

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 25, 1990, in the Board and Senate Room of the Old Administration Building.

Present:

Mr. Peter Brown, Chairman
President David W. Strangway
Chancellor Leslie R. Peterson, Q.C.
Mr. Kenneth M. Bagshaw
Dr. Patricia Baird
Mr. Tim Bird
Mr. Ronald H. Granholm
Mrs. Janet Ketcham
Mr. Robert H. Lee
Dr. Sidney Mindess
Mr. George McLaughlin
Mr. Richard I. Nelson
Mr. Kurt Preinsperg

In Attendance:

Mr. Dennis Pavlich
Mr. David Hill
Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary
to the Board
Vice President A. Bruce Gellatly
Vice President K. D. Srivastava
Mr. Tim Miner, Director, Campus
Planning & Development
Mr. Mark Betteridge, President,
UBC Real Estate Corporation
Ms. Margaret Nevin, Community Relations
Mr. Don Whitely, Community Relations
Ms. Pamela Martin, Community Relations
Ms. Helen Willoughby-Price (UBC Students
for a Free Southern Africa)
Members of the Press and the Public
Gallery

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Arthur Hara and Dr. W. Robert Wyman.

OPEN SESSION**Presentation from Ms. Helen Willoughby-Price, UBC Students for a Free Southern Africa**

Ms. Helen Willoughby-Price made a presentation on behalf of UBC Students for a Free Southern Africa. It was the request of the group that UBC make it an official policy not to buy gasoline, oil or related products from Shell Canada Ltd. because 79% of the company is owned by Royal Dutch Shell. In addition, the students suggested that there were economic benefits to be gained by UBC by not using

Shell products because other oil companies were prepared to offer higher bulk purchase discounts than Shell.

The Chairman of the Board thanked Ms. Willoughby-Price and her group for their excellent presentation.

The President indicated that the matters raised by Ms. Willoughby-Price and her group would be discussed by the Board in Closed Session. However, President Strangway pointed out that the Board of Governors has taken a position with respect to the apartheid question. There is a policy of the Government of Canada which has identified those companies that the Canadian government feels do not acceptably follow the guidelines as established by the Government of Canada. This list is reviewed by the University at regular intervals and we do instruct our investment people to be sure that they do not invest in those companies. The President commented that, although the City of Vancouver, has voted not to purchase Shell products, in fact there was a letter from External Affairs stating that this was not consistent with Canadian government policy. The President drew attention to a thoughtful and articulate speech made recently by the Secretary of State for External Affairs, The Right Honourable Joe Clark on South Africa. (The speech had been circulated to the Board for information).

REMARKS

Chairman of the Board

The Chairman of the Board expressed appreciation to Dr. Patricia Baird, Mr. George McLaughlin and Mr. Kurt Preinsperg for their service on the Board and for the valuable contributions they had made to deliberations of the Board.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Dennis Pavlich who had been elected to the Board for a period of three years from February 1, 1990.

The Chairman also congratulated Mr. Tim Bird who had been re-elected as a student representative to the Board for a period of one year from February 1, 1990, and welcomed Mr. David S. Hill who had been elected as a student representative for one year.

The Chairman expressed the hope that the new members would enjoy their term of office; and he looked forward to working with them on issues facing the University in the coming year.

President

President David W. Strangway advised the Board that Canada Council selects four distinguished young scientists from across the country to be the recipients of the very prestigious Steacie Awards. President Strangway noted that two young faculty members from UBC had been Steacie Award winners.

Some time ago the Provincial Government announced that it would be expanding accessibility to universities by a further 15,000 places. Some of these places would be provided by the University of the North in Prince George. It was anticipated that the Provincial Government would be making final decisions on this matter as a result of the Implementation Task Force Report. Our position is that we support very strongly the creation of more places to increase accessibility in the province. We are ready to provide any cooperative assistance that we can, as we have done with Kamloops and Kelowna, and we are very pleased that an institution will be created in Prince George to serve that community.

The President made reference to the recent review of the Centre for Continuing Education which had been published in UBC Reports. The President indicated that the University would welcome input from within and without the University on that report. A series of recommendations on how the Centre should be organized in the future would be prepared over the next month. Recommendations requiring Senate and/or Board approval, as appropriate, would be submitted to those bodies in due course.

A document with respect to Education Abroad programs was circulated for the information of the Board. The President wanted the Board to be aware that we have made a commitment that, over the next five years, we would like to have opportunities available for five per cent of our undergraduate students to take one of their years of study outside the country. There are already a number of our students studying abroad.

