



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, November 28, 2006

11:00 a.m.

Snowberry/Honeysuckle Room, University Club

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

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

Regrets: Mr. John deC. Evans, Mr. Murray Farmer, Dr. Robert Giroux, Ms. Jane Peverett, Ms. Sarah Webb.

Invitation: Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Tracy Corbett, Dr. Valerie Kuehne, Ms. Kristi Simpson, Dr. Martin Taylor, Ms. Morag MacNeil.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared approved as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of September 26, 2006

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2006 were declared adopted.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Brown commented on the success of the previous week's Legacy Awards. Mr. Donald and Dr. Kuehne thanked Board members for their participation and support for the event. Ms. Brown reported that the province's Campus 2020 exercise had involved a series of consultations – including one with Board chairs of post-secondary institutions, which Ms. Flitton had attended and would report on later in the meeting.

5. Correspondence

- a) **Parking Petition**
- b) **Memorandum from Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Vice-President Finance and Operations**

Attention turned to a petition concerning parking fees, copies of which had been distributed with the agenda, and a related memo from Vice-President Finance and Operations, Gayle Gorrill. Dr. Liddell asked if the administration was saying that it would not look at the options of monthly deductions and reduced rates for lower-paid staff members. Ms. Simpson explained that the former option had been considered but that it had been determined that it would reduce the effectiveness of the university's transportation demand management (TDM) initiative. With respect to the latter, she said that UVic's philosophy has been to charge the same rates for all, in contrast to Camosun College, cited in the petition, which subsidized full-time faculty and staff parking by charging students and part-time employees higher rates. Ms. Simpson noted that, although parking rates had risen in recent years, the cost of parking at UVic remained lower than the cost of public transportation. Dr. Liddell suggested that this information be communicated to the petitioners, so that they would know that these issues had been considered. It was agreed that Ms. Simpson would reply on behalf of the Board.

CONSENT

6. Finance Committee

- a) **University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Amendment #25**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the attached Amendment #25 to the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan effective the dates shown on the amendment.

- b) **University of Victoria Money Purchase Plan – Amendment #9**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve Amendment #9 to the Trust Agreement and Schedule A to the Trust Agreement for the University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan ("Money Purchase Plan") and the restated Trust Agreement and Schedule A to the Trust Agreement incorporating all amendments up to and including Amendment #9, effective 1 November 2006.

- c) **University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Amendments to Statement of Investment Policies and Goals**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the amendment of the Statement of Investment Policies and Goals for the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan as provided in Attachment #1.

- d) **University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the Period Ended June 30, 2006**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the University of Victoria Staff Pension Plan Investment Performance Report for the period ended June 30, 2006.

- e) **NEPTUNE/VENUS Status Report**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the NEPTUNE/VENUS Status Report.

- f) **Short Term Investment Report**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Short-Term Investment Report for the period ended September 30, 2006.

7. University Operations and Facilities Committee

- a) **Status Report on Capital Projects**

MOTION

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

- b) **Selection Process for Consultants for Capital Projects**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the attached report on the Selection Process for Consultants for Capital Projects.

- c) **Academic Staffing Report 2005-2006**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive and review the Academic Staffing Report for information.

- d) **Report on Student Financial Aid 2005-2006**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive and review the Report on Student Financial Aid 2005-2006 for information.

