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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Thursday, January 26, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board and Senate Room, Old Administration Building.

Present:

Ms. Barbara Crompton, Chair
Mr. Robert H. Lee, Chancellor
Dr. David W. Strangway, President
Ms. Shirley Chan
Dr. William R. Cullen
Mr. Michael K. Y. Hughes
Mr. Harold C. Kalke
Mr. Orvin C. W. Lau
Ms. Lois Moen
Mr. Michael Partridge
Mr. Dennis J. Pavlich
Ms. Marion J. J. York

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Thomas R. Berger, Dr. Roslyn Kunin and Dr. Tong Louie.

In Attendance:

Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the board
Dr. Daniel R. Birch, Vice President, Academic & Provost
Mr. A. Bruce Gellatly, Vice President, Administration & Finance
Mr. Peter W. Ufford, Vice President, External Affairs
Dr. B. Sheehan, Associate Vice President, Student & Academic Services
Mr. Frank Eastham, Associate Vice President, Human Resources
Ms. Libby Nason, Vice Provost
Dr. Sharon Kahn, Associate Vice President, Equity
Dr. C. Slonecker, Director, Ceremonies & Community Relations
Mr. Steve Crombie, Manager, Media Relations
Ms. Paula Martin, Media Relations
Ms. Debbie Harvie, Director, Bookstore
Mr. Bob Philip, Director, Athletics & Sports Services
Mr. Andrew Brown, University Planner
Ms. Marcelle Sprecher, Manager, Compensation & Benefits Management
Mr. Mark Betteridge, President, UBC Real Estate Corporation
Members of the Public Gallery

OPEN SESSION

PRESENTATION

Dr. Ruth Patrick, Head Librarian, made a presentation on the University Library. It was noted that the Board would be having lunch in the Librarian's Office followed by a tour of the Main

Library.

REMARKS

Chair

The Board Chair noted that this was Mr. Orvin Lau's last meeting as a member of the Board. On behalf of the Board, she expressed appreciation to Mr. Lau for his dedication and hard work during his term of office. She wished him well in all his future endeavours.

Ms. Crompton outlined the extensive undertakings that had taken place during 1994 to enhance communication between the Board and the University's constituent groups such as Chairs tours of the faculties, VPs breakfasts and Deans lunches and breakfasts with various groups on campus.

The Board had also moved to dealing with umbrella issues rather than operational issues. Ms. Crompton noted that the committee procedures had been strengthened so that important issues are highlighted and discussed at Board meetings.

In addition, the Board ensured that it was focussing on the University's vision and mission.

President

Letter dated January 17, 1995, to Mr. Jean Pelletier, Chief of Staff, Prime Minister's Office re Transfer Payments to the Provinces

Dr. Strangway's letter which concerned the plan being discussed to remove a major part of the transfer payments to the provinces had been circulated and was received for information. In his letter, the President stated the reasons he categorically opposed the recommendations laid out in the discussion paper.

The President had also arranged for the circulation of an article by Peter F. Drucker entitled "The Age of Social Transformation" that had appeared in the November 1994 issue of The Atlantic Monthly.

Honorary Degree Recipients 1995

A listing of Honorary Degree Recipients for 1995 (following), as well as an article that will appear in the January 26, 1995, issue of UBC Reports had been circulated for the Board's information.

The Honourable Mr. Justice William Arthur
Esson
LL.D.

Professor Thomas M. Franck
LL.D.

Dr. Wan Kyoo Cho

D.Sc.

Mr. Garth Drabinsky
LL.D.

Dr. Ivar Ekeland
D.Sc.

Professor Jack Hodgins
D.Litt.

Mr. Leslie Lewis Dan
LL.D.

Ms. Joy Dorothy Coghill
D.Litt.

Mr. Peter Wall
LL.D.

Mr. Vincent Stogan
LL.D.

Dr. Hong Tao Chow
LL.D.

Surgeon General Wendy Arlene Clay
D.Sc.

Ms. Gloria Cranmer Webster
LL.D.

