



Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
January 30, 2007

The meeting was held at 4:00 p.m. in Room 160, Extended Education Complex.

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

J. Anderson	D. Ames	A. Black	R. Dhalla
E. Gordon	R. Gotthilf	S. Hennessey	J. Hoskins
J. Lederman	H. Milan	S. Narine	W. Norrie
S. Reddy	D. Ruth	G. Sran	T. Strutt
E. Szathmáry	S. Van Schie	D. Ward	

Assessors Present:

M. Gallant M. Steeds J. Whiteley

Officials Present:

E. Goldie J. Gripp R. Kerr J. Keselman
D. McCallum

Regrets:

W. Anderson J. Charles J. Simons

1. Announcements

Mr. Sargeant introduced Mr. David Carr, Director of the University Manitoba Press, who gave a presentation to the Board on the work done by the University of Manitoba Press. Mr. Carr highlighted some of the recent publications of the Press and provided Board members with copies of some of these books. Mr. Sargeant thanked Mr. Carr for the presentation.

2. Minutes

2.1 Open Minutes

Ms. Gordon was listed as being present, when she should be listed as having sent regrets. On page three, the third line, "Dr." should be inserted before the word, "Ruth".

It was moved by Mr. Ames, seconded by Dr. Anderson:

THAT the minutes of the November 21, 2006 Open Session meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising - none

3. From Executive Committee - none

4. From Academic Affairs Committee

4.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards (September 28, 2006)

It was moved by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Reddy:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 4 new awards and 4 award amendments as set out in Appendix "A" of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards (dated September 28, 2006).

CARRIED

4.2 Report on the Senate Committee on Awards (November 2, 2006)

It was moved by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Hoskins:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the two new awards and two award amendments as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards (November 2, 2006).

CARRIED

4.3 Program Proposal: Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences (General)

It was moved by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Hennessey:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposal of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources to introduce a Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences (General) [as endorsed by the Faculty Council of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources September 15, 2005, and as recommended by the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes on April 6, 2006, the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on August 29, 2006, and approved by Senate on December 6, 2006].

CARRIED

4.4 Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees - Policy and Procedure on the naming of Academic Units (November 15, 2006)

It was moved by Dr. Anderson, seconded by Dr. Hoskins:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the proposed policy and procedure on the naming of Academic units (dated November 15, 2006).

Ms. Gotthilf noted that while she was pleased to see a formal process being put in place for the naming of academic units, she had hoped there would be more room for input from students in

the particular unit being named. In response it was noted that under the policy, naming proposals would be considered by the faculty council of the unit, of which students form part of the voting membership. Ms. Gallant and Mr. Ames had concerns that this did not leave enough room for debate, as such matters are presented in closed session of the faculty council, and if students are not present, they might not necessarily be aware of the proposal for naming. Dr. Anderson noted that such closed session agenda items are to be available for inspection by members of council prior to the meeting.

Ms. Lederman noted her concern with the word, "materially" being included as a modifier to the word "immoral" in the procedures. Dr. Szathmáry agreed to take the matter under advisement.

Ms. Gotthilf cited the naming of the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth, and Resources and noted that many students felt left out of the process, and wondered if some form of public meeting could be included in the process. It was noted that the reason such considerations are discussed in closed sessions is that they involve individuals, and similar to the way honorary degree nominations are dealt with at Senate and staffing matters are dealt with at the Board, it is important to provide for consideration of such proposals that will not embarrass the University or the individual being honored.

Dr. Anderson's motion was then **CARRIED**.

5. From Finance and Administration Committee - none
6. From *ad hoc* Committee of Election
 - 6.1 Deadline for receipt of nominations for Chancellor; approval of meeting date to elect a Chancellor

Mr. Sargeant explained that the Committee of Election is comprised of all the voting members of the Board and all the voting members of the Senate. The Committee meets once every three years to elect a Chancellor. The *ad hoc* Committee of Election met on January 17, 2007 to determine the manner of election and recommends that the meeting be held on April 4, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Sargeant encouraged all members of the Board to attend this important meeting.