President David W. Strangway advised the Board that Senate had approved the awarding of honorary degrees to the following individuals. Dates of conferring the degrees have not been set. Some will be awarded at the University's two graduation ceremonies: Spring congregation, May 29, 30, 31 and June 1 and special Fall Congregation, November 29, or at the Fall Ceremony, which welcomes new and returning students, September 27.

Rosalie Silberman Abella
Simon Baker

Helen Belkin
Jack Bell
Sam Black
Patricia Carney
Caleb Chan
Tom Chan
Elizabeth Rose Charlie
Phyllis Chelsea
Ursula Franklin
Arthur Hara
Myer Horowitz
Asa Johal
Stephen Lewis
Dorothy Livesay
Tong Louie
Allan McEachern
Beverley M. McLachlin
Dr. J. Fraser Mustard
Dr. Frank Porter Patterson
Dr. Howard E. Petch
John C. Polanyi
Margaret Prang
William L. Sauder
Jack Webster
William White
W. Maurice Young

At the last meeting of the Board, the President had indicated that he would be meeting with groups of women on campus to seek their views on safety issues on campus. The President had met with three groups of women and two more meetings were scheduled. He had found significant the sense of insecurity that women feel in society generally, and the insecurity they feel in an environment such as UBC. The President advised that a lot of good advice and suggestions had been forthcoming, and that the sessions were engendering an increasing awareness of this issue.

President Strangway noted that Mr. Kurt Preinsperg was running for the position of President of the Alma Mater Society, and that the results of the election would be awaited with great interest.

REPORTS FROM BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance and Property Committee

Undergraduate Society Fee Levy - Library and Archival Students

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by the Alma Mater Society, the following undergraduate fee levy which has met all the requirements of the A.M.S. Constitution, be and is hereby approved beginning with the Winter Session 1990-91.

Library and Archival Students - Fee increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00

CARRIED.

Graduate Student Society Fee Levies

- a) Dental Plan
- b) Capital Improvement Fund

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by the Alma Mater Society, the following Graduate Student Society fee levies, which have met all the requirements of the A.M.S. Constitution, be approved be as follows:

That the establishment of the Graduate Student Society's Dental Plan fee of \$86.00 per year be approved for a period of three academic years beginning with the Winter Session 1990-91.

That the establishment of the Graduate Student Society Capital Improvement Fund fee of \$5.00 per year be approved initially (beginning with the Winter Session 1990-91) for a period of two academic years and reviewed at that time for the following projects:

Improvements of disability access - especially to the washrooms

Improvements to the Garden Lounge

Improvements to the Pool Room

CARRIED.

Major Donations Report

Major donations reports for the months of November and December 1989 had been circulated and were received for information.

Fund Raising Campaign - Progress Report

President David W. Strangway reported that the fund raising campaign was progressing exceedingly well.

Financial Statements

- a) The American Foundation for The University of British Columbia
- b) San Rafael Research Foundation

Financial statements as at March 31, 1989, for the above-referenced foundations had been circulated and were received for information.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Reports and Recommendations from Senate (Meeting held December 13, 1989)

- a) Prizes, Scholarships and Bursaries
- b) Faculty of Medicine - Establishment of a Centre for Transplantation Immunobiology
- c) Curriculum Proposals (Arts, Education, Graduate Studies, Medicine, Science, Schools of Physical Education & Recreation and Rehabilitation Medicine)

President David W. Strangway noted that the changes in curriculum for the Faculties of Arts and Science contained proposals to offer a General B.A. program and a General Science degree program.

It was RESOLVED,

That the prizes, scholarships and bursaries arising out of the Senate meeting held on December 14, 1989, be approved; that the curriculum proposals listed be approved; and further, That the Centre for Transplantation Immunobiology in the Faculty of Medicine be approved.

CARRIED.

Reports and Recommendations from Senate (Meeting held
January 17, 1990)

- a) Enrollment Quotas and Controls
- b) Faculty of Commerce & Business Administration -
Establishment of The Hong Kong Bank Chair in Asian
Commerce
- c) Faculty of Graduate Studies - Discontinuance of
Coal Research Centre

The President noted that the Faculty of Applied Science would be offering, for the first time, a B.A.Sc. Degree in Mechanical Engineering with an Industrial Aerodynamics and Aircraft Option. He also noted that, for the first time in Canada, a Masters' degree in Science and a Master's degree in Applied Science in Technology Management would be offered.

It was RESOLVED,

That the curriculum proposals arising out of the Senate meeting held on January 17, 1990, be approved; and further;

That the Enrollment quotas and controls for 1990-91 be approved.

That the establishment of the Hong Kong Bank Chair in Asian Commerce in the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration be approved.

That the discontinuance of the Coal Research Centre in the Faculty of Graduate Studies be approved.

CARRIED.