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THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Thursday, May 21, 1998, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board and Senate Room, Old Administration Building.

Present: Ms Shirley Chan, Chair

Chancellor William L. Sauder

Dr. Martha C. Piper, President

Mr. Larry I. Bell

Ms Jennie Chen

Dr. Joanne Emerman

Mr. Kenneth V. Georgetti

Mr. Harold C. Kalke

Dr. Roslyn Kunin

Ms Lois Moen

Ms Guninder C. Mumick (For part of the meeting)

Mr. James Pond

Ms Marion J. J. York

Messages of regret for absence were received from Dr. Philip Resnick and Ms Linda Thorstad.

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board

Dr. Barry C. McBride, Vice President, Academic & Provost

Dr. Bernie Bressler, Vice President Research

Dr. Maria Klawe, Vice President Student and Academic Services

Mr. Terry Sumner, Vice President, Administration & Finance

Dr. C. E. Slonecker, Acting, Vice President, External Affairs

Mr. Dennis Pavlich, Associate Vice President Academic & Legal Affairs

Mr. Frank Eastham, Associate Vice President Human Resources

Mr. Geoff Atkins, Associate Vice President Land and Building Services

Dr. John Chase, Director, Office of Budget and Planning

Ms Paula Martin, Manager, Public Affairs Office

Mr. Al Poettcker, Vice Chair & CEO, UBC REC

REMARKS

Board Chair

Congratulations

Ms Shirley Chan expressed congratulations to the following:

- Mr. Kenneth V. Georgetti on being given the Order of B.C.
- Dr. Maria Klawe, Mr. James Pond and Mr. Geoff Atkins for completing the Vancouver Marathon.
- Dr. Martha Piper on receiving an honorary degree from McGill University.

NAUBCS Conference Montreal

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Mr. Harold Kalke and Ms Marion York reported on the NAUBCS Conference held in Montreal April 30 to May 3, 1998.

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Ms Shirley Chan reminded Board members that UBC and SFU will be joint hosts of the 1999 NAUBCS Conference. The conference will be held at The Bayshore from April 30 to May 2, 1999. The theme of the conference is "The University and the Community." Ms Chan indicated that she would very much appreciate input from Board members regarding speakers and suitable topics.

President

Dr. Martha C. Piper reported on the following.

- Vision Paper--The Draft Green Paper on the Vision "Trek 2000" has been widely distributed. A variety of comments have been received, and there will be an Open Forum on the Vision Paper on May 22nd.
- Dr. Piper alerted Board members to the first annual general meeting of the University. This will be held at a downtown location (probably Robson Square) on October 7, 1998, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.
- Dr. Piper reported on her trip to Dallas to meet with Dr. Cecil Green and to Scotland to Universitas 21.
- Dr. Piper was pleased to report that The Honourable Andrew Petter had made an announcement of a significant contribution to the B.C. Knowledge Development Fund i.e. \$100 million over six years.

OPEN AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the following items designated "consent" on the open agenda of the May 21, 1998 Board meeting be and are hereby approved as presented.

CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION

Planning & Property

Minor Capital and Cyclical Maintenance Budgets

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the following 1998-99 capital budgets be and are hereby approved as per Schedule A.

Minor Capital \$8,034,000

Cyclical Maintenance 6,352,500

Safer Campus 450,000

Access Funds 600,000

CARRIED.

Finance

Contribution Agreement between Forest Renewal BC and The University of British Columbia

This agreement provides UBC with an \$8.5 million grant from Forest Renewal BC to be invested by the University with the income to be used to further advance papermaking initiatives.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the agreement dated March 31, 1998, between Forest Renewal BC and The University of British Columbia be approved; and that the University signing officers are hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the University.

CARRIED.

Teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund 1998-99

This fund was established as part of the tuition increase plan adopted by the Board of Governors at its February 7, 1991, meeting. As an integral part of the decision, the Board made a commitment to establish a fund for enhancing teaching and learning which was expected upon completion to total 4.5% of credit tuition fees.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors hereby receives the report on the allocation of the teaching and Learning Enhancement Fund of \$1,756,000 for 1998-99.

CARRIED.

Actions arising from AMS Referendum

In the Spring Term, the Alma Mater Society sought approval by referendum to increase the AMS fees. The Board was advised that the referendum achieved quorum and all three initiatives were approved.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

1. That the Alma Mater Society Fees be increased from \$39.50 to \$55.50 per year effective September 1, 1998, and allocated as follows:

Athletics and Intramurals \$ 3.00

Student Aid Bursary Fund \$12.00

Student Legal Fund \$ 1.00

Students who are taking fewer than 18 credits will be assessed at \$3.08 per credit.

2. That the Alma Mater Society Fees be increased by an additional \$3.00 per

year for each of the years 1999/2000 through 2002/03 and that the additional fee be allocated to Athletics and Intramurals.

