

**AMENDMENT 2001/1**  
**TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG PENSION PLAN**

**WHEREAS** the University of Winnipeg (the "**University**") established a pension plan for its employees entitled "The University of Winnipeg Pension Plan" effective September 1, 1972, which pension plan has been amended and updated from time to time and was formally adopted by By-Law No. 3/97 passed and enacted by the Board of Regents of the University on October 27, 1997, which has been amended from time to time (the "**Plan**");

**AND WHEREAS** the Plan has been amended and restated to December, 1998, and subsequent to such restatement has been amended on one further occasion by virtue of Amendment 2000/1 passed and enacted by the Board of Regents of the University on May 29, 2000;

**AND WHEREAS** at a meeting held on November 22, 2000 of the Pension Committee established pursuant to By-Law No. 3/97 of the University as an advisory committee to make recommendations concerning the Plan and to generally monitor its administration, the Pension Committee approved certain recommendations to amend the Plan (the "**Plan Recommendations**");

**AND WHEREAS** the University wishes to amend the Plan in accordance with the Plan Recommendations of the Pension Committee, and the University has the right under Paragraph 14.1 of the Plan to supplement, modify or amend the Plan provided that no such supplementation, modification or amendment of the Plan shall permit any part of the assets of the trust fund established under the Plan to revert to or be recoverable by the University or used or diverted to purposes other than for the exclusive benefit of members, retired members or their beneficiaries and joint annuitants under the Plan;

**AND WHEREAS** by resolution of the Board of Regents passed at a duly constituted meeting held on December 4, 2000, a copy of the minutes of which are attached hereto as Schedule "A" (the "**Authorizing Resolution**"), the Board of Regents approved the Plan Recommendations of the Pension Committee and delegated to the Executive Officer of the Pension Committee the power to cause the Plan to be amended in order to carry out the intent and achieve the objects of the Plan Recommendations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT**, effective as of January 1, 2000 but subject to the approval of the Pension Commission of Manitoba and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, the Plan shall be supplemented, modified and amended as follows:

**1. The following new definitions shall be added to Article 1, as follows:**

"1.8.1 "Contribution Credit Balance" means a notional amount established as at January 1, 2000 equal to \$11,269,500 less 50% of the amount required to establish the Contribution Reserve at that date. The Contribution Credit Balance shall be credited with interest on a quarterly basis at 7% per annum accruing from January 1, 2000, based on the average amount in the Contribution Credit Balance during the quarter, and debited on a monthly basis with an amount equal to the amount of the contributions that would have been made to the Plan by the University in accordance with Paragraphs 4.1, 4.3 and 20.4 in that month but for

the provisions of Paragraph 4.5, such debiting to commence on April 1, 2000 and to continue thereafter until such time as the amount in the Contribution Credit Balance reduces to zero. Contributions to the Plan by the University in accordance with Paragraph 4.2 may be credited to the Contribution Credit Balance in accordance with Paragraph 4.7.

- 1.8.2 "Contribution Reserve" means a notional amount first established as at January 1, 2000 which shall be equal to the excess, as determined by the Actuary at that date and at each subsequent valuation date, of the actuarial present value of benefits to be earned by the DB Members in respect of service from the valuation date until their retirement, termination of employment or death, whichever occurs first, over the actuarial present value of two times their contributions during this period of service.
- 1.9.1 "Defined Benefit Account" means the assets in the Fund other than those assets contained in the Defined Contribution Account.
- 1.9.2 "DB Member" means a Member other than a DC Member.
- 1.9.3 "Defined Benefit Option" means the arrangement in the Plan under which a Member's benefits are determined based on the Member's years of Credited Service and Final Average Earnings in accordance with Paragraph 7.1.
- 1.9.4 "Defined Contribution Account" means those assets in the Fund held in respect of the aggregate of the Individual Accounts of all the DC Members.
- 1.9.5 "DC Manager" means an investment manager or managers appointed by the Board to provide and to manage a number of alternative investment funds in which a DC Member can elect to invest some or all of his or her Individual Account.
- 1.9.6 "DC Member" means a Member who has elected to participate in or, by operation of the Plan, must participate in the Defined Contribution Option in accordance with Paragraph 2.7.
- 1.9.7 "Defined Contribution Option" means the arrangement in the Plan effective January 1, 2000 under which a Member's benefits are determined solely based on the amount in his or her Individual Account at the date of termination of employment, retirement or death, in accordance with Article 20.
- 1.12.1 "Full Surplus Share" means for a DC Member, or for a DB Member who terminates employment or retires in 2000 and who elects to transfer his or her entitlement out of the Plan, 24.42% of his or her Member Accumulation.
- 1.13.1 "Initial Surplus Share" means for a DB Member, other than a Pensioner, 6.5% of his or her Member Accumulation, and for a Pensioner, the greater of 6.5% of his or her Pensioner Accumulation and two (2) times the monthly pension paid to him or her in the month of December, 1999.
- 1.18.1 "Member Accumulation" means the aggregate of all contributions made to the Plan by the Member in accordance with Paragraph 3.1 and, if applicable,

Paragraph 3.5, with interest credited thereto in accordance with Article 5, all calculated as at December 31, 1999.

