

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of The University of British Columbia was held on Thursday, January 29, 1987, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room of the Old Administration Building.

Present: Mr. William L. Sauder, Chairman
Chancellor W. Robert Wyman
President David W. Strangway
Dr. Patricia Baird
Miss Claudia Gilmartin
Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs
Dr. Don Holubitsky
Mr. Robert H. Lee
Mr. George McLaughlin
Ms. Joy McCusker
Mr. David G. A. McLean
Dr. Olav Slaymaker
Dr. Sidney Mindess
Mr. Simon Seshadri
Mr. Doug Stewart

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board
Vice President D. R. Birch
Vice President A. Bruce Gellatly
Vice President Peter A. Larkin
Vice President K. D. Srivastava
Miss Jo Moss, Community Relations
Mr. Graham Argyle, Director (for part of the meeting)
Members of the Press and the Public Gallery

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Peter Brown, Dr. Leslie R. Peterson, Q.C. and Mr. Richard Stewart.

OPEN SESSION

A delegation of approximately thirty students entered the meeting room, without permission, for the purpose of protesting tuition fee increases.

The President advised the students that the question of tuition fees was on the closed agenda of the Board, and that it would not be debated in the open session.

The Chairman allowed four representatives of the students to speak to the issue for two to three minutes each.

The delegation left the meeting.

REMARKS

Chairman of the Board

Mr. William L. Sauder noted with pleasure the election or re-election of the following Board members with effect from February 1, 1987.

- Mr. George L. McLaughlin - Re-elected for a three year term
- Mr. Simon Seshadri - Elected for a one year term
- Mr. Doug Stewart - Elected for a one Year term

President David W. Strangway

The President formally notified the Board of a very serious incident on campus *i.e.*, the murder of a technician by a graduate student. The President reported that the individual concerned was in the custody of police. Condolences had been expressed to the family of the deceased on behalf of the Board.

The President made reference to comments by protesting students earlier in the meeting that the President and the Board were not doing enough with respect to representations and dialogue with the Provincial Government for increased funding for the University. The President indicated that a great deal of dialogue was taking place with the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training. On February 16, 1987, the Minister was scheduled to spend the entire day on campus.

The President reported that Premier Vander Zalm had asked, through the Minister, that the three universities prepare a paper on the role of the British Columbia universities in the economy. Preliminary discussions had taken place on this issue and the document will be prepared over the next few months. The approach was not to look just at high-tech spinoffs or that particular range of activities, but to look at the broad range of activities.

At the last meeting of the Board there was a demonstration from students on the issue of investments in South Africa, and the President undertook at that time to meet with a representative group of three students. The President had met with that group and had a good discussion.

The President reported that the Development Committee was working very hard on fund raising activities that have been reported to the Board from time to time. The Committee has now adopted a principle upon which both the central administration and the individual faculties have agreed as to what activities are central and what activities are local and what sharing of information will take place so that it can be a well-coordinated overall campaign when we are ready to commence. The Development Committee had selected the consultants who would conduct, on behalf of the University, a feasibility study for a major fund raising campaign. The Chancellor had identified an advisory group to act as a steering committee to work with the consultants. Within the University, the Vice President, Academic and Provost, was working closely with the Deans and was in the process of identifying the academic priorities that will be incorporated into the overall fund raising activity. The President indicated that a timetable would be brought forward to the Board for information in due course.

The President indicated that the operating budget for the current fiscal year had been published in the last issue of UBC Reports with the object of ensuring that everyone in the community is fully aware of and has the opportunity to ask any questions that they wish with respect to the University's financial statements and operating budget.

The President asked the Vice President, Academic and Provost to report on progress regarding the Task Force on Liaison, Recruiting and Admissions, and he asked the Vice President, Student and Academic Services to report on athletic fees.

Dr. Birch reported that, early in the fall of 1987, a presidential task force was established on admissions, the recruiting of students and liaison with schools and colleges. The task force was given a broad mandate and was established because no single Senate Committee spans all of those areas. Several priorities were identified, the first of which is a current trend in British Columbia secondary education that challenges the University to re-examine one of its policies and practices. The Province of British Columbia has given designated funding to schools if they are prepared to establish programs for the gifted. One of the effects has been that a large number of schools in the province have gone to either the International Baccalaureate program or, more commonly, the Advanced Placement Program. These are programs designed to offer courses that would normally have the curriculum of a first year university course but are offered within the high school framework for capable students. Dr. Birch said that, in the view of many of his colleagues, it is highly desirable that we do everything we can to encourage high schools to challenge the most able students to work at a more advanced level. The characteristic of these two programs is that they have external examinations and, with the Advanced Placement Program, which is the most rapidly growing one in British Columbia, every major university in the United States accepts students with advanced placement. UBC will give advanced placement on an individual basis i.e. we will waive the course and let the person go on to the next course, but we will not give the advanced credit. This, unfortunately, conveys to students and their parents the sense that we don't take seriously the achievement that the students have made. Dr. Birch indicated that a recommendation was going to faculties to review the policy and practice and it was expected to come back to Senate through the Senate Admissions Committee. The second item under consideration by the task force related to international students. The University of British Columbia has the lowest proportion of international students at the undergraduate level of any university in Canada. This matter was under study as well with a view to defining the University's policy on a clear and positive basis. The third area being examined was all of our interaction with potential students.