FLAGGED ITEMS

Development and Planning Objectives--First Draft
Land Use & Development Objectives
Spaxman Final Report

At the December 1, 1994, meeting of the Board "Some" planning principles were adopted. These principles were, in part, derived from the report prepared for the administration by Mr. Ray Spaxman, Consultant. At that time, he was requested to prepare a critique of the planning principles that had been presented. This report dated December 9, 1994, was distributed for review by the Planning and Property Committee of the Board at its meeting on January 12, 1995. Following discussions at the committee, revisions were discussed. A revised set of planning principles for ratification by the Board reflecting the discussion at the committee meeting had been circulated.

A second draft of the Land Use and Development Objectives had been circulated. The President indicated that a further round of campus consultation will take place to be followed by a third draft for consideration at the March Board meeting. If adopted, this document will become the input to the public process to be initiated under the joint UBC/GVRD agreement on a process to develop an Official Community Plan.

The final version of the formal agreement adopted by both

the Board of Governors and the GVRD had been circulated for information.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the draft Land Use and Development Objectives dated January 25, 1995, are hereby approved for public discussion.

That the revised (and subsequently amended) set of planning principles dated January 23, 1995, be and are hereby ratified.

CARRIED.

Student Recreation Centre Fee Extension

Dr. K. D. Srivastava, in a memorandum dated December 23, 1994, recommended that the \$40 Student Recreation Centre fee remain in place for two additional years (to 1997-98) to meet the shortfall in student contributions to the Student Recreation Centre and to permit the construction of a tennis bubble. He indicated that any funds raised in the final year above and beyond the above requirements will be used to equip the Student Recreation Centre or the Tennis Centre.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That approval be and is hereby given to extend the Student Recreation Centre fee for two years to 1997-98; and that all students be informed of the voluntary nature of the fee.

CARRIED.

Bookstore--Update on Financial Status

At the request of the Board, Mr. A. Bruce Gellatly had provided an interim financial report on the UBC Bookstore. This included an operating statement for the accounting period April 1, 1994, to November 30, 1994.

Policies

Discrimination and Harassment

The following policy on Discrimination and Harassment was approved.

"Every student and member of faculty and staff at the University of British Columbia has the right to study and work in an environment free from discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment. The University and all members of the University community share responsibility for ensuring that the work and study environment at UBC is free from discrimination and harassment. Specifically, Administrative Heads of Unit bear the primary responsibility for maintaining a study and work environment free from discrimination and harassment, including sexual harassment; Administrative Heads of Unit are free to act, and should act, on this responsibility, whether or not they are in receipt of individual complaints; and the knowledge and experience of the Equity Office are available to all members of the University community."

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the policy on discrimination and harassment be approved; that the Board notes the President's procedures for implementation and administration; and further that the university administration report to the Board at six months, and at twelve months, on the effectiveness of the policy.

CARRIED.

Scholarly Integrity

The following policy on Scholarly Integrity was approved.

"UBC is responsible for developing awareness among all students and members of faculty and staff involved in teaching and scholarly activities of the need for the highest standards of integrity, accountability and responsibility.

UBC holds scholars responsible for scholarly and scientific rigour and integrity in teaching and research, in obtaining, recording and analyzing data and in presenting, reporting and publishing results, through such means as:

- evaluating the work of students in a fair manner;
- giving appropriate recognition, including authorship, to those who have made an intellectual contribution to the contents of the publication, and only those people; using unpublished work of other researchers and scholars only with permission and with due acknowledgement; and using archival material in accordance with the rules of the archives;
- obtaining the permission of the author before using new information, concepts or data originally obtained through access to confidential manuscripts or applications for funds for research or training that may have been seen as a result of processes such as peer review;
- maintaining confidentiality guarantees to research subjects;
- using research funds in accordance with the terms and conditions under which those funds were received;
- revealing to the University, journals, sponsors, funding agencies or those requesting opinions, any conflict of interest, financial or other, that might influence their decisions on whether the individual should be asked to review manuscripts or applications, test products or be permitted to undertake work sponsored from outside sources (See Policy #97, Conflict of Interest).

