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## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Tuesday, September 27, 2005

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Board and Senate Chambers

### **OPEN SESSION**

#### **MINUTES**

**Present:** Ms. Trudi Brown (Chair), Mr. Peter Ciceri, Mr. Eric Donald, Dr. Peter Driessen, Mr. John deC. Evans, Ms. Gail Flitton (Vice-Chair), Mr. Erik Haensel, Ms. Linda Jules, Ms. Michelle Kinney, Dr. Peter Liddell, Dr. Ron Lou-Poy, Ms. Jane Peverett, Dr. David Turpin, Ms. Sarah Webb, Dr. Julia Eastman (Secretary).

**Regrets:** Mr. Murray Farmer.

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

The Chair welcomed new and continuing Board members to the first regular meeting of the year.

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was declared approved.

#### **2. Minutes**

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 28, 2005 were reviewed and declared approved.

#### **3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nil.

#### **4. Remarks from the Chair**

The Chair noted that she wished the Board's meetings and activities to be as fruitful as possible and asked that Board members provide feedback to her or Dr. Eastman on what

is working well and what is not. She also urged them to suggest topics for strategic discussions and to identify any additional information they would like to receive.

Ms. Brown then explained for the benefit of new Board members that the purpose of the Consent agenda is to expedite the business of the Board by grouping under one heading items that do not need discussion and by moving that they be approved at once. She noted that any Consent item that a Board member wished to discuss would be moved to the Regular agenda.

## **CONSENT**

### **5. University Operations and Facilities**

#### **a) Due Diligence Reports – Facilities Management (BOG-Sep27-05-16)**

MOTION

*THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the September 2005 Due Diligence Reports.*

#### **b) Report on Student Financial Aid 2004-2005 (BOG-Sep27-05-8)**

MOTION

*THAT the Board of Governors receive and review the report for information.*

### **6. Finance Committee**

#### **a) Graduate Students' Society Extended Health and Dental Plans Fee Collection for 2005/06 Academic Year (BOG-Sep27-05-12)**

MOTION

*THAT the Board of Governors collect and remit the fees for Extended Health and Dental Plans as approved by their members in the letter dated July 18, 2005 from the Graduate Students' Society.*

#### **b) Interim Financial Report – Period Ending June 30, 2005 (BOG-Sep27-05-14)**

MOTION

*THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the Interim Financial Report for the period ending June 30, 2005.*

### **7. Finance and Operations and Facilities Committees**

#### **a) 2005/06 Budget: General and Tuition Revenue Funded Expenditures Report (BOG-Sep27-05-6)**

MOTION

*THAT the Board of Governors receive and review the report for information.*

**Pro forma Motion** (M. Kinney, L. Jules)

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

CARRIED.

**REGULAR**

**8. University Operations and Facilities Committee**

**a) 2006/07 Five Year Capital Plan (BOG-Sep27-05-15)**

The Five Year Capital Plan was briefly reviewed.

MOTION (E. Donald, J. Evans)

*THAT the Board of Governors receive for information the 2006/07 Five Year Capital Plan.*

CARRIED.

**b) Appointments to Joint Senate/Board Retreat Committee**

MOTION (S. Webb, E. Haensel)

*THAT Ms. Gail Flitton, Ms. Michelle Kinney and Dr. Peter Liddell be appointed to the Joint Senate/Board Retreat Committee.*

CARRIED.

**9. Community and Government Relations Committee**

Ms. Flitton reported that the first meeting of the Committee would be on October 4 and that it would meet four times a year, each meeting being devoted principally to discussion of one major topic. She encouraged Board members to attend the Legacy Awards dinner in November and the first production of Phoenix Theatre's new season.

**10. President's Report**

**a) General**

Dr. Turpin congratulated Dr. Ronald Lou-Poy on his acclamation for a second term as Chancellor. His congratulations were echoed by other members of the Board. Dr. Turpin welcomed the new members of the Board to their first regular meeting. He also welcomed Dr. Valerie Kuehne in her capacity as Acting Vice-President External Relations. Board members were shown a clip from a CBC newscast concerning the Akitsiraq Law School Convocation, an advertisement for faculty members that had appeared in *The Globe and Mail*, and a short video clip shown at the Toronto Film Festival in the same connection. These initiatives were warmly applauded. Dr. Turpin noted that a search for a Vice-President External Relations was well underway. He distributed a brochure on an upcoming survey of university employees for employment equity purposes and a sheet of background information and commented on the importance of these initiatives. The President went on to make announcements about numerous developments. At Dr. Turpin's request, Dr. Martin Taylor reported briefly on a presentation he had given on developments in scientific research in Canada at a recent conference in

Kyoto, Japan, which had brought together university presidents and government science officials from around the world.

**b) Update on LE,NONET Project**

Dr. Turpin introduced Dr. Jim Anglin (Project Executive), Mr. Roger John (Co-Principal Investigator) and Mr. Bill White (Aboriginal Liaison Officer). Dr. Anglin summarized the discussions with the Canada Millennium Foundation that had led to the recent funding announcement and distributed copies of the University of Victoria's Aboriginal Student Handbook, page 10 of which describes the LE,NONET Project. Mr. John described the consultation and involvement of Aboriginal communities in the design of the project, as well as its major elements. In response to a question from Ms. Jules, Mr. John said that more visits to communities would be taking place over the course of the fall. Professor Cassels explained that the LE,NONET Project was an important element of a suite of initiatives to promote the participation and success of Aboriginal students, faculty and staff that included community liaison, curricular developments, a summer camp, and the planned First People's House. He noted that the results of these initiatives would be realized in the future, but that there had already been improvement in retention rates and that there were now approximately 400 full-time Aboriginal students at UVic. Mr. John, Mr. White and Dr. Anglin were thanked for their presentation and their work.

**11. Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.