It was moved by Ms. Van Schie seconded by Mr. Ames:

THAT the Board of Governors approve the following:

1. **The Deadline for receipt of nominations for Chancellor by the Office of the University Secretary be 4:00 p.m., Thursday, March 15, 2007; and**
2. **The Committee of Election meet on Wednesday, April 4, 2007 at 1:00 p.m.**

CARRIED

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

- 8.1 Statement of Intent: Joint Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

Mr. Dhalla observed that the statement of intent indicates that an important job market for graduates of this program would be in scientific equipment sales and service, and wondered if there was great utility in offering a new honours science program for graduates to go into sales. Mr. Sargeant noted that the proposers intend for job prospects to further develop as Manitoba's science industry base continues to grow and develop. Dr. Szathmáry noted that this proposed program would not have any additional costs and that in addition to job market utility, this program also leads to integrated studies in the sciences which will lead to students pursuing advanced degrees at the graduate level, as well as conducting research. Mr. Dhalla suggested then that the research potential of the program be more clearly articulated in the program proposal. Ms. Gallant, speaking as a graduate student in Chemistry, noted that interdisciplinary studies are key to new discoveries in science, and that she wishes the program had been in place when she was an undergraduate student.

8.2 Correspondence from COPSE: Joint Bachelor of Science

11.1 President's Report

Dr. Szathmáry augmented her report highlighting several issues. She noted that enrolment figures as of November 1, 2006 show a decrease overall in credit hours by 1.6% and that total enrolment is at 1.7% decrease over the previous year. Dr. Szathmáry indicated that the fiscal year's budget had been created on the anticipation that there would be a 1% increase in credit hours.

Dr. Szathmáry commented that in early January, 2007, Dr. Digvir Jayas, Associate Vice-President (Research), represented the University of Manitoba at the official launch of the HIV and AIDS prevention project in Karnataka India. Dr. Szathmáry noted that also early in January, 2007 a 4-storey, level 3 microbiology lab of the medical campus at the University of Nairobi in Kenya held its grand opening. She indicated that the importance of this lab is that it helps the University of Manitoba undertake significant research on-site in Kenya, rather than transport specimens back to Canada. It will also help build capacity in Kenya because it is only the third microbiology laboratory of its kind in all of Africa. Dr. Szathmáry also drew the attention of members of the Board to the annual Outreach Award recipients. The awards are given to those staff members who go beyond assigned duties and use their knowledge and give of their time to assist others in the community.

Mr. Ames asked how enrolment numbers are gathered? Dr. Kerr responded that the official figures are obtained through the Office of Institutional Analysis working with the Registrar's Office and Financial Services to verify statistics. Mr. Ames expressed his concerns with the Aurora Student System; he felt there is a disfunction with this system regarding credit hours and enrollment. Mr. Ames noted that some students at the Bannatyne Campus had received calls in early January, 2007 indicating they had not enrolled as a student, when in fact they had enrolled through the Aurora Student System 6 months earlier.

Dr. Szathmáry responded that the Aurora Student System is not having significant issues; rather, some students using the system are having problems. She noted that Statistics Canada reported a drop in graduate student enrolment in Manitoba; in fact this is an artifact that is produced by the fact that students who would begin their graduate studies in January did not register in September. She commented that even though the students are at the University of Manitoba, Statistics Canada reporting date is November 1. In previous years it was not possible to register by term; now that is possible, so this was not anticipated. Dr. Szathmáry commented

that the Graduate School is taking steps to make changes so this does not occur again.

Mr. Ames felt that the Aurora Student System does have errors in its operation and wondered if the statistics are mainly gathered by the Aurora Student System, and asked if there is a fact-checking of the numbers?

Dr. Kerr noted that the Aurora system is massive and as people prepared for the new system to be up and running, they attempted to anticipate what would happen. He noted that it was only once the system started to operate did it become apparent that the timing in which to inform students of when to register and how to make changes, had shifted. Dr. Kerr indicated that there were occurrences within some departments and faculties of these problems. He indicated that when one tries to shift the whole University it is not possible to catch all of these situations. *Dr. Kerr commented that Deans identified areas where they saw the numbers were not correct and those differences have been worked out. Problems are being resolved and there has been successful registering of students.*

Mr. Ward asked what the dollar amount equates to based on the 1.6% credit hour decrease? Mrs. McCallum responded that a 1% increase had been budgeted and a 1.6% decrease was experienced. She also noted that the bigger problem is that the Operating Estimates submitted to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) is under the assumption of a 1% increase as well. She noted that the operating budget requirements have been adjusted; however, the revenues this year are down. Mrs. McCallum noted that regular session undergraduate tuition is down \$1.6-million, and the regular session undergraduate differential fees are down \$600,000, and miscellaneous fees are down \$400,000. She indicated that fee revenue is down about \$2.6-million.

