

Minutes of the OPEN Session of the Board of Governors September 24, 2019

Present: J. Lieberman, Chair

J. Leclerc, Secretary

D. Barnard S. Bonner-Proulx K. Clarke D. Hunter L. Hyde J. Knysh

J. Linden C. Loewen A. Mahon T. Matthews C. Neumann K. Osiowy S. Prentice L. Reimer J. Sanderson J. Taylor

By Telephone: J. Anderson

Regrets: M. Hudson (Assessor) K. Lee M. McNicholl

Assessors Present: S. Woloschuk

Officials Present: S. Foster D. Jayas J. Kearsey J. Ristock

L. Zapshala-Kelln

Guests: J. Danakas S. Moore

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Kaitlyn Clarke, Darius Hunter, Tracey Matthews, and Laura Reimer to their first Board of Governors meeting. He said that all were appointed by Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council in July. He noted that the Board that received the resignation of Rafi Mohammed and Marc Mollot from the Board, effective September 3, and acknowledged their service to the Board.

The Chair stated that the University recently lost a dear friend, Bob Raeburn, who worked at the University for 40 years and made a significant impact on many people on campus. He said Bob was the Secretary of the Board of Governors for over 25 years and served as Executive Assistant to President Szathmáry during much of her tenure, and to Dr. Barnard during the first year of his term. The Chair said that Bob will be missed by his many friends at the University and expressed condolences, on behalf of the Board, to his family.



FOR ACTION

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Anderson and seconded by Ms. Linden:
THAT the agenda for the September 24, 2019 meeting be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

- 3. MINUTES (Open) Session
- 3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the June 25, 2019 Open Session as circulated or amended

It was moved by Mr. Osiowy and seconded by Mr. Knysh:

THAT the minutes of the June 25, 2019 Open session be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.2 Business Arising - none

FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair reminded members that this part of the agenda is used to approve routine matters that are not controversial and do not normally generate much discussion and said that if any member of the Board wants to ask a question, discuss, or oppose an item on the consent agenda, they can request that in advance through the Secretary's Office or ask that it be removed before the Chair calls for a mover and seconder for the motion. He noted the addition of item 4.1.2 for approval, Report from the Senate Committee on Awards.

It was moved by Ms. Linden and seconded by Mr. Knysh:

THAT the Board of Governors approve eight new offers, eleven amended offers, and the withdrawal of two offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated August 22, 2019].

The Board of Governors received the following for information and/or discussion:

- 4.1.1 Revised Terms of Reference for Endowed Research Chair in Pediatric Emergency Medicine
- 4.2.1 UM Pension Plan (1993) Audited Financial Statements
- 4.2.2 UM GFT Pension Plan (1986) Audited Financial Statements
- 4.3.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Awards (dated June 11, 2019) (approved by the Executive Committee August 2, 2019)

CARRIED



5. FROM FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, & HUMAN RESOURCES

5.1 Student Organization Fees Policy Amendment

Dr. Taylor noted that the Finance, Administration, and Human Resources Committee met on September 3 and recommended this policy amendment for approval by the Board of Governors.

Mr. Sanderson explained that "Off Campus students" have been defined as those who are not registered in on-campus courses in a given term. He said that this has meant that students on cooperative education work placements or exchange programs have been excluded from membership in the University of Manitoba Students' Union (UMSU).

Mr. Sanderson stated that students who participate in cooperative education and exchange programs often remain actively involved in their student organizations and expect to be able to access the services and benefits that their memberships offer. This change acknowledges the changing post-secondary education landscape where these types of programs are more common.

Mr. Sanderson noted that the Board had approved a new student organization fee for students in Interdisciplinary Health programs in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences. He said that a second change proposed to the *Student Organization Fees Policy* is to include the Community Health Students' Association in the listing of student organizations within the policy.

It was moved by Dr. Taylor and seconded by Mr. Knysh:

THAT the Board of Governors approves that the following changes be made to the Student Organization Fees Policy effective January 1, 2020:

- 1) Part 2.1 Clause (g)(i) be changed to read "Students in off-campus programs, not including students in co-operative or outbound exchange programs" and
- 2) Appendix 1 be changed to have an additional list item added, reading "Community Health Students' Association."

CARRIED

FOR INFORMATION

- 6. **NEW BUSINESS**
- 6.1 Report from the President

Dr. Barnard highlighted the following items in his report:

- The University has opened two new buildings in recent months, the Stanley Pauley Engineering Building and the Smartpark Innovation Hub.
- The report commissioned to help guide the University to better address sexual violence, harassment and discrimination is complete and was presented to the University



community on September 17. He noted that the report will shape the University's work in moving forward on the recommendations. He added that the University invested approximately \$430,000 in completing this report. An implementation team, chaired by Vice-President (Administration) Lynn Zapshala-Kelln, has been established and the University will be moving forward on implementing all recommendations.

- The AASHE (Association for Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education) has
 released their Sustainable Campus Index recognizing top-performing universities in 17
 sustainability impact areas as measured by the STARS system. Along with being listed
 as a Stars Gold campus, we are also highlighted as a top performer in two categories
 from over 300 universities submitting, the University of Manitoba tied for third in the area
 of Coordination and Planning and third for Research.
- The Desautels Faculty of Music and the School of Art have had preliminary conversations related to their academic structure. Dr. Barnard and Dr. Ristock met with faculty members in both faculties and invited those units to have a conversation about creating a more closely integrated faculty structure. Initial discussions have been positive and Dr. Taylor and Dr. Jurkowski are committed to engaging in a process with the two units and to moving forward with a proposal. Dr. Barnard noted Dr. Taylor's leadership as Dean of the Faculty of Arts and as Acting Director of the School of Art.

6.2 Annual Code of Conduct Compliance Report

Mr. Leclerc reported that 27 Code of Conduct Declarations had been filed last year. He noted that some conflicts were disclosed and those were shared with the Governance and Nominating Committee, and managed in accordance with the Code.

MOTION TO MOVE TO CLOSED AND CONFIDENTIAL

It was moved by Ms. Linden and seconded by Dr. Prentice: THAT the meeting move into Closed and Confidential Session.

CARRIED

Members of the Board requested information or a report for an upcoming meeting, summarizing activities undertaken at the University in relation to addressing climate change.

The President committed to come back to the Board in the coming months with information about the activities and actions going on at the University related to making good use of resources and trying to minimize environmental impact. He said he appreciates the interest and the observation that it may not be as easy to see the big picture as it could be.

Chair

University Secretary