- e) **New and Revised Graduate and Undergraduate Awards**

MOTION

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

BC Medical Services Foundation Health Sciences Bursary (Revised)
*The Chaney Fund (Bursary)**
*Michael Crowe/VFABC Bursary**
*Richard Ely Scholarship**
*Candis Graham Writing Award, Lambda Foundation Fund (Revised)**
The Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing Bursary (Revised)
Victoria Masters Basketball Award
B&B Sivertz Bursary (Revised)
Nestlé Canada Inc. Bursary
Dr. Esme Foord Scholarship
Maja's Fund (Bursary)
Maja's Fund (Award)
*Vikes Women's Rowing Award**
*Vikes Women's Basketball Award**
*Vikes Women's Field Hockey Award**
*North Douglas Sysco Award**
*Mike Monahan Golf Award**
*Loukas & Helen Papaloukas Award**
Alumni Association Legacy Athletic Award (Revised)
B&C Food Distributors Athletic Award (Revised)
Graham Clark Rugby Award (Revised)*
Robert W. Ford Awards in Men's and Women's Golf (Revised)*
Frontrunners Footwear Award (Revised)*
Howard Gerwing Rugby Award (Revised)
Hajash Foundation Award (Revised)
James McRae Award in Rowing (Revised)
Old Dutch Foods Athletic Award (Revised)
Pepsi Bottling Group Award (Revised)*
Robert E. Scott Soccer Award (Revised)*
Charlton L. Smith Golf Awards (Revised)
George & Dorothy Smith Soccer Award (Revised)*
Vancouver WhiteCaps Award (Revised)
Guy Vetrie Memorial Award (Revised)*
R.T. Wallace Award (Revised)*
Dr. Esme Foord Graduate Scholarship
Rudy Horst Gerhardt Kirmhse Graduate Scholarship in Nursing
Hazel Lara Joseph Scholarship
English Department M.A. Bursary
Kishan Sing & Kartar Kaur Sidhu Memorial Bursary
*Richard and Elizabeth Flury Scholarship**
Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society Bursary
*Norman J. Ruff Scholarship**
*Alexander and Helen Stafford MacCarthy Muir Scholarship**

**Awards administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

f) Project NOVA Update

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Nova Status Report.

8. University Operations and Facilities Committee and Finance Committee

a) 2006/07 Budget: General and Tuition Revenue Funded Expenditures Report

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors review the report for information.

9. Executive and Governance Committee

a) Updating and Cyclical Review of University Policies

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the report on the Updating and Cyclical Review of University Policies.

b) Process for Appointing non-Board Members to Board Committees

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve that, where the Board Procedures require or permit that individuals who are not members of the Board serve on Board committees, such individuals be:

- (a) appointed by the Board for initial three-year terms upon the recommendation of the Executive and Governance Committee;*
- (b) eligible for reappointment by the Board Chair for a second three-year term upon the recommendation of the Chair of the committee on which they serve.*

Pro forma Motion (P. Driessen/E.Donald)

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

The motion **CARRIED**. Dr. Driessen said that he had some editorial comments on item 9(a), the document containing the proposed policy on policies, which he would convey to the University Secretary.

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10. University Operations and Facilities Committee

a) University Policy for Research Involving Animals

Dr. Taylor noted that a revised version of the policy had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting, and that it contained clarifications agreed upon at the previous day's Operations and Facilities Committee meeting, including that the policy would apply to students, as well as to faculty and staff.

MOTION (P. Driessen/P. Ciceri)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the University policy for research involving animals.

CARRIED.

b) 2006-07 Enrolment Analysis

At the Chair's invitation, Professor Cassels commented briefly on the report, noting that it revealed that there is increased competition amongst institutions for students as a result of the expansion of post-secondary capacity. The University of Victoria had exceeded the enrolment target set by the Ministry but had missed the higher, internal target by approximately 400 students. The principal factors at work were a decline in transfer students and continuing low demand for computer science and electrical engineering programs.

MOTION (P. Beames/P. Liddell)

THAT the Board of Governors receive and review the 2006-07 Enrolment Analysis for information.

CARRIED.

c) Honours BA in Medieval Studies

MOTION (P. Liddell/G. Flitton)

THAT the Board of Governors approve subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to the degree of Honours BA in Medieval Studies to be offered by the Faculty of Humanities, as described in the attached document entitled "Honours in Medieval Studies in the Bachelor of Arts" dated 6 September 2006; and that this approval be withdrawn should the program not be offered within five years of the Board of Governors granting approval. Once Senate and the Board of Governors have approved the proposal, the proposal must be posted on the Ministry of Advanced Education website for peer review for a period of 30 days.

CARRIED.

d) BSc Combined Major in Financial Mathematics and Economics

Dr. Eastman noted that a word was missing in the title of the program, which should be 'Bachelor of Science *Combined* Major in Financial Mathematics and Economics'.

