



University
of Victoria

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Tuesday, May 29, 2007

11:00 a.m.

Salal-Snowberry Room, University Club

OPEN SESSION

MINUTES

Present: Ms. Trudi Brown (Chair), Mr. Jamie Biggar, Mr. Eric Donald, Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. John deC. Evans, Mr. Murray Farmer, Ms. Gail Flitton, Dr. Robert Giroux, Dr. Peter Liddell, Ms. Jane Peverett, Dr. Ronald Lou-Poy, Dr. David Turpin, (by telephone), Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary).

Regrets: Ms. Penny Beames, Mr. Peter Ciceri, Ms. Sarah Webb.

By Invitation: Prof. Jamie Cassels, Ms. Gayle Gorrill, Dr. Valerie Kuehne Ms. Morag MacNeil, Mr. Gerald Robson, Dr. Martin Taylor.

1. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was declared adopted as circulated.

2. Minutes

a) Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 27, 2007

The minutes of the open session of the regular meeting of March 27, 2007 were declared approved as circulated.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

4. Remarks from the Chair

Ms. Brown said that Ms. Beames had hoped to be able to join the meeting by telephone from New Delhi, but that it had unfortunately not been possible to get through to her there, in spite of several attempts.

She said that Board members had enjoyed a dinner meeting the previous evening with Deputy Minister of Advanced Education Moura Quayle and expressed appreciation for Dr. Quayle's willingness to meet with members of both the Senate and the Board.

5. Correspondence

a) Letter from CUPE BC re: TILMA

Vice-President External Relations Valerie Kuehne reported that Cindy Paquette, the new Executive Director of Government Relations, had contacted the University Presidents' Council (TUPC) about this matter. TUPC was monitoring the implications of the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement between BC and Alberta for universities. Ms. Brown agreed it would be appropriate to write back to the author of the letter to thank CUPE for raising the issue and to indicate that the university would monitor it through TUPC. Ms. Peverett pointed out that the agreement had been signed.

CONSENT

Item 7 (e) on the agenda, Policy #1522 – Salary Deferral Policy for University of Victoria Staff Represented by the Professional Employees' Association, was removed from the Consent agenda at the request of Dr. Liddell.

6. University Operations and Facilities Committee

a) Status Report on Capital Projects

MOTION

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

b) Senate

i) Revision to Master of Arts Program in French

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve the revisions to and combining of the two existing Master of Arts programs in French into a single Master of Arts Program in French as described in the document entitled "Revision of Master of Arts Program in French" dated January 11, 2007.

ii) New and Revised Graduate and Undergraduate Awards

MOTION

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

Lucie Daigle Memorial Scholarship
Philip Halkett Graduate Scholarship
Victoria Chinatown Lioness Club Graduate Bursary (Revised)
Perry Shawana Graduate Bursary
Heritage Office Furnishings Victoria Ltd. Scholarship
Quality Move Management Inc./Allied International Vancouver Graduate Scholarship
Graphic Office Interiors Scholarship
*Harper Scholarship**
CBA Financial Corp. Law School Achievement Award
CBA BC Branch Entrance Award
*Heather Raven Leadership Award**
Elsa Groundwater Scholarship
Cook Roberts LLP Scholarship in Business Associations
Hugh and Lilian Salmond Scholarship in Secondary Education (Revised)*
A. Hugh Salmond Memorial Scholarship in Secondary Education (Revised)*
Mr. & Mrs. Torquil H. Burns Scholarship (Revised)*
*Carmanah Prize on Eco-Technology**
Nash & Company Scholarship in Torts
Nash & Company Scholarship in Evidence
*Loma Cornwell Davis Scholarship**
Joseph B. Jackson Bursary (Revised)*
R.J. McMaster Bursary (Revised)
*Mathematics and Statistics Scholarship**
ergoCentric Seating System Scholarship
Professor Maneesha Deckha Award in Animals, Culture & The Law
*Humanities Computing Award**
Candis Graham Writing Scholarship, Lambda Foundation Fund (Revised)*
Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd. Entrance Bursary
*Rose Won Lau Business Scholarship**

**Awards administered by the University of Victoria Foundation*

c) Due Diligence Report – Student and Ancillary Services

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the May 2007 Due Diligence Report.

7. Finance Committee

a) Short Term Investment Report

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Short Term Investment Report for the period ended March 31, 2007.

- b) **2006 Annual Reports – University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan, and University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the 2006 Annual Reports of the University of Victoria Combination Pension Plan dated December 31, 2006 and the University of Victoria Money Purchase Pension Plan dated December 31, 2006.

- 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 University of Victoria Students' Society (UVSS) members as outlined in the letter dated April 20, 2007 from the UVSS to David Clode, Executive Director Student and Ancillary Services.

- d) **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 as outlined in the letter dated April 4, 2007 from the GSS to the Vice-President Finance and Operations.

- e) **Policy #5800 – Travel and Hospitality**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors approve that Policy #5800 – Travel and Hospitality be amended to increase the private vehicle mileage rate from \$0.39 to \$0.42 per kilometer effective June 1, 2007.

