

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of The University of British Columbia was held on Thursday, July 18, 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  
Mr. Arthur Hara  
Mrs. Janet Ketcham  
Mr. Robert H. Lee  
Dr. Sidney Mindess  
Mr. George McLaughlin  
Mr. Richard I. Nelson  
Mr. Kurt Preinsperg

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board  
Vice President D. R. Birch  
Vice President A. Bruce Gellatly  
Vice President K. D. Srivastava  
Mr. Mark Betteridge, President, UBC Real Estate Corporation  
Dr. Sharon Kahn, Director, Employment Equity  
Mrs. Margaret Nevin, Community Relations  
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 Dr. W. Robert Wyman.

**OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Mike Lee spoke briefly to members of the Board of Governors. Mr. Lee advised that student representatives would be meeting informally over the summer with the President and Vice Presidents to discuss student concerns such as student housing and tuition. The AMS was also sending out a questionnaire to over 23,000 students in the next few months to get direct feedback regarding issues of concern to students. He hoped to take the responses received and make a formal report to the Board in October. Mr. Lee felt that it was important to maintain an ongoing consultation with the Board, and to this end he invited the Board, at the beginning of September, to an informal discussion session with student leaders on campus. He noted that the Board would be holding its meeting scheduled for October 5, 1989, in the AMS Student Council Chambers. It was planned to have a reception preceding the meeting to enable Board members to meet informally with students.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **Finance and Property Committee**

#### Financial Statements at March 31 1989

Mr. A. Bruce Gellatly indicated that the AuditorGeneral, at the meeting of the Audit Committee held on June 29, 1989, had indicated that the University would receive an unqualified audit report.

In reviewing the statements, Mr. Gellatly noted that UBC's financial statements had been prepared with reference to the "Guide to Accounting Principles, Practices and Standards of Disclosure for Universities and Colleges of Canada", published in 1984 by the Canadian Association of University Business Officers.

It was RESOLVED,

That the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1989, be and are hereby approved: that the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and the Vice President, Administration and Finance) be and are hereby authorized to sign the statements on behalf of the Board of Governors; and that, as required by Statute (Section 31 of the University Act, 1979), a copy be sent to the Minister of Advanced Education and Job Training and to the Secretary of Senate.

**CARRIED**

#### Audited Financial Statements

- Aquatic Centre
- UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre
- Graduate Student Centre (No documentation)

The audited financial statements for the Aquatic Centre and the UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre for the year ended March 31, 1989, had been circulated and were received for information.

Mr. Gellatly indicated that both facilities had operated in a surplus position for the year. He noted that, historically, the University had not shared in the interest income earned by the cash on hand by the Aquatic Centre, but this was being investigated to determine whether there is a basis for that in the agreement. It was pointed out last year, and timing did not allow the Administration to put this in place, to show as a note to the statements the amount of contribution to the operation of the Aquatic Centre from general purpose operating funds which was in the order of \$400,000. With respect to the Winter Sports Centre, it was the University's intention, through the use of surplus funds accumulated by the Centre and public works and renovations funds, to enhance the quality of the structure and bring it back to its original condition. Mr. Gellatly noted that a similar footnote should be included in the Winter Sports Centre statements to show the University's contribution of approximately \$550,000.

Mr. Ken Bagshaw indicated that, in the case of both the Aquatic Centre and the UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre, and bearing in mind that both these facilities are operated jointly by the University and the AMS, it would be helpful in the future if the auditors would report to the joint venture partners after the financial statements have been reviewed and approved by the Management Committees of each facility. That is, the report should not be to the respective management committees but to the two parties who have the investment in the operation.

Dr. Srivastava recorded as a point of clarification that the UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre is now managed and owned by the University. In the case of the Aquatic Centre, it is a Management Agreement which has no time limit.

Dr. Srivastava indicated that there were some issues to be resolved between the Graduate Student Centre and Food Services so the statements were not yet available.

#### Large Scale Computing Lease from IBM

Dr. Srivastava reported that our negotiations with IBM for installing a large scale computing facility were now complete and that he had recommended to the President that the University sign an agreement with IBM for an installation based on model IBM 3090 S, a vector processor, model 3081-K48 processor and associated equipment. The acquisition was within the budgeted price.

Dr. Birch noted that there was a confidentiality requirement on the actual price of the purchase.

#### Major Donations Report

Major donations reports for the months of April and May 1989, had been circulated and were received for information.

Dr. Strangway noted that the first payments of many of the pledges from the fund raising campaign were starting to be reflected in the report.

#### Project Status Report

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

Mr. Gellatly noted that the report was in the new format developed by Mr. Tim Miner, and was all inclusive of all projects which are in various stages of planning and development. Mr. Gellatly drew attention to a new listing for Anthropology and Sociology which was a space study and would ultimately lead to alterations to be financed out of public works and renovations funds, probably in 1990-91. Mr. Gellatly noted that the Faculty of Education Master Plan had been completed and submitted to the Provincial Government for approval of design fees.

A discussion followed regarding the process of choosing architects and consultants and the stages at which a specific report on construction projects should be brought forward to the Board of Governors for review, comment or approval.

President David W. Strangway undertook to arrange to provide an overview of the University's Capital Planning and Five-Year Capital Submission (1990-1994) to the meeting of the Board scheduled for October 5, 1989. He also indicated that a review of the current process with respect to capital planning would be undertaken, and that a recommendation would be forwarded for the Board's consideration regarding the stages at which input from the Board would be requested.

#### Cedar Lodge Society - Progress Report from Dr. Daniel R. Birch

Dr. Daniel R. Birch gave a brief progress report with respect to Cedar Lodge. He indicated that the University had retained, initially for the first year, and at University rather than Cedar Lodge Society expense, Dr. Robert McDermit as Chief Executive Officer.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### Update on 75th Anniversary Planning

A report dated July 11, 1989, on 75th Anniversary planning had been circulated and was received for information.

Dr. Leslie R. Peterson indicated that the various committees have been established and were working very hard to produce an outstanding year of programs, events and high public awareness.

### Mr. W. Robert Wyman and The Honourable J. V. Clyne

Dr. Peterson noted with regret that Dr. W. Robert Wyman was unable to attend today's Board meeting because of the illness of his daughter.

He also advised members of the Board that The Honourable J.V. Clyne had suffered a heart attack and that Mrs. Betty Clyne was in hospital with a broken hip.

It was agreed that appropriate communications would be sent.

### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Mr. Peter Brown indicated, in response to a suggestion from Mr. Kurt Preinsperg, that the Board would be discussing later in the Closed Session the possibility of expanding the role of the Academic Committee to include Student Affairs.