1.18.2 "Money Purchase Limit" means the amount defined as such for a year in Paragraph 147.1(1) of the Income Tax Act, as amended from time to time.

1.20.1 "Pensioner" means a person receiving a pension from the Plan being a Member who has retired from the University or the surviving Spouse of such a Member who has since died.

1.20.2 "Pensioner Accumulation" means the amount at December 31, 1999 determined by taking the aggregate of all contributions made to the Plan by the Pensioner while an Employee in accordance with Paragraph 3.1 and, if applicable, Paragraph 3.5, with interest credited thereto in accordance with Article 5, all calculated at his or her retirement date and, for each year from the retirement date to December 31, 1999, crediting interest for such year in accordance with Article 5 and debiting 50% of the pension and any other amounts paid to the Pensioner in such year."

## **2. The following Paragraph shall be added to Article 2**

"2.7 Eligibility for Defined Contribution Option

An Employee who

- (i) was a Member of the Plan on December 31, 2000 and, on December 31, 1999 was not eligible to retire in accordance with Article 6, may elect on or before January 10, 2001, to participate in the Defined Contribution Option with effect from January 1, 2000, or from the date that he or she joins the Plan if such date is later than January 1, 2000,
- (ii) was employed by the University on December 31, 2000 but was not a Member of the Plan at that date, may elect to participate in either the Defined Contribution Option or the Defined Benefit Option when he or she joins the Plan in accordance with this Article 2, or
- (iii) was hired by the University on or after January 1, 2001, shall not be eligible to participate in the Defined Benefit Option and shall participate in the Defined Contribution Option when he or she joins the Plan in accordance with this Article 2.

All benefits under the Defined Contribution Option shall be determined and provided in accordance with Article 20."

## **3. Paragraph 3.1(d) shall be deleted and replaced by**

"3.1(d) Required contributions made by a DB Member in a year shall not exceed the maximum permitted under paragraph 8503(4)(a) of the Income Tax Regulations. Required contributions made by a DC Member in a year shall not exceed 50% of the Money Purchase Limit for that year."

**4. The following sentences shall be added to the second paragraph of Paragraph 4.1**

"For DB Members, the University contributions shall be made to the Defined Benefit Account. For DC Members, the University contributions shall be made to each DC Member's Individual Account in the Defined Contribution Account."

**5. The word "Plan" in Paragraph 4.2 shall be deleted and replaced by the words "Defined Benefit Account".**

**6. Paragraph 4.5 shall be deleted and replaced by**

**"4.5 Contribution Credit**

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing paragraphs of this Article 4, provided that there is a positive amount in the Contribution Credit Balance, and provided that the Actuary advises that the financial position of the Defined Benefit Account would permit it to do so, the University may, commencing April 1, 2000, elect to refrain, in whole or in part, from making the contributions it would otherwise be required to make in accordance with Paragraphs 4.1, 4.3 and 20.4. Once the Contribution Credit Balance has been exhausted, the University shall resume contributions to the Plan in accordance with Paragraphs 4.1, 4.3 and 20.4, and, except as provided in Paragraph 4.7, it may not subsequently use surplus funds in the Plan to fund its contributions."

**7. The following Paragraph shall be added to Article 4**

**"4.7 Treatment of additional contributions**

In the event that the University is, in accordance with Paragraph 4.2, required to make additional contributions to the Defined Benefit Account, the amount of such additional contributions shall be paid by the University and, except as noted in the next paragraph, credited to the Contribution Credit Balance.

Additional contributions which are made by the University in accordance with Paragraph 4.2 which result from a deficiency in the Plan caused by Members retiring earlier than projected in the preceding actuarial valuation, where this retirement experience is due, in whole or in part, to the existence of a program that is sponsored by the University to encourage earlier retirement, shall not be credited to the Contribution Credit Balance."

**8. The following Paragraph shall be added to Article 4**

**"4.8 Contribution Reserve**

Where the aggregate cost of benefit accrual in any year for the DB Members is greater than the sum of their contributions for that year in accordance with Paragraphs 3.1 and 3.5 and the matching University contributions for that year made on their behalf in accordance with Paragraphs 4.1 and 4.3, the shortfall shall be debited to the Contribution Reserve."

