

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of The University of British Columbia was held on Thursday, April 6, 1989, at 2:00 p.m. in the Social Suite of the Faculty Club.

Present: Mr. Peter Brown, Chairman
President David W. Strangway
Chancellor Leslie R. Peterson, Q.C.
Mr. Tim Bird
Mr. Ronald H. Granholm
Mr. Arthur S. Hara
Mrs. Janet Ketcham
Mr. Robert H. Lee
Dr. Sidney Mindess
Mr. George McLaughlin
Mr. Richard I. Nelson
Mr. Kurt Preinsperg
Dr. W. Robert Wyman

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board
Vice President D.R. Birch
Vice President A. Bruce Gellatly
Vice President Robert C. Miller, Jr.
Vice President K. D. Srivastava
Mr. Peter Ufford, Special Consultant on External Affairs
Mrs. Margaret Nevin, Community Relations
Mr. John Hedgecock, Director, Bookstore
Mrs. Mary Flores, Director, Student Housing & Conferences
Miss Christine Samson, Director, Food Services
Mr. Michael Lee, President, AMS
Members of the press and the public gallery

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Kenneth M. Bagshaw and Dr. Patricia Baird.

OPEN SESSION

REMARKS

Chairman of the Board

The Chairman of the Board recorded the Board's appreciation of the significant contribution made by those who had worked on the fund raising kick-off dinner on March 20, 1989. The Chairman felt that it had been a spectacular event, and he commented on the feeling of excitement about the project and warmth for what the University is doing. A number of departments had participated in preparations for the event among which were the School of Music, Theatre, Community Relations, Ceremonies, President's Office, the Vice Presidents and the Development Office. The Chairman advised that there would be a reception following the meeting to honour all who had been involved.

Academic Committee

Reports and Recommendations from Senate

Prior to passing the following motion, Dr. Daniel R. Birch spoke briefly to his memorandum dated March 28, 1989, with respect to enrolment planning. Enrolment planning had previously been a function of individual faculties and schools. As they have examined their capacity, they have taken their individual recommendations forward to the Senate Admissions Committee, then to the Senate and Board of Governors for approval. In recent months, the President's Office had taken a more active role in bringing Deans together to plan a more integrated and coordinated approach to enrolment planning at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

It was RESOLVED,

That the recommendations from Senate arising from its meeting held on March 15, 1989, with respect to prizes, scholarships and bursaries be approved; and further that the following be and are hereby approved.

Faculty of Law - The establishment of The Nathan T. Nemetz Chair in Legal History Enrolment Quotas and Controls for 1989-90 as listed.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

University Athletic Council

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by the Vice President, Student and Academic Services, the following are hereby appointed to sit on the University Athletic council for the periods indicated:

Nominated by the Alma Mater Society for one year to March 31, 1990:

- Ms. Penny Cooper
- Mr. John Stevenson
- Ms. Robyn McCreery
- Mr. Andrew Hicks
- Mr. Michael Lee

Nominated by Vice President, Student & Academic Services for two years to March 31, 1991:

- Dr. Jim Forbes
- Ms. Sandra James
- Dr. Bonnie Gordon
- Mr. W. McNulty

CARRIED

Spring Congregation

A reminder with respect to the 1989 Spring Congregation to be held on May 31, June 1st & 2nd was received for information.

Mr. Michael Lee, President, Alma Mater Society - Resolution from AMS Students Council

Mr. Michael Lee conveyed to the Board the following motion passed by the AMS Students council on March 29, 1989:

"Whereas President Strangway promised a tuition rollback in case of additional government funding, and an additional government grant of \$9.6 million over two years has now been received; and whereas UBC's celebrated fundraising success stands in sad contrast to the extreme poverty of many students bearing the brunt of a 312% tuition increase since 1975; and whereas the 10% tuition hike (50% for continuing graduate students) in 1989-90 has mobilized support for overturning the result of the Student Recreation Centre referendum and seriously endangers the \$3.75 million student contribution to UBC's fundraising campaign,

Be it resolved that

The AMS President address a letter to the UBC Board of Governors conveying the wish of Student's Council for a commitment from the UBC Administration to announce, prior to the Fall term of 1989, a rollback of the 10% tuition increase to the level of inflation or, failing that, a tuition freeze for the 1990/91 academic year."

Mr. Lee noted that he had addressed his letter to Dr. Strangway, and understood that Dr. Strangway would be responding to the matters raised.

Mr. Lee stated that he would like to come to the next regular meeting of the Board to make a more formal presentation on the tuition fee issue.

Mr. Larry Hannant, President, C.U.P.E. Union Local #2278 attempted to make a presentation from the public gallery to the Board. Mr. Hannant was advised by the Chairman of the Board that, inasmuch as there is a binding legal agreement in force between C.U.P.E. Union Local #2278 and the University which has a mechanism for dealing with union issues, Mr.Hannant's queries should be addressed to the University's designated representatives.

The Chairman of the Board, responding to a comment earlier in the meeting by Mr. Michael Lee, stated that during his term of office the Board had always tried to be very sensitive to student issues. He pointed out that two members of the Board were elected by the students and that they represented student issues well. He assured Mr. Lee that, on difficult matters like tuition fees, there was no member of the Board who was not in sympathy with the students. Unfortunately, sometimes tough economic decisions have to be made. With respect to Mr. Lee's comments on communications, the Chairman stated that the Board was always amenable to representations from students and would be delighted to work on improved communications with the students.

Mr. Kurt Preinsperg urged the Board to consider placing more items on the open session of the Board.