CARRIED.

Increase to Family and Nutritional Sciences Undergraduate Society Contribution

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Family and Nutritional Sciences Undergraduate Society Contribution be increased from \$7 per year to:

\$82 per year for second year students

\$57 per year for third year students, and

\$32 per year for fourth year students,

and that any such donations in excess of \$7 per year be allocated as a contribution to the Class Act Program;

and further that students in the Family and Nutritional Sciences Undergraduate Society who wish to opt out of this contribution may do so by applying in person to the Family and Nutritional Sciences Undergraduate Society office in the School of Family and Nutritional Sciences. Students must apply by the end of the second week of classes. Adjustments will be credited to the student's tuition account.

CARRIED.

Academic & Student Affairs

Endowment Deeds

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the following Endowment Deeds be and are hereby approved:

Faculty of Arts--First Nations Studies Endowment Deed

Office of the Coordinator of Health Sciences--British Columbia Health Association Legacy Award Endowment Deed

VP Student and Academic Services--Harry Hawthorn Foundation Endowment Deed

Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration--Hongkong Bank Visiting Chair in International Business Endowment Deed (Amended Deed)

CARRIED.

Recommendations 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.

Meeting of April 15, 1998

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors concurs with the recommendation of Senate in approving enrolment quotas for 1998-99 as listed. (Approved as required under the University Act, Section 27 (2)(r) 37 (l)(o) and 38).

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Applied Science, Education and Science be approved. (Approved as required under the University Act, Sections 37 (l)(i)(o) and 38).

CARRIED.

Meeting of May 20, 1998

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the new awards listed be approved. (Approved as required under the University Act, Sections 37 (I)(i) and 38).

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the curriculum proposals from the Faculties of Arts, Graduate Studies and Pharmaceutical Sciences be approved. (Approved as required under the University Act, Sections 37 (I)9i)(o) and 38).

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board concurs with the recommendation of Senate in approving a proposal to change the Hongkong Bank Chair in Asian Commerce to create two professorships and one visiting chair s follows:

- 1. Hongkong Bank Professorship in Asian Commerce**
- 2. Hongkong Bank Professorship in Asian Business**
- 3. Hongkong Bank Visiting Chair in International Business**

(Approved as required under the University Act, Sections 37 (I)(i) (o) and 38)

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors approves the recommendation of Senate with respect to the establishment of a Centre for International Health. (Approved as required under the University Act, Sections 37 (l)(i)(o) and 38).

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors approves the recommendation of Senate with respect to the establishment of an Institute of Aboriginal Health. (Approved as required under the University Act, Section 37 (l)(i) and (o) and 38).

CARRIED.

Alcohol Policy

The policy dated April 30, 1998, entitled "Serving and Consumption of Alcohol at University Events or on University Premises" had been circulated.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Alcohol Policy dated April 30, 1998, be and is hereby approved.

CARRIED.

Other Business

WCUMBS Management Council Appointment

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors hereby appoints Dr. Robert E. DeWreede, Professor of Botany, to the Management Council of the Western Canadian Universities Marine Biological Society (WCUMBS) for the two year period July 1, 1998, to June 30, 2000.

CARRIED.

Extension of Vice-President Academic & Provost's appointment to the Hamber Foundation

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the appointment of Dr. Barry C. McBride, Vice President, Academic and Provost, to the Board of the Hamber Foundation be extended through February 2001.

CARRIED.

Reappointment of Dean of Medicine, Dr. John Cairns, to the Board of Trustees of Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That Dr. John Cairns, Dean of Medicine, be reappointed to the Board of Trustees of Vancouver Hospital and Health Sciences Centre, for three years from April 25, 1998, through April 24, 2001.

CARRIED.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Finance

Resolutions proposed by Mr. James Pond

Financial burden imposed by fees for a Master of Science in Genetic Counselling

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors hereby directs the University Administration to

report back on the whole issue of the costing of programs and fee structures, with a specific recommendation on the fee level for the genetic counselling program; and further that Policy #72 and financial aid for students be reviewed.

CARRIED.

Fee Increases for Cooperative Programs

IT WAS RESOLVED,

Whereas the Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act prohibits any increases to tuition fees charged by post secondary institutions for the period beginning on April 1, 1996, and ending on March 31, 1998;

Whereas the Honourable Mr. Justice Holmes states in the case of Attaran and others v. University of British Columbia, S.C.B.C. No.A972037, January 22, 1998 (Vancouver Registry) that:

The intent apparent by a reading of the Act appears consonant with the view that the legislative purpose of the freeze was to keep the cost of higher education to students affordable within the freeze period. A government press release announcing the freeze spoke of the government's commitment "to protecting affordable, accessible education... despite recent federal budget cuts."