**9. The following paragraph shall be added to Paragraph 14.1**

"No amendment shall be made to the Plan that would result in the liabilities of the Defined Benefit Account exceeding the assets of the Defined Benefit Account reduced by an amount equal to the sum of the Contribution Credit Balance and the Contribution Reserve."

**10. A new Article 19 is added as follows**

**"ARTICLE 19 – BENEFIT IMPROVEMENTS AND CONVERSION**

**19.1 Members, other than Pensioners, who remain participants in the Defined Benefit Option of the Plan**

A Member at December 31, 1999, other than a Pensioner, who elects or is required to participate in the Defined Benefit Option shall elect by January 10, 2001 to receive his or her Initial Surplus Share as follows;

- (a) as a lump sum payment equal to 6.5% of his or her Member Accumulation with no other change to that Member's benefits;
- (b) as a lump sum payment equal to 3.0% of his or her Member Accumulation and an improvement in the normal form of pension for that Member in respect of Credited Service to December 31, 1999 from life guaranteed 60 months to life guaranteed 120 months; or
- (c) with no lump sum payment and an improvement in the normal form of pension for that Member in respect of Credited Service to December 31, 1999 from life guaranteed 60 months to life guaranteed 156 months.

A Member who makes no election shall be deemed to have elected a lump sum payment of 6.5% of his or her Member Accumulation with no other change in his or her benefits.

**19.2 Pensioners**

A Pensioner at December 31, 1999, shall be entitled to a benefit improvement, the actuarial present value of which at January 1, 2001 shall be equal to his or her Initial Surplus Share.

The Pensioner may elect to receive this Initial Surplus Share, either

- (a) totally by a lump-sum payment; or
- (b) partially in a lump-sum payment equal to the greater of 3.0% of his or her Pensioner Accumulation, and 92.3% of his or her monthly pension payment with the balance by way of a pension increase as determined below; or
- (c) totally by a pension increase as determined below.

The benefit improvement in respect of the Pensioner's Initial Surplus Share shall be a recalculation of the pension that would have been payable at retirement on the basis that

- (i) the pension had been based on the pension formula in Paragraph 7.1 modified by providing that the offset in Paragraph 7.1(b) had been based on Credited Service since January 1, 1990 rather than January 1, 1988,
- (ii) the definition of Final Average Earnings in Paragraph 7.1 had been based on the best 36 months of earnings rather than the best 60 months, and
- (iii) the pension had been increased in each subsequent year based on the excess interest over 6.0% in accordance with Paragraph 7.3(b)(i) but that such increase had not been limited by the increase in the Consumer Price Index in accordance with Paragraph 7.3(b)(ii).

However, such increased pension shall not exceed the Maximum Pension at retirement determined in accordance with Paragraph 7.4 increased in each subsequent year by the increase in the Consumer Price Index in accordance with Paragraph 7.3(b)(ii).

If the Actuary determines that the actuarial present value of this improvement for a Pensioner is greater than his or her Initial Surplus Share reduced by any lump sum payment made to the Pensioner, the improvement shall be limited so that its actuarial present value is equal to the Initial Surplus Share reduced by any lump-sum payment.

If the Actuary determines that the actuarial present value of this improvement for a Pensioner is less than his or her Initial Surplus Share reduced by any lump sum payment made to the Pensioner, the difference shall be paid to the Pensioner in a lump sum.

#### 19.3 Members who retire in 2000 and elect to transfer all their benefits out of the Plan

If a Member, whose employment with the University ceases in 2000, other than by death, whose termination date is on or after the date he or she is first eligible for an immediate pension in accordance with Paragraph 6.2(a) and he or she elects to transfer the value of his or her benefits out of the Plan in accordance with Paragraph 10.8(b) and the Member elects to receive any Excess, as defined in Paragraph 10.8(b), in a lump sum rather than in the form of a temporary pension,

- (a) where the transfer has occurred by December 31, 2000, the Member shall receive a lump sum payment equal to his or her Full Surplus Share, or
- (b) where the transfer occurs after December 31, 2000, the Member shall be entitled to a benefit improvement effective on December 31, 2000, the actuarial present value of which benefit improvement at that date shall be equal to his or her Full Surplus Share.

The benefit improvement in respect of the Member's Full Surplus Share shall be a recalculation of the pension that would have been payable from January 1, 2001 on the basis that

- (i) the pension had been based on the pension formula in Paragraph 7.1 modified by providing that the offset in Paragraph 7.1(b) had been based on Credited Service since January 1, 1990 rather than January 1, 1988,
- (ii) the definition of Final Average Earnings in Paragraph 7.1 had been based on the best 36 months of earnings rather than the best 60 months, and
- (iii) the post-retirement indexing is the maximum permitted under the Income Tax Act.