MOTION (P. Beames/P. Ciceri)

Subject to Senate approval, that the Board of Governors approve, subject to funding, the establishment of a program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science Combined Major in Financial Mathematics and Economics, to be offered by the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Science, as described in the document "A Proposal for a Bachelor of Science Combined Major in Financial Mathematics and Economics" (dated October 13, 2006); and that this approval be withdrawn if the program should not be offered within five years of the granting of approval by the Minister of Advanced Education.

CARRIED.

11. President's Report

Dr. Turpin reported on meetings he and Dr. Taylor had had with officials in Ottawa, some of which were intended to raise awareness of the critical need for ongoing operating funding for big science projects. He spoke about the recent federal economic update, noting that it contained positive messages about the importance of post-secondary education and advanced research. University officials remained, however, concerned about lack of appreciation on the part of the federal government of the importance of the social sciences and humanities. Other aspects of Ottawa's expressed intentions – increased support for graduate scholarships, investment in scientific equipment, funding for internships – and sectoral priorities (e.g., environment, health, energy) were described as auguring well for this university.

Dr. Turpin also reported on developments at the provincial level, including the progress of the Campus 2020 initiative. He indicated that the university's submission would stress the importance of: a differentiated, well-integrated system; investment in advanced research and graduate capacity; attention to accessibility; support for knowledge transfer.

He cited awards, appointments and events including:

- the recent appointments of Dr. Andrew Rippin and Dr. Patricia Roy as fellows of the Royal Society of Canada;
- the presentation of awards by the Royal Society of Canada to Dr. Cecelia Benoit and Dr. Reg Mitchell;
- Dr. Turpin's appointment as chair of the Canada Research Knowledge Network – a university consortium seeking to expand access to publications through a Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI)-funded national site licensing program;
- the establishment of an office of community-based research at UVic, under the leadership of Dr. Budd Hall;
- two successful new CFI applications, to be announced formally early in 2007;
- an upcoming presentation on his part to the Vancouver Board of Trade;
- the President's Distinguished Service Awards, to be presented at an upcoming holiday reception;
- donations from BC Hydro for a chair in aboriginal economic development and from Erich and Shelley Mohr for a chair in adult development and aging;
- a recent reception for alumni at the Vancouver Art Gallery;
- the announcement of a partnership between A Channel and Athletics;
- the recent Long Service Award dinner;
- a town hall meeting of students with the President, organized by UVSS Chair and Board member Penny Beames;
- the unveiling of a statue of Michael Williams and the establishment of a university art gallery in a building he had donated to the university, at which his collection and other art would be displayed;
- a recent speech by former US President Bill Clinton, co-sponsored by the university;
- the recent Centennial Lecture Series, featuring Roy Romanow, Wade Davis and Stephen Lewis;
- the award of four honorary degrees at fall Convocation;
- a flu immunization exercise on campus;
- an excellent production of *Richard III* at Phoenix Theatre, directed by Dean Giles Hogya;
- the Legacy Awards dinner on November 21st.

Dr. Turpin said that, in light of discussions at the previous Board meeting, he had thought it would be helpful to the Board to have an update on the university's sustainability initiatives. At his invitation, Ms. Tracy Corbett, Director of Campus Planning and Sustainability, gave a powerpoint presentation on this subject, in the course of which she emphasized that sustainability encompasses the environment, the economy and society. She described what UVic has done to date to promote sustainability and identified next steps, noting that university's approaches to sustainability have evolved greatly since the 1980s, becoming much more sophisticated and multi-faceted. After a brief discussion, Ms. Simpson thanked Ms. Corbett for her presentation and her contributions to the university, noting that she would be leaving shortly to take up a position with the Capital Regional District.

12. Other Business

Ms. Brown noted that Board members had been invited to an event at Vancouver Island Technology Park on December 1st, at which the results of a study of the economic impact of the park would be announced and a funding announcement made. She and Dr. Turpin encouraged Board members who were able to do so to attend.

13. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 p.m.