the Gallery of Student Art at 105 University Centre.

13. **OTHER INFORMATION** - none

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Mr. Sargeant:

THAT the meeting move to Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED


MOTION TO ADJOURN

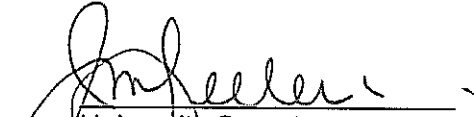
It was moved by Mr. Sargeant, seconded by Mr. Reddy:



THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED


Chair


University Secretary