If the Actuary determines that the actuarial present value of this improvement for a Member is greater than his or her Full Surplus Share, the level of future indexing for such Member shall be reduced so that the actuarial present value of the improvement is equal to the Member's Full Surplus Share.

If the Actuary determines that the actuarial present value of this improvement for a Member is less than his or her Full Surplus Share, the difference shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum.

The transfer is subject to Paragraph 147.3(4) of the Income Tax Act and Paragraph 8517 of the Income Tax Regulations and in the event that the Commuted Value of the benefits, including the benefit improvement, exceeds the maximum transfer amount permitted by the Regulations, the balance shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum.

19.4 Members who terminate in 2000 and elect to transfer their benefits out of the Plan

If a Member, whose employment with the University ceases in 2000, other than by death, is not eligible on his or her termination date for an immediate pension in accordance with Paragraph 6(a) and he or she elects to transfer the value of his or her benefits out of the Plan in accordance with Paragraph 10.8(a), the Member shall receive a lump sum payment equal to his or her Full Surplus Share.

19.5 Members who elect to participate in the Defined Contribution Option

A Member of the Plan at December 31, 1999 who elects to participate in the Defined Contribution Option with effect from January 1, 2000 in accordance with Paragraph 2.7(i) shall be entitled to a benefit improvement effective on December 31, 1999, the actuarial present value of which benefit improvement shall be equal to his or her Full Surplus Share.

Alternatively, the Member may elect to receive a lump sum payment equal to 6.5% of his or her Member Accumulation, in which case the benefit improvement shall be limited to an actuarial present value of 17.92% of his or her Member Accumulation.

The benefit improvement in respect of the Full Surplus Share shall provide for the maximum post-retirement indexing permitted under the Income Tax Act of the Member's pension benefits accrued to December 31, 1999 and for retirement on an unreduced pension when the Member's age plus service equals 80.

If the actuarial present value of this improvement for a Member is greater than his or her Full Surplus Share reduced by any lump sum payment, the level of future indexing for such Member shall be reduced or the qualification date for an unreduced pension shall be increased, or both, so that the actuarial present value of the improvement is equal to the Member's Full Surplus Share reduced by any lump sum payment.

If the actuarial present value of this improvement for a Member is less than his or her Full Surplus Share reduced by any lump sum payment, the difference shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum.

#### 19.6 Determination of Conversion Amount

The Actuary shall determine the conversion value, as at January 1, 2000, of the benefits accrued up to December 31, 1999 for each Member who elects to participate in the Defined Contribution Option. Such conversion value shall be equal to the actuarial present value of the Member's benefit entitlement under the Plan, calculated using such methods and assumptions as shall be determined by the Actuary. The Actuary shall prepare a report to the Board that describes these methods and assumptions and shows the conversion value for each Member who elects to participate in the Defined Contribution Option. This report shall be filed with the Pension Commission of Manitoba and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency.

The Conversion Amount for each Member is the lesser of:

- (i) the conversion value determined in accordance with the preceding paragraph, and
- (ii) the maximum amount for that Member that can be transferred at December 31, 1999 from a defined benefit pension plan to a defined contribution pension plan, determined in accordance with Paragraph 147.3(4) of the Income Tax Act and Paragraph 8517 of the Income Tax Regulations..

If the amount in (i) above exceeds the amount in (ii), the balance shall be paid to the Member in a lump sum."



**11. A new Article 20 is added as follows**

**"ARTICLE 20 – DEFINED CONTRIBUTION BENEFITS**

These provisions apply to all DC Members with effect from January 1, 2000. Where this Article is silent on any provision, the provisions contained in Articles 1 through 18 shall apply.

**20.1 Individual Account**

An account (the "Individual Account") shall be established at January 1, 2000 for each Member who elects to participate in the Defined Contribution Option from that date. The Individual Account shall be credited at that date with the Conversion Amount. For a Member who elects to participate in the Defined Contribution Option after January 1, 2000, an Individual Account shall be established at the date of participation in the Defined Contribution Option. Subsequent Member and University contributions on behalf of the Member made in accordance with Paragraphs 3.1, 4.1 and 20.4 shall be credited to the Member's Individual Account. During a period when the University is taking a contribution credit in accordance with Paragraph 4.5, the Member's Individual Account shall be credited with an amount equal to the amount that the University would have contributed in respect of the Member were it not taking a contribution credit with a corresponding debit to the Contribution Credit Balance.

