



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors
Open Session
May 28, 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	W. Anderson	A. Black	R. Dhalla
R. Heinrichs	J. Lederman	M. McLean	H. Milan
S. Narine	W. Norrie	D. Ruth	J. Simons
G. Sran	T. Strutt	E. Szathmáry	S. Van Schie

Assessors Present:

M. Gallant J. Whiteley

Officials Present:

E. Goldie C. Keachie R. Kerr J. Keselman
D. McCallum

Regrets:

J. Charles E. Gordon S. Hennessey J. Hoskins
S. Reddy M. Steeds D. Ward

Also Present:

A. Simms T. Voss

1. Announcements

Mr. Sargeant welcomed two new members to the Board of Governors Ms. Rachel Heinrichs and Mr. Matt McLean.

2. Minutes

2.1 Open Minutes

It was noted that page 4, second paragraph, third line from the bottom should be revised to read, "....prompt graduates to go to **other** provinces." It was noted that page 7, Item #4, third line down, the word, "**except**" should replace the word, "expect". It was also noted that Mr.

Dhalla was listed as "absent" for the previous meeting; he should be listed as having sent regrets.

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

THAT the minutes of the April 24, 2007 Open Session meeting be approved as corrected.

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising

Ms. Goldie addressed business arising from an earlier meeting of the Board of Governors. She noted that there had been a question regarding the benefits to students regarding the tuition tax credits. Ms. Goldie informed the Board that under the Canadian tax law, tuition fees are non-refundable tax credits that are used when there is a taxable income available to offset the fees. She noted the advantages to the students are that if they do not have an income stream they can transfer amounts of up to \$5,000 to their spouse, common-law partner, parent, guardian, or grandparent. Ms. Goldie indicated that any unused tuition credits can be carried forward and have no expiry date. She commented Canada Revenue Agency will maintain and calculate the unused tuition credits that can be carried forward to future years, which means there is no risk of losing a tax credit. Ms. Goldie further noted that Budget, 2007 contains a 60% tax rebate on tuition fees paid on or after January 1, 2004 for all post-secondary students who graduate on or after January 1, 2007, and who live and work in Manitoba up to a maximum lifetime amount of \$25,000. Student contribution made to endowment funds as part of registration are treated as tuition fees by Revenue Canada.

3. From Executive Committee - none

4. From Academic Affairs Committee - none

5. From Finance and Administration Committee

5.1 Student Referendum: St. Paul's College Student Association

It was moved by Mr. Black, seconded by Ms. Lederman:

THAT the Board of Governors approve rescinding the St. Paul's College Student Association membership fee (currently a per credit hour fee up to a maximum of \$12.75 per student) and replacing the fee with a flat, per term fee of \$5.00 per student as requested by students through the means of a referendum.

CARRIED

5.2 Student Referendum: School of Medical Rehabilitation

Ms. Heinrichs asked who governs the funds. Ms. Goldie responded that all of the endowment funds have terms of reference that outline who makes the decision. She also noted there are representatives for each of the donor groups who make those decisions. Regarding this specific item, Ms. Goldie noted that she would find out how many representatives there are from each donor group and report back to the Board at a later date.

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

THAT the Board of Governors approve a \$250 per year contribution be assessed against the students in the Masters of Occupational Therapy program in the School of Medical Rehabilitation. The funds will be allocated as follows: \$50 to the School of Medical Rehabilitation Endowment Fund and \$200 to the Student Initiatives Fund commencing with registration for the 2007/2008 academic year, collected from each student each year when they pay their fees. The term for this agreement is ongoing.

CARRIED

6. FROM OTHER COMMITTEES - none

The Board of Governors received the following items for information:

11.1 President's Report

Dr. Szathmáry informed the Board that she did not have a written report as normally she does not submit a report in May due to the Budget preparations. She noted that attention has been focused intensively on budget preparation and a variety of options. Dr. Szathmáry indicated that she and members of the Administration have had several meetings with the Budget Advisory Committee.

Ms. Gallant commented that it had been brought to her attention that in the President's Report submitted to Senate on May 23, 2007, there was reference to testing on the Aurora System regarding the Graduate Fee Restructuring. She asked Dr. Szathmáry to comment on the status of this testing and what model is being tested, as it was Ms. Gallant's understanding that the model was not yet finalized. Dr. Szathmáry responded that there was no reference in her report to Senate pertaining to this testing and the report sent to Senate was identical to her report submitted to the Board of Governors at its meeting on April 20, 2007. She noted that the issue was that the Aurora System was being tested in terms of what its limits of flexibility were, should there be any kind of fee alteration scheduled proposed for graduate fees. Dr. Szathmáry commented as she had to Senate it is prudent to concurrently make sure that while a review is ongoing and proposals may be forthcoming, if there are recommendations that have to be implemented, that the computer system is actually capable of handling any changes.

Report of the UMSU President

Mr. Sran noted that the new members of UMSU Executive took office May 1, 2007. He noted that he and Ms. Amanda Jonson (Vice-President External) are returning for another term as members of the UMSU Executive, Mr. Mike Einarson will be the new Vice-President (Internal), and Ms. Marlo Ostrow the new Vice-President (Student Services), and Ms. Rachel Heinrichs will be the new Vice-President (Advocacy). Mr. Sran also indicated that members of the UMSU Executive had just returned from their Canadian Federation Students Annual General Meeting (CFS) held in Ottawa. He commented that UMSU is working on improvements and renovations to several UMSU businesses. Mr. Sran invited members of the Board to visit IQ's and Degrees (both located in University Centre) in September when changes should be implemented. He informed the Board that UMSU is working with Administration regarding the Student Health and Dental Plan, in addition to the planning of Orientation for students during the first several weeks of September when fall classes commence. Mr. Sran also indicated that UMSU and the Graduate Students' Association (GSA) have reached an agreement called the "Graduate Student Autonomy Agreement". He noted that a formal submission will come forward to the Board at a future meeting.

Motion to Move to Closed and Confidential Session

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

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