



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, May 30, 2006
11:00 a.m.
University Club

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Trudi Brown (Chair), Mr. Eric Donald, Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. John DeC. Evans, Mr. Murray Farmer, Ms. Linda Jules, Dr. Peter Liddell, Dr. Ronald Lou-Poy, Ms. Jane Peverett, Dr. David Turpin, Ms. Sarah Webb, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary).

By Invitation: Prof. Jamie Cassels, Mr. Jack Falk, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Dr. Martin Taylor.

Regrets: Mr. Peter Ciceri, Ms. Gail Flitton, Mr. Erik Haensel, Ms. Michelle Kinney.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Ms. Brown welcomed Board members and visitors to the meeting and declared the agenda approved as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 21, 2006

Ms. Brown invited comment on the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2006. No changes being suggested, the minutes were declared approved.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. Correspondence

Ms. Brown noted that two pieces of correspondence had been attached to the agenda, both concerning a tuition waiver for dependents of faculty members – a letter from Dr. Bill Pfaffenberger, President of the Faculty Association, and a petition signed by 331 members of the faculty. She explained that the Board of Governors does not negotiate directly with employee groups. Rather, its Compensation and Review Committee approves mandates within which the administration's teams negotiate agreements with the Faculty Association and staff unions – the latter being entrusted with responsibility for representing their members' interests. Ms. Brown recalled that such mandates had been approved earlier in the year and agreements concluded with all groups by the end of March. She indicated that the next opportunity to consider the creation of a tuition waiver for faculty would be in the next round of collective bargaining. She proposed that the letter and petition be referred to the Compensation and Review Committee so that they might inform the mandate approved for the next round of collective bargaining.

MOTION (M. Farmer/E. Donald)
THAT the correspondence attached to the agenda be referred to the Compensation and Review Committee for consideration with regards to the next round of collective bargaining.

CARRIED.

5. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Brown noted the high level of activity at the university in recent months and commented briefly on events and activities she had participated in including: a recent meeting of university board chairs and presidents with the ministers of Advanced Education and Finance; a series of community breakfasts hosted by the President; a luncheon the previous week attended by the Prime Minister; the search for a new Vice-President Finance and Operations; and a meeting of the National Association of University Board Chair and Secretaries in Edmonton.

Ms. Brown observed that this would be Ms. Jules' last Board meeting and thanked her for her contributions to the Board and the university over the past six years. Her thanks were echoed; Ms. Jules was applauded.

CONSENT

6. University Operations and Facilities

- a) Status Report on Capital Projects

MOTION
THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the May 2006 Status Report on Capital Projects.

- b) Master of Arts in Environmental Studies and Master of Science in Environmental Studies

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to the degrees of Master of Arts in Environmental Studies and Master of Science in Environmental Studies to be offered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies as described in the attached document entitled "A Proposal for M.A. and M.Sc. Degrees in the School of Environmental Studies dated February 14, 2006; and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the granting of approval. Once the Board of Governors has approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

- c) British Columbia Institute of Co-operative Studies

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the British Columbia Institute of Co-operative Studies (BCICS) for the period November 1, 2005 – October 31, 2010, as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

- d) Centre for Studies in Religion and Society

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the renewal of Approved Centre Status for the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS) for the period May 1, 2006 – April 30, 2011, as described in the attached documents. This recommendation is not contingent upon the suggestions in the attached materials relating to resources, which are advice to the Vice-Presidents.

- e) New and Revised Graduate and Undergraduate Awards

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the terms of reference for the following New and Revised Graduate and Undergraduate Student Awards:

*Benson McCallum Bursary
Hotel Association of Greater Victoria Scholarship
IEEE Pacific Rim Vijay Bhargava Scholarships
Colin Jones Medal in Canadian Public Policy
Leonard Laudadio Medal in Environmental Economics
Hannah Madgen Memorial Bursary
Arthur Taylor Memorial Award
Best Western Carlton Plaza Hotel Award
Stephen Canning Memorial Scholarship
The James Bursary
Norma Mickelson Legacy Scholarship
Dr. David Chuenyan Lai Scholarship
Robert Roy Brock Swailes Memorial Fund*

7. University Operations and Facilities Committee

- a) Due Diligence Reports: Occupational Health and Safety, Student and Ancillary Services

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors that it receive for information the May 2006 Due Diligence Reports.

- b) Appointments – Ocean Sciences Board

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors:

- a. *Reappoint Geoff Holland, Gail Gabel, Wendy Watson-Wright, and James Baker as members of the Ocean Sciences Board for a further three year term ending 30 June 2009;*
- b. *Extend the term of the appointment of Geoff Holland as Chair of the Ocean Sciences Board until 31 December 2006 or the earlier appointment of a new Chair;*
- c. *Appoint Bud Graham, Associate Deputy Minister, BC Ministry of the Environment and Dr. Alexander Hay, Professor, Dalhousie University, as members of the Ocean Sciences Board for a three year term ending 30 June 2009.*

- c) Appointment Change to the Board of BCNET

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors appoint Mark Roman, Executive Director, Computing and Systems Services, to serve on the BCNET Board as a representative of the University of Victoria.

8. Finance Committee

- a) 2005 Annual Pension Plan Reports

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the 2005 Annual Reports of the University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan dated December 31, 2005 and the University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan dated December 31, 2005.

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

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees as approved by the Graduate Students' Society (GSS) members and outlined in the letter dated April 7, 2006 from the GSS to the Vice-President Finance and Operations.

