



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, March 27, 2007
11:00 a.m.
Senate Chambers

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Trudi Brown (Chair), Ms. Penny Beames, Mr. Jamie Biggar, Mr. Eric Donald, Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. Murray Farmer, Ms. Gail Flitton, Dr. Peter Liddell, Dr. Ronald Lou-Poy, Dr. David Turpin, Ms. Sarah Webb (by telephone), Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary).

Regrets: Mr. Peter Ciceri, Mr. John deC. Evans, Dr. Robert Giroux, Ms. Jane Peverett.

By Invitation: Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Ms. Morag MacNeil, Dr. Martin Taylor.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared adopted as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of January 30, 2007

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 30, 2007 were declared approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Brown congratulated Ms. Beames on her election to the Board for a second term from July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008. She noted that Mr. Andrew Bateman had also been elected as a student member of the Board for 2007/08. She commented on the quality and success of recent lectures and events on campus, including a lecture by Sally Armstrong

sponsored by the International Women's Rights Project and the premiere of the film, 'Finding Dawn'. She remarked that it had been regrettable that there had been a significant number of empty seats at the latter event, given that some people had been unable to get tickets (for which there had been no charge). She suggested that an alternative approach to ticketing for such events be considered.

CONSENT

5. University Operations and Facilities Committee

a) Campus Planning and Sustainability Update

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the campus planning and sustainability update.

b) Status Report on Capital Projects

Mr. Donald requested that, in the case of projects for which external funds are to be raised, future status reports show the total amount of external funding needed and the amounts raised to date.

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the March 2007 Status Report on Capital Projects.

c) Senate

i) New and Revised Graduate and Undergraduate Awards

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the following new and revised graduate and undergraduate awards.

*Harper Scholarship in History**
*Nelson Family Bursary**
*Donna Trenholm Staff Award in Humanities**
*Nicholas V. Galichenko Scholarship**
*Ukrainian Studies Scholarship**
Sheridan Scott Entrance Scholarship
University of Victoria International Scholarship
Edra Ferguson Graduate Scholarship

**Awards administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

6. Executive and Governance Committee

a) Policy on University Policies and Procedures

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive the final draft Policy on University Policies and Procedures for information.

Pro forma Motion (P. Driessen/P. Beames)

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) Senate

i) Professional Specialization Certificate in Native Species and Natural Processes

MOTION (P. Liddell/S. Webb)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the establishment of a Professional Specialization Certificate in Native Species and Natural Processes, to be offered by the School of Environmental Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Division of Continuing Studies, as described in the document entitled "Proposal for a Professional Specialization Certificate in Native Species and Natural Processes", dated December 14, 2006, and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of the approval.

CARRIED.

b) Risk Management Policy Amendments

MOTION (E. Donald/G. Flitton)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendments to the Risk Management Policy #1140.

CARRIED.

8. Finance Committee

a) 2007/08 to 2009/10 Planning and Budget Framework

Mr. Farmer reported that the planning and budget framework had been reviewed at the previous day's Finance Committee meeting and read the motion that was being recommended. Questions and discussion were invited. Ms. Webb noted that there was no specific line item for sustainability. She asked if funds had been allocated for this purpose. Ms. Gorrill indicated that the priority for the year was to move ahead with the structural change described in the document and with the review of policies and plans. That having been done, the university would be better able to determine whether there should be a budget allocation for this purpose in future. Ms. Webb said that it would be regrettable if actions had to be delayed to a subsequent year owing to the absence of dedicated funds in this budget. Mr. Biggar asked if funds had been set aside for planning. Ms. Gorrill said that a small amount was available for this purpose.

MOTION (M. Farmer/P. Beames)

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information, PART I of the 2007/08 to 2009/10 Planning and Budget Framework summarizing the results of the integrated planning process; and

THAT PART II of the 2007/08 to 2009/10 Planning and Budget Framework be approved and the President be authorized to develop and implement the detailed operating budget for the 2007/2008 fiscal year.

CARRIED.

b) Purchasing Services Policy #1750 Amendment, and Policy for Signing Authority #1002 Amendment

MOTION (M. Farmer/G. Flitton)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendment of the University Purchasing Policy #1750 to increase the dollar threshold for inviting quotes and issuing purchase orders from \$500 to \$2,500 and the amendment of the University Signing Authority Policy #1002 to increase the dollar limit on individual Purchasing Card transactions from \$1,000 to \$2,500, effective April 1, 2007.

CARRIED.

9. President's Report

Dr. Turpin reported on the recent federal budget and the increases for higher education and research. He noted that the budget had provided reassurance that the federal government recognizes the importance of the latter. He indicated that Dr. Martin Taylor had been invited by the Canadian Foundation on Innovation (CFI) to serve on a committee to provide advice on how CFI can best support research operations. In response to a question, Dr. Taylor indicated that operating support for the NEPTUNE and VENUS projects was not yet received. Word was expected shortly on an application to the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) for funding for VENUS to begin later in 2007. Funding was needed for NEPTUNE beginning in 2009.

Dr. Turpin reported on the provincial budget, which had contained a major new commitment to graduate students. Prof. Cassels explained that the province was funding 2,500 new graduate spaces over 4 years at UVic, UBC, SFU and UNBC in a number of broad areas (excluding professional fields). These seats would be fully funded. Ten million dollars in one-time funding was also being devoted to scholarship support.

Dr. Turpin reported that the search for the next Vice-President Research was well underway and that there was an excellent field of candidates. Prof. Cassels reported the appointment of Prof. Sarah Blackstone as the next Dean of Fine Arts.

Board members were advised of the recent passing of Harvey Mickelson, the husband of Chancellor Emeritus Norma Mickelson. Many members of the university community had attended the memorial service.

The President reported on developments and events including: renewed approval for the university's equity program; receipt of grant funding in support of Aboriginal students, recent meetings with the Oak Bay and Saanich councils; the symposium on the state of the world's oceans sponsored by UVic and the Royal Society of Canada.

He commented on the success of the Joint Senate-Board Retreat on March 3rd and thanked Board members for their participation.

Dr. Turpin went on to report on honours and awards earned by members of the university including:

- Dr. Nancy Turner from the School of Environmental Studies received the Killam Research Scholarship;
- the Faculty of Business was awarded the EQUIS Quality label;
- Dr. Henk Hoekstra from Physics and Astronomy received the Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship;
- Dr. Dean Karlen from Physics and Astronomy was added to the Thomson Scientific's ISI Highly Cited List;
- the English Language Centre received the Lynn Howes Award for its Home Placement Program;
- UVic's Autonomous Underwater Vehicle Design Team won first place for innovative design and a special award for technical excellence at the 2007 Canadian Engineering Competition.

Finally, Dr. Turpin informed Board members that the university would be hosting the second of the Massey lectures in the fall – a lecture on October 17 by Alberto Manguel.

Questions were invited. Dr. Driessen asked if there would be any written output from the Joint Senate Board Retreat. Dr. Eastman confirmed that a summary record would be provided to Senators and Board members. Mr. Biggar reported that the Faculty of Business had contacted Common Energy and expressed interest in becoming a leader amongst business schools in sustainability.

10. Other Business

a) Report on Student Elections to the Board of Governors

Ms. Brown reiterated that Ms. Beames had been re-elected and Mr. Andrew Bateman elected to the Board for 2007-2008.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Trudi Brown, Chair

Julia Eastman, Secretary