Therefore, the Board of Governors decides to reimburse the incremental tuition fee increases levied in the 1996-97 and 1997-98 academic years, as inconsistent with the Tax and Consumer Rate Freeze Act, to all participating students in the Cooperative Education programs, in the amount of:

1996-97 \$125.00

1997-98 \$100.00

The Board orders that students continuing to be fee-paying and enrolled at the University shall be reimbursed by credit to their student financial account; and students no longer enrolled shall be refunded automatically by the Registrar; and that all other special fees be held at the 1997-98 level for the 1998-99 academic year.

CARRIED.

Government and Community Relations

III Pacific Games--Vancouver June 16-29, 2001--UBC participation and involvement

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board approves the participation of the University in the III Pacific Games to be held in Vancouver June 16-29, 2001; and that the President be and is hereby authorized to enter into formal negotiations with the Pacific Games Organizing Committee as outlined in the document entitled "III Pacific Games Recommendation and Background, May, 1998." It is understood that the contract between the University and the Pacific Games Organizing Committee will be presented to the Board for approval.

CARRIED.

It was suggested that a social audit be done of the program.

OPEN INFORMATION ITEMS

Planning & Property

Major Projects Status Report

The major projects status report dated May 7, 1998, had been circulated and was received for information.

UBC Properties Inc.--Standing Report

The Board received the UBC Properties Inc. standing report dated May 4, 1998.

East Campus Project

A report dated May 8, 1998, on the East Campus project was received for information. It was noted that the public meeting for Stage I of the East Campus Project was held on April 23rd from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Asian Centre. Campus Planning & Development will submit a report to the July Board of Governors' meeting on Stage I of the Development Permit Process.

Planning Council--Report

Mr. Harold Kalke reported that we are making very good progress with an exercise that has proven to be very challenging. The objective is to put in place planning principles that depart from the typical North American planning model that is focussed around a master plan. We are, instead, focussing on incrementalism. We need to make the campus more whole, to mesh in with the OCP and to consider how this will all happen with governance.

University Gathering Place

The Board at its meeting on March 19, 1998, had given approval to proceed on the Phase I renovation of the University Gathering Place subject to finalizing the lease contract with the Peter Wall Institute. Dr. Slonecker reported that the contract with the Peter Wall Institute had been finalized on April 30, 1998, and it was hoped that the renovation work would commence on July 1, 1998. The goal is to have the building open by January 1999.

Point Grey Cliff Erosion

A report dated April 1998 entitled "Point Grey Cliff Erosion--Impact on UBC" prepared by David Grigg, P.Eng. had been circulated.

Stormwater overflows from the UBC drainage system are causing erosion of the cliff faces at both the north and south end of the Campus. Since this issue was brought before the Board earlier in the year, further investigation has taken place on the north campus vertical drain outlet to ensure the system is in a good state of repair and free of blockages. A thorough inspection by divers in late April has confirmed this. Attention will now be brought to bear on the capacity of the system to handle the volume of stormwater deluging the drains. Alternative stormwater management techniques will also be investigated during the next four months to mitigate the flows. A longer-term plan will be formulated to deal with all causes of erosions to avoid piecemeal solutions.

The Administration was applauded for taking the foregoing actions.

Governance Update

An update on the status of the municipal governance issue had been circulated. It was noted that the Governance Committee has met and the Consultant reporting to this Committee has been engaged. The University has engaged its own consultants for this work, and the University Resource Committee has been created. Technical analysis of the governance options has started, and guiding principles for UBC are being drafted to help narrow the range of acceptable outcomes.

Mr. Harold Kalke noted that a workshop on governance for members of the Board of

Governors has been arranged on June 5, 1998. He urged Board members to attend stating that is an issue of vital importance to the Board.

Finance

Business Relations Update

An update on Business-Education partnership initiatives had been circulated and was received for information.

Business-Education Partnership Advisory Committee--Draft Report

The Board received a draft report from the Advisory Committee for UBC Business-Education Partnerships. It was noted that the Board will receive a final report for approval following campus consultation on this issue.

Mr. Pavlich requested feedback from members of the Board regarding the Advisory Committee's report. He acknowledged the contribution of Professor Wayne Norman, Centre for Applied Ethics, in the development of the guidelines.

Donations for the quarter ended March 31, 1998

The donations report for the quarter ended March 31, 1998, as well as the five year summary for the same quarter had been circulated and was received for information.

The Board noted that contributions from Alumni are increasing and applauded the President for her work in this area. The Board requested that the President review the strategic plan on fund raising in light of the vision statement.

Student Aid Fund Report for 1997-98

The Student Aid Fund Report for 1997-98 had been circulated and was received for information.

Campus Connectivity Project--Update

Dr. Maria Klawe provided, for the information of the Board, a report dated May 1998 on the Campus Connectivity Project. It was noted that Phase One of the Project is now well underway. The Curtis Building, comprising the Faculty of Law and Law Library, is nearing completion. Construction and infrastructure upgrades are in place, and the process of migrating individual faculty members to the new network is in progress.