Until the DC Manager is appointed and for a period of 30 days thereafter, the Individual Account shall be invested in the same manner as the Defined Benefit Account (the "DB Approach"). Thereafter, the Member may elect to continue to have the Individual Account invested in this manner or to have the Individual Account invested in one or more of the funds made available by the DC Manager. If, subsequently, the Member wishes to change the investment of the Individual Account either from the DB Approach to a fund or funds made available by the DC Manager, or vice versa, such change may only take effect at a year-end. A Member utilizing the DC Manager may change his or her investment mix amongst the funds made available by the DC Manager as frequently as permitted by the Board.

**20.2 Interest Credits in 2000**

For those Members whose effective date of joining the Defined Contribution Option is January 1, 2000, the Individual Account shall be credited with interest for the year 2000 as follows:

- (i) on the Conversion Amount, at the rate of return earned by the Fund in 2000, based on market values, net of expenses (the "2000 Return"), and
- (ii) on all contributions in 2000, a rate of return equal to one-half of the 2000 Return.

For those Members whose effective date of joining the Defined Contribution Option is after January 1, 2000, there is no Conversion Amount and the contributions to the Individual Account shall be credited with interest in 2000 at one-half of the proportionate part of the 2000 Return where the proportionate part

is the number of completed months in 2000 during which the Employee was a Member of the Plan, divided by 12.

#### 20.3 Interest Credits in subsequent years

For those Members who elect to have their Individual Account invested using the DB Approach, the Individual Account shall be credited with interest in each subsequent year as follows:

- (i) on the opening balance, at the rate of return earned by the Defined Benefit Account in that year, based on market values and net of expenses (the "Net Return"), and
- (ii) on all contributions in that year, at one-half of the Net Return, except that for a Member who joins the Plan during that year, at one-half of the proportionate part of the Net Return where the proportionate part is the number of completed months in that year during which the Employee was a Member of the Plan, divided by 12.

Where it is necessary to determine the balance in the Individual Account for such a Member other than at a year-end, the interest credits for the current year shall be based on the return in the year, net of expenses, up to the end of the month immediately prior to the date of determination, based on the monthly fund statements prepared by the Custodian.

For a Member who elects to have his or her Individual Account invested in one or more of the funds made available by the DC Manager, the value of the Individual Account shall at any time be equal to the product of the number of units held in each selected fund and the current unit value of that fund.

#### 20.4 Members on Long-Term Disability

For a Member receiving benefits from the University's Long-Term Disability Plan, the University shall contribute to that Member's Individual Account an amount equal to two times the amount that the Member would have contributed in accordance with Paragraph 3.1(a) had the Member not been disabled based on the annual rate of salary paid to the Member immediately prior to the commencement of Long-Term Disability benefits.

#### 20.5 Options at Retirement

At the date of retirement, a Member may elect to have the balance in his or her Individual Account used in any one or more of the following manners

- (i) to purchase an annuity from a insurance company licensed to sell such annuities, in any of the forms described in Article 8 but which must be paid at least for the lifetime of the Member,
- (ii) to transfer to a Locked-In Retirement Account (LIRA),
- (iii) to transfer to a Life Income Fund (LIF),
- (iv) to transfer to a Locked-In Retirement Income Fund (LRIF).

20.6 Pre-Retirement Death Benefit

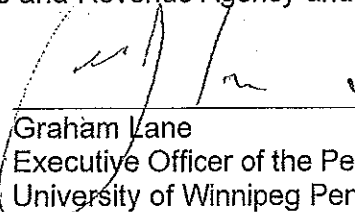
The amount of the death benefit for a DC Member who dies prior to retirement shall be the Member's Individual Account balance. The provisions of Paragraph 9.4 through 9.7 shall apply to this amount.

20.7 Termination Benefit

The amount of the termination benefit for a DC Member who terminates employment prior to retirement shall be the Individual Account balance. The provisions of Paragraph 10.7 and 10.8 shall apply to this amount."

By authority conferred upon me by the Board of Regents of the University of Winnipeg, I hereby certify, as Executive Officer of the Pension Committee of the University of Winnipeg, and not in my personal capacity, that the foregoing constitute amendments to The University of Winnipeg Pension Plan which are enacted in accordance with the Authorizing Resolution passed by the Board of Regents of the University of Winnipeg at a meeting duly held and constituted at Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2000, which amendments shall have effect as of and from the 1st day of January, 2000, subject only to the approval of the Pension Commission of Manitoba and the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency and ratification by the Board of Regents of the University of Winnipeg.

Date January 19, 2001

  
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