Dr. K. D. Srivastava reported briefly on the question of athletics and sports services. He indicated that he had begun an in-depth review of the athletics operation on campus, and he had recommended to the President that a President's Review Committee on Athletics be established to review by March 31, 1987, all athletic, intramural and community programs and recommend possible changes to the current methods of operation. Specifically, the committee would examine the following:

1. The administration and management structures.
2. The relationship between Athletics and the School of Physical Education and Recreation.
3. The interrelationship between the various athletic and sports programs, including the procedures for establishing priorities.
4. The operation and role of the Athletics Council and the Men's and Women's Athletic Committees.

Pending completion of the committee's review, Dr. Srivastava proposed, and it was agreed, that the athletics fee would be asterisked in the university calendar as being under review.

Chancellor W. Robert Wyman made reference to the student demonstration earlier in the meeting and the impression left that the President and the Board were not addressing the issue of university funding.

The Chancellor stressed that a tremendous effort had been made, particularly on the part of the President, who had been visiting Victoria weekly to meet with Cabinet Ministers, deputy's, etc. to impress upon them the funding problems that face this university and the post-secondary system in the province and also the importance of training and support of students in the current environment if we want to progress in this province. The fact that these visits and this effort has not been publicized broadly has been a matter of policy. We have decided that the best way in which to achieve our objectives is to work with government.

The Chairman emphasized that the University Administration and the Board, as a whole and individually, had worked very hard with the government to obtain increased funding for the university.

Dr. Birch remarked that another issue raised by the students was the financial plight of students. He noted that there is a committee reviewing financial aid and two members of the university community are represented on the committee one of whom is a member of the Board, Dr. Don Holubitsky. The university has also put forward its views on the need for increased financial aid quite explicitly to the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training.

Dr. Don Holubitsky reported that the entire basis of student aid in the province was under review. He thought that the committee would recommend sweeping changes, but couldn't deal with specifics because the discussions were still confidential.

Mrs. Joy McCusker suggested that it would be helpful to publicize the amount of student aid available throughout the year.

Mr. Hobbs spoke to the subject of granting credit to students who have the equivalent level of knowledge that is required to complete a course. Mr. Hobbs observed that an ever increasing number of mature students are returning to post-secondary education who have a lot of background that they have developed, both formally and informally, and he felt that the university should capitalize on this. Mr. Hobbs' cited personal experience where students were granted credit at other universities and at B.C.I.T. and were subsequently denied credit at U.B.C.

Finance and Property

Major Donations Report

The major donations report for the period November 15 to December 12, 1986, had been circulated and was received for information.

Construction Status Report

The construction status report dated January 21, 1987, had been circulated and was received for information.

Dr. A. Bruce Gellatly reported that the University did not have final approvals to proceed with the Chemistry/Physics Building. He pointed out that "Biological Sciences & Wesbrook Buildings 'Biotechnical Facilities'" had been added on page two of the report. This project was supported through the Funds for Excellence in Education.

Mr. Gellatly noted that the question of the emergency medical heliport was still under consideration.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENATE

Consideration of the new awards arising from the Senate meeting of December 10, 1986, was deferred to the Closed Session of the meeting.

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Senate, the new awards arising from the Senate meeting of January 22, 1987, be approved. (Approved as required under the *University Act*, Sections 36 (i) and 37).

That, as recommended by Senate, the proposal of the Faculty of Applied Science to change the name of the Department of Metallurgical Engineering to the Department of Metals and Materials Engineering be and is hereby approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*.)

That, as recommended by Senate, the attached recommendations be approved in principle, subject to the following proviso:

That none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to the President and the formal agreement of the President; and that the Deans and Heads concerned with new programs be asked to indicate the space requirements, if any, of such new programs.

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Education (with the exception of the Art Education proposals) be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f) (i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, a proposal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to establish a Graduate Council be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*.)

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Graduate Studies be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*.)

That, as recommended by Senate, proposed changes to the Master of Advanced Studies in Architecture program recommended by the Faculty of Graduate Studies be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*.)

That, as recommended by Senate, course changes recommended by the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*.)

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Science be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*.)

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences (with the exception of Food Science 414) be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Applied Science be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, calendar changes from the School of Architecture be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Arts be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, a Four-Year Bachelor of Commerce Degree Program recommended by the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Dentistry, Forestry and Graduate Studies be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, the proposal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to offer a Graduate Program in Experimental Medicine be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, a new course recommended by the Faculty of Law be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum proposals from the Faculty of Medicine be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

That, as recommended by Senate, curriculum revisions and proposals from the Schools of Nursing, Physical Education and Recreation and Rehabilitation Medicine be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre Appointments

It was RESOLVED,

That Dr. James Forbes be appointed as the University Endowment Lands Representative to the UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre Management Committee for his first term; that Mr. Keith Wilson be appointed for his second term; and that Mr. Rick Noonan be appointed for his third and final term, all from February 1, 1987.

CARRIED

Open House March 6-8 - Reminder

Members of the Board were reminded of the Open House which would be held on March 6, 7 and 8.

President's Report on the Library

The President's Report on the Library had been circulated to members of the Board on January 16, 1987. Mr. Hobbs congratulated the President on an excellent report.

Members of the press and the public gallery left the meeting.