- c) Collection and Remission of Student Fees for the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS)

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees as approved by the University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) members and outlined in the letter dated April 4, 2006 from the UVSS to David Clode, Executive Director Student and Ancillary Services.

9. Executive Committee

- a) Appointment to the Foundation for the University of Victoria

MOTION:

THAT John van Cuylenborg be appointed to the Foundation for the University of Victoria for a three year term, effective June 15, 2006.

Pro forma Motion (J. Peverett/J. DeC. Evans)

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

CARRIED.

REGULAR

10. Finance Committee

- a) University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan, Amendment #31

MOTION (E. Donald/J. Peverett)
THAT the Board of Governors approve the attached Amendment #31 to the Trust Agreement and Schedule A to the Trust Agreement for the University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan ("Combination Plan") and the restated Trust Agreement and Schedule A to the Trust Agreement, effective June 1, 2006.

CARRIED.

Ms. Webb requested that it be noted that she had abstained from voting.

11. Audit Committee

- a) Financial Statements

Copies of the statements were distributed.

MOTION (L. Jules/E. Donald)
THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2005/06 Audited Financial Statements.

THAT the Chair of the Board of Governors and the Vice-President Finance and Operations be authorized to sign the statements on behalf of the Board of Governors.

CARRIED.

12. President's Report

Dr. Turpin congratulated Dr. Lou-Poy on being named Freeman of the Municipality of Saanich. He thanked the Board's negotiating teams for their hard work in concluding agreements with the university's employee groups before the end of March. After a brief update from Dr. Turpin on the progress of the search for a new Vice-President Finance and Operations, Prof. Cassels reported that Dr. Ted Riecken had been appointed as Dean of Education and Dr. Teresa Dawson, (currently at the University of Toronto's Scarborough Campus) as the new Director of the Learning and Teaching Centre. Prof. Cassels reported that five deans' terms were set to expire in 2006/07 and observed that it was not desirable to have that amount of turnover in the decanal ranks within such a short period. He reported that he had asked two deans to consider extensions of their existing terms. Prof. Andrew Petter had agreed to accept a one-year extension of his term and this extension had been ratified unanimously by the faculty. Dr. Michael Miller had indicated that he would be willing to accept a one-year extension; Prof. Cassels was in the process of consulting with that faculty.

Dr. Taylor reported that Dr. Rachel Scarth had been appointed as Director of Research Services and would be joining the university on September 1st. Mr. Falk said that the search for a new Director of Campus Security to succeed Mr. Marrison had also been completed successfully and that Mr. Peter Zacour would be joining the university shortly in that capacity.

Dr. Kuehne reported that Mr. John Morton had resigned and that a search for a Director of Marketing would soon be initiated. Searches for a new Manager of Planned Giving and a Director of Campus-based Fundraising would also shortly be underway.

Dr. Turpin provided an update on recent meetings of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada and on its efforts to raise the awareness of the federal government of its member universities' needs and contributions. He reported briefly on visits to campus by and/on meetings with Minister Gary Lunn and Members of Parliament Denise Savoie and Keith Martin and observed that awareness of the need to finance ocean science initiatives at UVic properly was growing. With respect to the provincial scene, Dr. Turpin said that a review of higher education in B.C. was expected to be announced shortly. He reported on the renewal of the university's strategic plan, noting that the Planning and Priorities Committee was working hard to prepare a preliminary draft of the revised plan by the end of June. The Committee would review the draft in the fall and issue it for feedback and comment as a supplement to *The Ring* in October or November.

The President then commented briefly on:

- a press conference on March 27th to announce federal funding for the expansion of the services of the Innovation and Development Corporation to encompass post-secondary institutions across Vancouver Island;
- the presentation of the university's Craigdarrach Research Awards on March 27th;
- the university's involvement in a recent meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and an upcoming meeting of the Union of BC Municipalities;
- the presentation of the Faculty of Business' Distinguished Entrepreneur of the Year Award to Mr. Gwyn Morgan, former CEO of EnCana;
- a recent trip he and Associate Vice-President Alumni and Development Shannon van Kaldenberg had made to meet alumni and friends of the University in Hong Kong.

Dr. Turpin invited questions. In response to a question from Ms. Webb, he said that the draft of the renewed strategic plan would appear as a supplement in the October or November edition of *The Ring* with a request for feedback by a certain date. Consultations with the President's Advisory Council, the Senate and the Board would also be held prior to that date. The Planning and Priorities Committee would modify the draft as it deemed appropriate in light of the feedback and would then submit the revised plan to the Senate and Board for approval. In response to a question from Dr. Driessen, Dr. Turpin reported that the Deputy Minister of Advanced Education had agreed to look at the university's case for fair funding as part of a review of funding to post-secondary institutions.

13. Other Business

Ms. Brown reported that students Ms. Penny Beames and Mr. Chadi Akouri had been elected to the Board and would succeed Ms. Kinney and Mr. Haensel in the fall. Ms. Webb noted that student Board members were rarely able to attend May and June meetings at the end of their terms and suggested consideration of the possibility of moving the beginning of their terms to the spring.

Dr. Turpin noted that Board members were invited to tour several units providing services to students after the meeting. In response to an inquiry, it was agreed to include a copy of the university's organizational chart (which is available on the web) in the next Board package, so that Board members could see where these units fit into the overall structure.

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.