



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, June 27, 2006

11:00 a.m.

University Club – Snowberry-Honeysuckle Room

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Gail Flitton (Acting Chair), Mr. Peter Ciceri, Mr. Eric Donald, Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. John deC. Evans, Dr. Robert Giroux, Ms. Michelle Kinney, Ms. Jane Peverett, Dr. Ronald Lou-Poy, Dr. David Turpin, Ms. Sarah Webb (for part), Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary).

Regrets: Ms. Trudi Brown, Mr. Murray Farmer, Mr. Erik Haensel. Dr. Peter Liddell.

By Invitation: Mr. Tony Eder, Mr. Jack Falk, Ms. Morag MacNeil, Dr. Katy Mateer, Dr. Martin Taylor.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Flitton welcomed Dr. Robert Giroux to his first meeting of the Board of Governors. The agenda was declared approved as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of May 30, 2006

MOTION (J. Evans/J. Peverett)

THAT the minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of May 30, 2006 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. Remarks from the Chair

There were none.

CONSENT

5. University Operations and Facilities Committee

- a) Board of Pension Trustees - Appointments

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve an extension of Mr. Trevor Matthew's term on the Board of Pension Trustees on a month to month basis until such time as a new appointment is recommended by the Vice-President Finance and Operations and;

THAT the Associate Vice-President Financial Planning and Operations be appointed to the Board of Pension Trustees by virtue of the office (ex officio) and at the pleasure of the Board of Governors.

- b) Due Diligence Reports – Financial Services, Occupational Health and Safety

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the June 2006 Due Diligence Reports.

- c) Appointment to TRIUMF (Tri-University Meson Facility)

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the reappointment of Dr. Martin Taylor, Vice-President Research to the TRIUMF Management Board for a two-year term from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008.

- d) Board Appointment to WCUMBS Management Council

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the reappointment of Dr. John Schofield to the WCUMBS Management Council for a two-year term from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2008.

6. Finance Committee

- a) University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the Period Ended March 31, 2006

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ended March 31, 2006.

- b) Short-Term Investment Report

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Short-Term Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2006.

- c) Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the Graduate Students' Society (GSS) – Revised

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees as approved by the Graduate Students' Society (GSS) members as outlined in the letter dated June 9, 2006 from the GSS to the Vice-President Finance and Operations.

Pro forma Motion (M. Kinney/J. Peverett):

That the above items are approved and/or received for information by the Board of Governors by consent.

CARRIED.

REGULAR

7. University Operations and Facilities Committee

- a) Support Services Building Program of Requirements Summary

MOTION (G. Flitton/E. Donald)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Support Services Building Program of Requirements subject to approval by the Facilities Development and Sustainability Sub-Committee.

CARRIED.

8. Finance Committee

- a) 2005-2006 Year End Financial Reports

Mr. Donald commended Mr. Falk and his team for the quality and comprehensiveness of the reports.

MOTION (E. Donald/R. Giroux)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the Statement of Financial Information dated March 31, 2006, published in accordance with the requirements of the Financial Information Act, and authorize the Chair of the Board and the Vice-President Finance and Operations to sign on its behalf; and

THAT the Financial Review, Audited Financial Statements, Unaudited Fund Accounting Schedules, Detailed Operating Schedules for 2005/2006 and Report on Operating Fund Appropriations be received for information.

CARRIED.

Ms. Webb joined the meeting.

b) 2006-2007 Base Operating Budget

MOTION (E. Donald/J. Evans)
THAT the Board of Governors receive for information a summary of the 2006-2007 Base Operating Budget.

CARRIED.

9. Community and Government Relations Committee (G. Flitton)

Ms. Flitton reported that the Community and Government Relations Committee had met on June 14th and had benefited from an excellent presentation from Dr. Martin Taylor on community-based research. She observed that the Board itself might enjoy and benefit from the presentation.