UBC investigates allegations of scholarly misconduct in a timely, impartial and accountable manner and takes appropriate action, including any necessary steps to preserve evidence, when it finds that scholarly misconduct has occurred."

Following concerns expressed by Dr. William R. Cullen, Mr. Dennis Pavlich suggested the following change to the definition of scholarly misconduct on page seven of the procedures i.e. "scholarly misconduct interpreted in the light of practices which are acceptable as appropriate within scholarly communities includes plagiarism, etc."

Dr. Daniel R. Birch advised the Board that Senate had

endorsed this policy with some enthusiasm.

IT WAS RESOLVED, That the policy on Scholarly Integrity be approved as amended; and that the Board notes the President's procedures for implementation and administration.

CARRIED.

Dr. William R. Cullen abstained.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

Creative Arts/Journalism Phase I--Design and Proceed with Working Drawings

The above-referenced item was withdrawn from the agenda pending a review of costs and design changes in light of comments made by the members of the Property Committee at the meeting on January 12, 1995.

Ms. Shirley Chan, Planning & Property Committee Chair, clarified the Committee's expectations of the information required when the project is returned to the Board for approval. These include a review of the cost per square foot or square meter vis-a-vis developments off campus, and the assurance that all possible cost savings and efficiencies are realized. She suggested, in the development of capital projects, that the addition of a person with strong costing experience would be valuable.

Mr. Harold Kalke suggested that he would, in consultation with Ms. Chan and Mr. Lee and the administration, make some suggestions for a review of the capital projects process.

The Case for Chem/Bioengineering

A brochure presenting the case for the Chemical Engineering/Bio-Resource Engineering building and its significance to UBC, BC and Canada that will be used to make the case for the release of provincial funding was received for information.

Major Projects Status Report

The January 1995 Major Projects Status Report had been circulated and was received for information.

Standing Report on Campaign and Building Events

The January 1995 standing report on Campaign and Building Events had been circulated and was received for information.

FINANCE

Benefits Budgets 1994-95

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the 1994-95 Benefits Budget be and is hereby approved.

CARRIED.

MBA Program Tuition Fees

Dr. Daniel R. Birch alerted the Board to the fact that the Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration is proposing a tuition fee of approximately \$16,000 for its newly revised M.B.A. program beginning with full implementation in September, 1996. It is recommending a low profile transition beginning in September 1995 with program tuition of \$5,000 and a special services fee of \$2,000 (for a total of \$7,000).

A letter dated January 18, 1995, to Members of the Board from Mr. Orvin Lau expressing his views with respect to the proposed fees was received for information.

Budget Guidelines 1995-96

The administrative guidelines used when developing the University's annual operating budget had been circulated. These guidelines are reviewed by the Senate Budget Committee, the Dean's Committee and the Finance Committee. Mr. Gellatly indicated that advice and comments were welcomed.

Progress Report on Process Improvement and Development-- Appointment Process

The progress report dated December 9, 1994, on Process Improvement and Development--Appointment Process was received for information.

Donations Report for the Quarter ended December 31, 1994

The above-referenced report had been circulated and was received for information.

Annual Report and Financial Statements Portfolio Management Society (PMS)

The annual report 1994 for the Dean of Commerce (UBC) Portfolio Management Society had been circulated and was received for information.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

Items from Senate

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the following recommendations from Senate be approved, subject (where applicable) to the proviso that none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to the President; and that the Deans and Heads concerned with new programs be asked to indicate the space requirements, if any, of such new programs.

CARRIED.

Faculty of Arts

Department of Russian and Slavic Languages and

Literatures(dissolve as of June 30, 1995)

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Department of Russian and Slavic Languages and Literatures be dissolved as of June 30, 1995.

CARRIED.

Separate Departments of Classics and Religious Studies (dissolve as of June 30, 1995) and establish combined Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the separate Departments of Classics and Religious Studies be dissolved as of June 30, 1995, and that a combined Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies (CNRS) be established as of July 1, 1995, to include all members of the previous two departments of Classics and Religious Studies, as well as all courses and programs of both departments.

