

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

Present: Mr. Kenneth M. Bagshaw, Q.C., Acting Chairman
President David W. Strangway
Dr. Patricia Baird
Mr. Tim Bird
Mr. Arthur S. Hara
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. Don Whitely
Mr. Al Fowler, Research Services
Mr. Tim Miner, Campus Planning & Development
Mr. Graham Argyle, Campus Planning & Development
Mr. Andrew Brown, Resource Planning Group Inc.

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Peter Brown, Dr. Leslie R. Peterson, Mr. Ronald H. Granholm, and Mrs. Janet Ketcham.

OPEN SESSION

REMARKS

Acting Chairman of the Board

Mr. Bagshaw welcomed Mr. Tim Bird and Mr. Kurt Preinsperg as new members of the Board of Governors, and expressed the hope that they would find their term of office a stimulating and rewarding experience. Messrs. Bird and Preinsperg had been elected by the students to serve on the Board of Governors for a one-year term commencing February 1, 1989.

President David W. Strangway

President Strangway reported that he had attended the opening of the Provincial Government's new office in Los Angeles, California on March 1st which was followed in the evening by a reception at the Consul General's home. A large number of those invited to the event were UBC, SFU and UVic alumni. This reinforces the understanding that our alumni are an important resource for the province. Premier William Vander Zalm

had taken the opportunity at both the lunch and the reception to announce that he strongly supported the universities.

After the last Board meeting the University Administration had met with student representatives with regard to the issues that had arisen during the tuition fee debate. At that meeting the students suggested that we consider providing a significant proportion of the income from parking fines for student scholarship/bursary awards. It was felt that this was an interesting proposal. Approximately \$150,000 per year is collected in parking fines and it was thought that a portion of that could be set aside for the purposes of providing emergency assistance. Over a period of time these funds could build up to a significant endowment for that purpose.

The President had arranged for distribution in the material a chart entitled "Constant Dollars (81-82) per Weighted FTE." There has been a fairly wide perception that UBC has been operating with a funding level on a per student basis which is superior to that of the other two universities even when you take into account the fact that they have grown. This chart was produced because we have always argued that the fundamental criterion should be the weighted student numbers, not the absolute student numbers. It is very clear that medical students cost more than a first year arts student or that a graduate student in a Ph.D. program is more expensive than a first year engineering student. Looking at the chart in 1981-82 for each of the three universities, UBC was underfunded significantly relative to the other two at that time. Even today when corrected for a shortfall which has not been recognized by the province with respect to the cost of medical students to universities, which is provided in other jurisdictions, UBC is carrying much more of its share of the student load; the shortfall relative to SFU is roughly \$5 million.

Dr. Daniel R. Birch noted that UBC is, in constant dollars per weighted full-time equivalent student, operating today at a level 15% below 1981-82.

A chart entitled "Percentage Change (since 1979/80) in Total Grant per Weighted FTE Student in Constant \$" was also circulated for the information of the Board.

Finance and Property Committee

News Release re Support Services Building

A news release dated January 31, 1989, from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training, announcing the approval of \$750,000 in funding to develop detailed architectural plans for a new support services building at The University of British Columbia had been circulated and was received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Aquatic Centre Management Committee Appointments

It was RESOLVED:

That Dean Nancy Sheehan be appointed as University representative to the Aquatic Centre Management Committee for a term of one year from June 1, 1989, to May 31, 1990; that Dr. C. Slonecker be reappointed as a University representative for a second year from June 1, 1989, to May 31, 1990; and that Mr. Peter Nault be reappointed as a Community Representative for a third and final term from June 1, 1989, to May 31, 1990.

CARRIED