10. President's Report

Dr. Turpin observed that this was the last Board meeting for Ms. Kinney, who had served for three years on the Board, and that Mr. Haensel, who had unfortunately been unable to attend, would also be stepping down at the end of the month. He congratulated Mr. Ciceri on his reappointment to the Board and welcomed Dr. Giroux to his first meeting. He noted that this would also be Mr. Falk's last meeting and that the Board had had an opportunity to thank and recognize Mr. Falk the previous day. Mr. Falk would be succeeded as Vice-President Finance and Operations by Ms. Gayle Gorrill, currently at the University of Calgary.

Dr. Turpin reported that the review and renewal of the Strategic Plan was well underway. The Planning and Priorities Committee had formulated a working draft, which would come to the Board in the fall for review and comment. The intention was that it be issued to the university community for feedback in October or November as a supplement to *The Ring*. A final draft would be brought to the Senate and the Board for approval in December or January.

Dr. Turpin congratulated Dr. Andrew Rippin, Dean of Humanities, on his election as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Professor John Borrows of the Faculty of Law on receiving a Pierre Trudeau Fellowship. He reported that Enbridge Inc. had pledged \$200,000 in funding for the Chair in Aboriginal Economic Development, adding to funding received to date from EnCana and the provincial and federal governments. The History Department's Great Unsolved Mysteries Project had received \$492,000 from the federal government, bringing to a total of \$1.2 Million the funding it has received from Heritage Canada. The Bamfield Maine Sciences Centre, in which UVic is a partner, had won the Michael Smith Award from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council for outstanding contributions to the promotion of science in Canada.

Dr. Turpin thanked Dr. Lou-Poy for his very gracious and generous participation in the recent convocations and extended thanks to other Board members who had participated, as well.

Dr. Turpin reported that he had held several recent local community breakfasts. He thanked Board members who had attended. He offered particular thanks to Ms. Peverett for organizing a breakfast in Vancouver.

He noted that a number of national and international academic conferences, organized by UVic faculty members, would be taking place over the summer and that plans were afoot for welcome events for new students and faculty in the fall.

Dr. Turpin introduced Mr. Tony Eder, Director of Institutional Analysis, who provided a short briefing on the *Maclean's* student issue. Mr. Eder explained that approximately half of the universities that participated in the *Maclean's* university rankings exercise, including the University of Victoria, had declined to participate in the student issue, because of methodological concerns and/or because they were participating in other surveys of student satisfaction, such as that conducted by the Canadian Undergraduate Survey Consortium (CUSC) and the American National Survey of Student Experience (NSSE). The University of Victoria was participating in both of the latter. Mr. Eder said that *Maclean's* had indicated that it would report data from the CUSC and NSSE surveys for those universities that did not participate in its survey. Some universities had decided not to provide those data to *Maclean's*, which was seeking it under pertinent freedom of information legislation. UVic's policy was to release such data. Mr. Eder distributed a sheet showing the results of student responses to three questions on CUSC surveys, which had been provided to *Maclean's*. He noted that CUSC data show a strong correlation between student satisfaction and institutional size – students at smaller universities tending to be more satisfied. In response to a question from Dr. Giroux, Mr. Eder said that UVic's showing in *The Globe and Mail's* ratings is comparable to that of other universities of comparable size. In response to a question from Mr. Donald, Mr. Eder indicated that student satisfaction at UVic is stable overall and that UVic graduates express higher levels of satisfaction than their counterparts at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University. Asked by Ms. Webb about whether universities were surveying staff, as well as student satisfaction, Mr. Eder said that he was working with Human Resources and the Director of Faculty Renewal and Academic Leadership on a survey of faculty and staff experiences, in partnership with other universities. Dr. Turpin thanked Mr. Eder for his presentation and informed Board members that Mr. Eder's office feeds the results of student and graduate surveys back to academic units so that they can address the results in their self-studies and their cyclical planning.

11. Other Business

Dr. Driessen reported on the recent annual open house of the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre, which he had attended, showing photographs of the trip.

Ms. Flitton and Dr. Turpin thanked Ms. Kinney for her contributions to the Board and presented her with a gift. Ms. Kinney was applauded by other Board members and said that she had enjoyed and benefited from the opportunity to serve.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.