CARRIED.

Naming of Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Research Centre

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Research Centre be named "The W. Maurice Young Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Research Centre."

CARRIED.

Disestablishment of Chair in Audiology and Speech Sciences

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Chair in Audiology and Speech Sciences be disestablished.

CARRIED.

Curriculum Proposals--December 15, 1994, Senate Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the curriculum proposals put forward by the various faculties and approved by Senate be and are hereby approved. (December 15, 1994, meeting)

Curriculum Proposals--January 18, 1995, Senate Meeting

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the curriculum proposals put forward by the various faculties and approved by Senate be and are hereby approved. (January 18, 1995, meeting).

CARRIED.

Endowment Deeds

The following Endowment Deeds had been recommended for establishment or variation.

Chairs for Peter Wall Distinguished Professors

Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

Cornelia Hahn Oberlander Lecture series in Landscape

Architecture Endowment Deed

Faculty of Applied Science

Research in Women's Health Endowment Deed

Engineering Student Scholarship Endowment Deed

Faculty of Applied Science Teaching Prize Endowment Deed

Architecture Student Computational Laboratory and Library

Project Endowment Deed

Materials Process Engineering Support Endowment Deed

Faculty of Dentistry

Faculty of Dentistry Teaching Award Endowment Deed

Faculty of Forestry

Namkoong Family Fellowship and Teaching Exchange &

Research Endowment Deed

University Research Forest Endowment Deed

Wood Products Technology Program Endowment Deed

Faculty of Graduate Studies

University Graduate Fellowship Endowment Deed

Faculty of Law

Support Endowment for the Chair in Feminist Legal Studies

Endowment Deed

Faculty of Law Clinical Program Endowment Deed

Faculty of Law Scholars Awards Endowment Deed

Faculty of Law Visiting Scholars Endowment Deed

Faculty of Law Endowment Deed

Faculty of Law Graduate Fellowships Endowment Deed

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Chair in Toxicology

Endowment Deed

Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences Teaching Award

Endowment Fund

Faculty of Science

Faculty of Science Excellence in Teaching Endowment Deed

Faculty of Science Research Chair Endowment Deed

Vice President, Student & Academic Services

Athletics and Sport Services Endowment Deed

Athletics and Sport Services International Exchange

Endowment Deed

Other

Life Skills Motivation Centre Endowment Deed

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the resolutions on the establishment and variation of Endowment Deeds be approved.

CARRIED.

Five Year Review of the college Partnership Program

A five year review of UBC's partnership agreements with the University Colleges (Okanagan College and Cariboo College) had been circulated and was received for information.

Revised Procedures--Conflict of Interest Policy

The Board was advised of the President's amendments to procedures for administration of the Conflict of Interest policy. The changes addressed several issues raised by the Concordia reports.

The ambiguity surrounding the amount of time in a year that a faculty member could devote to outside professional activities without seeking advance permission of the head has been clarified.

The procedures have been modified to introduce a standard university format to be used by all members of faculty for annual disclosure of all outside professional activities, or for affirmation by signature that there have been none.

Standing Report on Endowments--Academic Standing Report on Endowments--Scholarships and Awards

The above-referenced standing reports had been circulated and were received for information.

CORRESPONDENCE

The following items of correspondence had been circulated and were received for information.

December 12, 1994
Sarah Lotz re Fine Arts Space

January 6, 1995
B. Crompton to Lloyd Axworthy re Review
of Social Services

OTHER BUSINESS

UBC Health Sciences Week 1995

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the week of October 8-14, 1995, be and is hereby designated as UBC Health Sciences Week.

CARRIED.

Communications Plan--As Adopted by Management

The UBC Communications Plan dated January 3, 1995, prepared by the University Relations Department, External Affairs Division had been circulated and was received for information. The revised plan is management's plan to implement the communications policy of the Board.

Standing Report on Policy Development

The Standing Report on Policy Development dated December 28, 1994, had been circulated and was received for information.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.