

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of The University of British Columbia was held on Thursday, June 8, 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. Kenneth M. Bagshaw
Dr. Patricia Baird
Mr. Tim Bird
Mr. Ronald H. Granholm
Mrs. Janet Ketcham
Dr. Sidney Mindess
Mr. George McLaughlin
Mr. Kurt Preinsperg
Dr. W. Robert Wyman

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
Mrs. Margaret Nevin, Community Relations
Mr. Don Whitely
Miss Jo Moss
Mr. Michael Lee, President, AMS

Members of the press and the public gallery

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Arthur S. Hara, Mr. Robert H. Lee and Mr. Richard I. Nelson.

OPEN SESSION

REMARKS

Presentation from Mr. Michael Lee, President, Alma Mater Society re Tuition Fees

Mr. Michael Lee was in attendance to present the Alma Mater Society position statement on tuition increases which had been ratified at the meeting of Students' Council Wednesday, May 24, 1989.

The position statement contained the following points:

1. Should tuition fee increases be necessary, these increases should not exceed the Consumer Price Index or the Cost of Living Adjustment for British Columbia.
2. The University should not consider above inflation tuition increases as an option for catch-up faculty salary increases.

3. While the AMS recognizes the University's efforts to aid students who have financial need, the AMS opposes the policy of small percentage increases in student bursaries being used to justify tuition increases.
4. The University should implement a policy of tuition refund payments based on academic merit.
5. The University should implement a policy of tuition refund payments based on financial need.

During his presentation, Mr. Lee made reference to his comments at the meeting of the Board on April 6, 1989, encouraging more open dialogue between the Board of Governors, University Administration and the Students. Since that meeting, Drs. Strangway and Srivastava had met with the AMS Students' Council. Mr. Lee felt that the discussion had been very worthwhile and increased understanding of the concerns of both sides. He commented that Dr. Srivastava was in the process of arranging sessions to discuss the quality of student life on campus which would deal with such issues as alienation of first year students, drug and alcohol awareness and multiculturalism.

While recognizing that there were delicate matters that the Board must deal with at its meetings, Mr. Lee urged that the Board consider placing more items on the open session agenda in future.

Mr. Mike Lee indicated that the Board, a number of years ago, had held one of its meetings in the AMS Student Council Chamber and he extended an invitation to the Board to consider doing so again.

President David W. Strangway said that he had welcomed the invitation from Mr. Mike Lee to join the AMS Student Council for a discussion. Dr. Strangway felt that there had been a healthy exchange of views.

The President advised, with respect to tuition fees, that the Board could not take action on this matter until the overall fiscal situation was known. The President made reference to item #2 of the AMS position statement, noting that 83% of the University's budget is comprised of salaries. Under the University Act the University is required to balance its budget by the end of each fiscal year and is not allowed to run a deficit.

The President indicated that, in his experience, the dialogue of the student representatives on the Board had been very good, and he felt that the interests of students were clearly well-represented in the various discussions. However, he indicated that no member of the Board was elected or appointed to represent any one constituency and that decisions of the Board were ultimately made in the best overall interests of the University.

The Chairman of the Board concurred with the President's comments with respect to the strong contribution made by the student members to the deliberations of the Board. It was essential at Board meetings to obtain views from all members of the Board. However, once these views were known then the Board was obligated to act under the confines of its authority and decisions regarding salaries, student fees, etc. were made in the context of a much broader financial picture. It was the Chairman's experience that the Board had always been the ally of students in making every effort to increase the University's sources of revenue.

The Chairman of the Board thanked Mr. Lee for his presentation, and he indicated that the Board would accept the invitation to arrange to hold one of its meetings in the AMS Council Chambers.

REMARKS

President

Spin-Off Report

A report dated Spring 1989 entitled "Survey of UBC Spin-off Companies" had been circulated and was received for information. Dr. Robert C. Miller, Jr. spoke briefly to the information contained in the report.

Report on Application Pressure Increase - Dr. K. D. Srivastava

Data dated May 29, 1989, with respect to applications to undergraduate and post baccalaureate programs had been circulated and was received for information. President David W. Strangway noted that the University continues to face remarkable enrolment pressure. It appeared that applications would be up 10 or 12% over last year.

REPORTS FROM BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance and Property Committee

Major Donations Report

The major donations report for the period February 16 to March 31, 1989, had been circulated and was received for information.