Ms. Lederman asked if there is a fee differential in tuition fees charged to international students as opposed to other students and if so, is it significant? She also asked if the University of Manitoba actively recruits international students? Mrs. McCallum responded that undergraduate international students pay 180% more than domestic undergraduate students. Mrs. McCallum also indicated that yes, representatives from Enrollment Services travel overseas to attend international recruiting fairs. She also noted that the increase in international student enrollment has been quite significant in recent years as a result of those efforts.

Ms. Gotthilf asked what the percentage increase in international student enrollment has been over the past few years? She also asked if there is a correlation between the increase in the international graduate student differential fee and a decrease in enrollment. *Dr. Szathmáry responded that the goal of the University of Manitoba is to have 10% of the student body as international students; at present, that number is 9.7%. She also noted that the University use to charge a 75% differential fee for international students than that which domestic students for undergraduates and graduates were charged. Dr. Szathmáry indicated that it was rebated for international graduate students so they only paid the domestic fee. When the international undergraduate fee was increased to 100% of the domestic fee, part of the commitment was to put some of the money back into the creation of scholarships and bursaries. She commented that in the case of the graduate students, the commitment was to put almost all of the money back into scholarships and bursaries. Dr. Szathmáry also noted that when international undergraduate fees were increased last year, there was a worry that some international students may not be able to afford the higher fees; therefore, the bursary component was increased by \$265,000; there is still money left in this fund. She indicated there does not*

appear to be a relationship between international student increase fees and decreasing enrollment of international students.

Mr. Ward asked where the University of Manitoba ranks in Canada on tuition fee amounts regarding undergraduates? Dr. Szathmáry responded Quebec charges the lowest tuition fee for Quebec residents. The next province is Newfoundland, followed by the University of Manitoba. Mr. Ward asked how the University of Manitoba ranks in fee comparison with the University of North Dakota, University of Minnesota, North Dakota State University. Dr. Szathmáry responded that those universities charge significantly more for in-state tuition than any Canadian university.

11.2 Report of the UMSU President

Mr. Sran highlighted problems UMSU has experienced in obtaining accurate lists from Aurora Student Information System to administer their health and dental plans, noting that it has been a source of great frustration for UMSU. Mr. Sran also reported that UMSU had staged a successful Celebration week and thanked the University for its support. He noted that Stephen Lewis and Justin Trudeau were among the speakers during Celebration week. With regard to UMSU services, Mr. Sran noted that the N-Lot hockey rink (adjacent to the Buller Building) was now open, as was a new student study lounge on the third floor of University Centre. He also reported that UMSU was planning with the CFS for a "Day of Action" on February 7th to call on the government to provide accessible, affordable, high quality post-secondary education.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that with regard to the implementation of Aurora, while there have been challenges, the system had been brought in because of changes in technology. While there have been challenges in the transition, she wanted to acknowledge the large number of staff who have made significant efforts to make the system change work.

12.1 Report on the Faculty of Law Tuition Fee Surcharge

Ms. Gotthilf asked if student debt in the Faculty of Law had increased after the fees were increased. Dr. Szathmáry indicated that she would look into it. She noted that Dean Sectar reported that all students who applied for and needed funds had needs met. Dr. Szathmáry commented that when Dean Sectar's plan is fully implemented, there will be \$750,000 to disperse to students to assist them, whereas there was only \$75,000 at the onset.

Mr. Sran questioned Dean Sectar's conclusion that accessibility for students with high levels of financial need has never been higher, noting that he found it difficult to believe that higher fees could mean higher accessibility.

Ms. Gallant felt that the report was insufficient, as there was no report on fund-raising efforts, accessibility, or diversity, and student aid relating to these funds only.

Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

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

THAT the Board of Governors move into Closed and Confidential session.

CARRIED

Motion to Adjourn

It was moved by Mr. Dhalla:

THAT the meeting adjourn.

CARRIED

Chair

University Secretary

