

THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
(the "University")
Meeting of the Board of Regents (the "Board") held on
Monday, January 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: J. Allen, L. Axworthy, E. Byard, P. Campbell, P. Cyrenne, D. EisBrenner, M. Ford, S. Gemmel, P. Ghorayshi, T. Hidichuk, J. Hogue, L. Kakegamic, B. Keyser, C. Lee, W. Leslie, C. Maddock, M. Mathen, M. Molnar, J. Penner, D. Radi, W. Roberts, J. Rodgers, K. Ross, G. Salmon, V. Shantz, B. Stevenson, J. Syvixay, R. Taylor

PRESENT WITH CONSENT OF THE BOARD: J. Baccus, B. Balan, N. Besner, J. Duffy, T. Einarson, M. Emslie, D. Fitzpatrick, V. Gilroy, R. Hanley, K. Hansen, K. Harlos, D. Hurley, S. Kirby, S. Kreiner, M. McPhedran, J. Mikolash, G. Munt, R. Nakoneczny, L. Repski, L. Sokal

REGRETS: M. Bayer, S. Biswas, K. Clark, S. McKay, R. Silver, D. Smith

D. Radi acted as Chair of the meeting and V. Gilroy acted as Secretary. Notice of Meeting having been given and a quorum of Regents being present, the Chair declared the meeting to be properly constituted for the transaction of business.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

D. Radi tabled the Agenda. On a motion by K. Ross and seconded by J. Syvixay:

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda is approved.

Carried.

2. **Approval of Minutes of the Meeting of November 23, 2009**

D. Radi tabled the Minutes of the Meeting of November 23, 2009, and requested a motion for the approval of same. A clerical error was noted. On a motion by M. Molnar, and seconded by R. Taylor:

RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the Meeting of November 23, 2009, as amended, be approved.

Carried.

3. **Board Education – Information Technology Infrastructure**

R. Nakoneczny gave a Powerpoint presentation describing the business of the Cisco corporation, which has agreed to work with the University on Collaborative Technology initiatives, and went on to explain the technology improvements the project will bring to the University; the financial aspects of the project will be discussed in camera later, under the Report of the Finance Committee.

4. **Remarks of the Chair**

D. Radi noted a thank-you letter to the Board from the Dean of the Library, for books purchased and plated for the Library, in honour of Dr. Claudia Wright. She reminded the Board of the change of date for the March Board meeting, from March 22, 2010, to March 29, 2010, and also of the Special Board Meeting scheduled for March 1, 2010, to discuss Community Learning.

By leave of the Chair, E. Byard encouraged Regents to buy tickets for Class Acts V, in support of scholarships and bursaries, scheduled for February 26, 2010, and D. EisBrenner notified the Board of the UWSA's ongoing Snow Week activities, and encouraged Regents to attend.

5. **Report of the President and Vice-Chancellor**

L. Axworthy's report included information on the following:

- an announcement on Friday, January 15, 2010, with respect to a \$14 million investment in the University, made by Cisco Inc., and the Provincial and Federal Governments – thank you to B. Balan, R. Nakoneczny and S. Kirby
- COPSE approved the new Disability Studies, Medical Physics and Radiation Health and Safety programs, as well as the move of the Urban and Inner-City Studies program to a new facility on Selkirk Avenue;
- the University's Carol Shields Writer-in-Residence, D. Bergen, read from his novel in-progress, *The Matter with Morris*, on January 13, 2010;
- the Collegiate Varsity Boys' Basketball Team won the Consolation Final at the Wesmen Classic in December;
- enrolment for the Winter Session has increased by 5% over last year at the same time;
- L. Dietrick will head up the President's Task Force on First Year Curriculum;
- J. Dyck is working with the Manitoba Student Aid Program to develop a new government grant;
- the Faculty of Education held a Faculty Council Seminar on Community Learning earlier this month;
- J. Baccus has agreed to take on the new position of Acting Director of Community Learning, within the Division of Continuing Education;
- a PromoScience grant of \$42,000 has been given to the Eco-Kids program – thank you to R. Kobes;
- negotiations with UWFA Contract Faculty are underway;
- Wesmen Men's Basketball Coach D. Crook has stepped aside as head coach of the team, with G. Richter taking over on an interim basis for the remainder of the season

6. **Reports**

(a) **Governance and Community Relations Committee**

B. Keyser gave a brief report on the work of the Committee, and advised that five issues are the current focus of its work: community learning, policy review and development, aboriginal governance, liaison with the Senate, and the size of the Board. She noted that the primary task for the Committee right now is community learning, and asked J. Baccus to give a brief presentation, in preparation for the Special Board Meeting on March 1, 2010, to be devoted to this topic.

J. Baccus provided an overview of community learning, the current programs at the University, and proposed future initiatives.

A concern was raised, that not all faculty community learning initiatives have been recognized, and it was suggested that the Committee look more broadly at the concept, to include those initiatives in discussions. B. Keyser indicated that this will be explored more fully at the February 11, 2010 meeting of the Committee, when plans for the Special Board Meeting are made. Concerns were also raised regarding how faculty involvement in community learning activities relates to their obligations under the UWFA Collective Agreement, and B. Keyser gave assurances that input is welcome with respect to these concerns.

With respect to the other four issues currently the focus of the Committee, B. Keyser advised that policy review and liaison with the Senate have been deferred to the March 8, 2010 meeting of the Committee. She noted that, with respect to the size of the Board, the bodies which appoint or elect Regents are being approached informally, to get their thoughts on reducing the size of the Board.

M. Ford reported that the Board is already using some principles of aboriginal governance, such as a consensus decision making and making efforts to improve participation by all Regents, and that having an aboriginal elder on the Board as a non-voting member is not practical at this time; she suggested further Board education on this

topic. The Committee recommends that the President select an aboriginal advisory council, to assist him in improving aboriginal participation in University programs.

(b) Nominating Committee

T. Hidichuk reported that there continue to be vacancies on both the Finance and Audit committees, and encouraged Regents to serve. He also noted that there is a Government vacancy on the Board, which the Minister of Advanced Education is in the process of filling. He requested that Regents who are coming to the end of their term, but are eligible to be appointed for a second term, speak to their appointing bodies, to advise if they wish to be reappointed or not, and noted that questions regarding length of terms may be directed to the Office of the Corporate Secretary and General Counsel.

(c) Audit Committee

C. Lee gave an update on the activities of the Audit Committee, and advised that the Committee had reviewed its mandate, and may be bringing a recommendation to the Board to strengthen its role.

(d) Doors & Windows Campaign

G. Salmon gave an update on the progress of Board donations to the Doors & Windows Campaign, for McFeetors Hall. He advised that to date, \$1,685.00 has been received from Regents and friends, and thanked those who have contributed. He noted that a single room requires a donation of \$3,000, and a double room costs \$6,000; further donations can be directed to A. Toppazzini.

7. In Camera Discussion

8. Adjournment

As there was no further business to come before the meeting, on a motion by K. Ross:

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be terminated.

Carried.

Chair

Secretary