Project Status Report

The Project Status Report dated May 15, 1989, had been circulated and was received for information.

Mr. A. Bruce Gellatly commented that the format of the report had been changed to provide the total capital program as opposed to just those components, which had been let to contract. Another column will be added in future to show the targeted completion date. It was hoped that this report would provide the Board, at every meeting, with information on the entire capital program which, in this case, embodies the entire five-year capital program. Mr. Gellatly said that he would be pleased to add any information that the Board considered helpful.

Academic Committee

Reports and Recommendations from Senate

Prizes, Scholarships and Bursaries

Dr. Sidney Mindess commented that, in general, he would like to see the University begin to use scholarships and prizes a little more expeditiously and directly in terms of recruiting students. Dr. Birch indicated that he would take this matter under advisement and bring back a comprehensive report to the Board in the Fall.

It was RESOLVED,

That, as required under Sections 36 (i) and 37 of the University Act, the new awards arising from the Senate meeting of May 17, 1989, be and are hereby approved.

CARRIED

Proposal for a Joint Baccalaureate Program to be offered by the UBC and VGH Schools of Nursing

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Senate, a proposal that the UBC and VGH Schools of Nursing be authorized to offer jointly, from 1989-90 onwards, the UBC B.S.N. Program is hereby approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(o) and 37 of the University Act).

CARRIED

Curriculum Proposals

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Senate, the curriculum approvals from: the Faculty of Applied Science, with the exception of BIOE 303 and 403, and the Faculties of Arts, Education, Graduate Studies, with the exception of HCEP 545, Medicine, Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Science be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*).

CARRIED

Mr. Kenneth M. Bagshaw entered the meeting.

Short Mission Statement

It was RESOLVED,

That, subject to the following amendments, The Mission Statement, as outlined in the memorandum dated May 17, 1989, is hereby approved.

1. The first sentence is to be shortened to: "To be a world renowned institution of higher education and research."
2. A new point #8 is to be added: "8. work for the equality of opportunity for qualified candidates by enabling them to overcome non-academic barriers, whether they be social or financial limitations or barriers of disability;"

CARRIED

Administrative Status and Reporting Structure - Centre for Metallurgical Process Engineering

It was noted that Senate had approved the transfer of the Centre for Metallurgical Process Engineering from the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the Faculty of Applied Science. The Centre will then be responsible to the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science.

Triennial Elections of Representatives to the Board of Governors and the Senate

A memorandum dated May 3, 1989, with respect to triennial elections of representatives to the Board of Governors and the Senate was received for information. Noting that the election date for non-faculty full-time employees was December 20, 1989, which was very close to the Christmas holiday period, the Board asked that the Registrar be requested to ensure that ballots were sent out well in advance of that date.

Other Reports

Linkage with Cariboo and Okanagan Colleges - Update

A memorandum dated June 2, 1989, from Dr. Daniel R. Birch to the Board of Governors had been circulated and was received for information.

Teacher Education - Increased Funding and Plans

A memorandum dated June 2, 1989, from Dr. Daniel R. Birch to President David W. Strangway with respect to an increase in funding for teacher education from the Ministry of Advanced Education and Job Training had been circulated and was received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Designation of the period October 9th through 15th, 1989, as "Health Sciences Week" at UBC

It was RESOLVED,

That the period October 9th through 15th, 1989, be and is hereby designated as "Health Sciences Week" at UBC.

CARRIED

1990 - UBC 75th Anniversary Celebrations "The Vision -Report from Chancellor Leslie R. Peterson. O.C.

Chancellor Leslie R. Peterson, Q.C., Chairman of the 75th Anniversary Celebrations reported on planning as it currently stands for the celebrations. The Chancellor advised that it was hoped to accomplish not just a celebration or a reminiscence of past achievements but to communicate and establish a greater community awareness of the University and build some lasting legacies as we approach the next twenty-five years to meet our centennial.

The Hamber Foundation - Reappointment of Mr. W. Robert Wyman

It was RESOLVED,

That Mr. W. Robert Wyman be and is hereby reappointed as the Board of Governors' representative to The Hamber Foundation for a period of four years commencing June 25, 1989.

CARRIED

Ad Hoc Committee on the Student Union Building – Appointment of Mr. Byron Braley

It was RESOLVED,

That Mr. Byron Braley is hereby appointed as a Board of Governors' representative on the Ad Hoc Committee on the Student Union Building.

CARRIED

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