8. Executive and Governance Committee

- a) **Senior Administrative Appointment Procedures**

MOTION

THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the update on housekeeping changes to the senior administrative appointment procedures.

Pro forma Motion (G. Flitton/M. Farmer):

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

CARRIED.

REGULAR

9. Finance Committee

a) Policy #1522 – Salary Deferral Policy for University of Victoria Staff Represented by the Professional Employees' Association

Ms. Gorrill said that, since the previous day's Finance Committee meeting, she had obtained confirmation from Human Resources that there had been consultation with the executive director of the PEA about the rescinding of this policy, which was not being used, and that the PEA had expressed no objection to it. Dr. Liddell expressed concern that, even though consultation had taken place with the PEA, it might be perceived by PEA members that this was a unilateral action by the Board. Others suggested that how the PEA consults with its members is no business of the Board's. Dr. Liddell asked that it be minuted that, in response to a question raised at the Finance Committee meeting, Ms. Gorrill had confirmed that Human Resources had consulted with a representative of the PEA about its intention to rescind this policy and that the PEA had been agreeable to this.

MOTION (G. Flitton/R. Giroux)

THAT the Board of Governors approve that Policy #1522, the Salary Deferral Policy for University of Victoria Staff Represented by the Professional Employees' Association be rescinded.

CARRIED.

10. Audit Committee

a) 2006-07 Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

MOTION (R. Giroux/M. Farmer)

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 2006-07 Audited Financial Statements; the appropriations as set out in Schedule 2 of the Management Schedules; and the interfund transfers.

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.

10. President's Report

At the President's request, Dr. Taylor reported briefly on the federal science and technology strategy released in May. He noted the positive elements of the strategy, including its recognition of the need for funding of basic research, infrastructure, research personnel, and indirect costs. At the same time, he anticipated increased reporting requirements and expressed concern about the strategy's appreciation of the importance of research in the social sciences and humanities. He suggested that continued efforts to communicate the importance of research in these disciplines was called for.

Dr. Turpin reported briefly on the recommendations resulting from the Campus 2020 exercise, a list of which had been distributed.

Prof. Cassels reported on the new BC graduate scholarships that would accompany the infusion of provincial operating support for the expansion of graduate studies. The \$10 million devoted to the scholarships had been allocated to UBC, SFU and UVic in proportion to existing graduate enrolments. UVic would receive \$1.8 million. Such a program was described as extremely welcome and as needing to be expanded and extended.

Dr. Turpin reported on current and pending campus developments including:

- Dr. Howard Brunt's assumption of the position of Vice-President Research starting in September;
- Ms. Norah McRae's appointment to the position of Executive Director, Co-operative Education for a six year term effective July 1, 2007;
- a reception to be held that afternoon in honour of Dr. Martin Taylor who was stepping down as Vice-President Research;
- the event on April 26, 2007 to recognize the generosity of Erich and Shelley Mohr;
- the opening of the Office of Community Based Research;
- a major donor event scheduled for June 21, 2007.

Dr. Turpin also reported that:

- Dr. Ana Maria Peredo had received the 2007 Ascendant Scholar Award from the Western Academy of Management for outstanding research achievements as a young scholar;
- 2007 Craigdarroch Awards: Dr. Bob Olafson had been awarded the Gold Medal for Career Achievement; Dr. Cornelia Bohne (Chemistry), the Silver Medal for Excellence in Research; Dr. Rosemary Ommer (Research Services), the Societal Contribution Award for Coasts Under Stress Project; Dr. Andrew Weaver (Earth and Ocean Sciences), the Research Communications Award; Dr. Tom Fyles (Chemistry), the 2007 Innovation and Development Corporation Entrepreneurship Award;
- Dr. Weaver had been named Academic of the Year by the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of BC (CUFA-BC): He had also received the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society President's Prize for 2006 for pioneering work in earth system climate modeling and in particular for the article co-authored in Atmospheric-Ocean entitled "The UVic Earth System Climate Model: Model description, climatology and application to past, present and future climates";
- Dr. Laurence Coogan (Earth and Ocean Sciences), had received the 2007 Young Scientist Award from the Meteorological Association of Canada;
- Dr. Ryan Rhodes had received the 2007 Early Career Distinguished Scholar Award from the North American Society for the Psychology of Sport and Physical Activity.

Finally, Dr. Turpin reported on a recent visit to China in the course of which he had met with the Minister of Education, Zhou Ji, and had signed a memorandum of understanding with the China Scholarship Council, as well as on alumni events he had attended in Hong Kong, Toronto and Ottawa.

Prof. Cassels reported on "Experience UVic", an open house held the previous weekend in the course of which over 1,100 prospective students, parents and siblings had visited the campus. Congratulations on the success of the event were extended to Registrar and

Executive Director of Student Enrolment Lynda Wallace-Hulecki and the members of her team.

Mr. Gerry Robson gave an audio-visual presentation showing the capital projects underway in summer 2007 and their implications for traffic on campus.

11. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 12:10 p.m.