Academic & Student Affairs

Invite Deans, in turn, to Academic & Student Affairs to discuss broader vision for their area

It was noted that the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Science, Dr. Michael Isaacson, had made an excellent presentation on the issues facing his faculty to the Academic & Student Affairs committee meeting on May 14, 1998.

Research Awareness Campaign--Update

Dr. Bernie Bressler, Vice President Research, presented a report highlighting the first six months of the Research Awareness Campaign. He provided a summary of activities held and ongoing events.

Dr. Bressler acknowledged the tremendous contribution of Dr. Richard Spratley, Mr. Charlie Ker and Ms Susan Heming for their work on the campaign.

Government and Community Relations

Winter Olympics 2010

Mr. Kenneth Georgetti indicated that there were huge concerns regarding this proposal that have to be dealt with. However, he felt that the upsides are worthy of our consideration.

Dr. Maria Klawe outlined the proposed schedule of campus consultations. She indicated that a decision will be requested of the Board at its July 16, 1998, meeting. Dr. Piper stated that the University would also be looking at the experience gained by the University of Calgary.

Ms Lois Moen, noting that the Olympics are becoming more and more political, expressed concern with respect to safety issues. Dr. Joanne Emerman felt that transportation should be looked at very carefully.

Occupational Health & Safety

Sustainable Development Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan dated May 1998 for the UBC Campus Sustainability Office and Policy #5 Sustainable Development were received for information. It was noted that the following were available from the Secretary to the Board of Governors.

The Talloires Declaration

The Halifax Declaration

In addition, Dr. Wayne Greene circulated a document entitled "Executive Overview Scorecard 1997."

It was noted that the newly appointed Director of Sustainability, Ms Freda Pagani (reporting to the Associate Vice President, Land and Building Services) will be responsible for ensuring the implementation of the policy, and will chair the Advisory Committee on Sustainable Development and Greening the Campus. The advisory committee reports to the Vice President, Administration and Finance for operational matters, and to the Vice President, Academic and Provost for academic matters.

Annual Report--Health Safety & Environment

The Health, Safety and Environment 1997 Annual Report had been circulated and

was received for information.

Employee Relations

Annual Report and Financial Statements--UBC Faculty Pension Plan

The UBC Faculty Pension Plan annual report and financial statements for 1997 had been circulated and were received for information.

Ms Dianne Perepelecta, Executive Director Operations, Faculty Pension Plan, was in attendance and responded to questions from Board members regarding the Faculty Pension Plan.

Other Business

Annual Communications Report 1997-98

The Board received the annual Communications Report for 1997-98.

SUPERCON Conference

Ms Jennie Chen reported that a student leader's conference (SUPERCON) would be held on campus in the near future. The conference will involve approximately 170 delegates from across Canada who will come together to discuss current issues of mutual concern.

APPOINTMENTS, RE-APPOINTMENTS, CHANGES TO START DATES, CHANGE TO STARTING SALARY, CORRECTION, RESIGNATIONS, DEATHS

The Board of Governors at its meeting of May 1, 1998 approved the following recommendations and received notice about the following items.

Joanne Emerman, Associate Dean, Research, Faculty of Medicine, Dec. 1, 1997 to June 30, 2000.

Marguerite Yee, Associate Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Jan. 1, 1998 to June

30, 1999.

Philip Harding, Head, Department of Classical, Near Eastern and Religious Studies, July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2003.

Uri Ascher, Director, Institute of Applied Mathematics, July 1, 1998 to Dec. 31, 1998.

Anne Carswell, Director, School of Rehabilitation Sciences, Jan. 1, 1998 to Dec. 31, 2002.

Kishor Wasan, Director, Summer Student Programs, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, July 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000.

Charles Slonecker, Director, Ceremonies Office, April 1, 1998 to March 31, 1999.

Stephen Ward, Associate Professor, School of Journalism, July 1, 1998 (with tenure).

Dennis Bendickson, Instructor I, Department of Forest Resources Management, Jan. 1, 1998 to June 30, 2000.

Kendall Ho, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Jan. 1, 1998 to June 30, 2001.

RESIGNATIONS

Scott Taylor, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, June 30, 1998.

Alan Siaroff, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, June 30, 1998.

Pitman Potter, as Associate Dean, Faculty of Law, Feb. 23, 1998 (to continue as Professor).

Steffanie Strathdee, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Care and Epidemiology, May 31, 1998 (change of date from July 31, 1998).

Howard Henderson, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, April 30, 1998.

Chris Fibiger, Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Feb. 28, 1998.

Margaret McCuaig, Senior Instructor, School of Rehabilitation Sciences, June 30, 1998.

David McConville, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, March 31, 1998.