

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Thursday, September 26, 2002, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board and Senate Room of the Old Administration Building.

Present: Mr. L. I. (Larry) Bell, Chair
Dr. Martha C. Piper, President
Chancellor Allan McEachern
Ms Nicole Byres
Dr. Dennis Danielson
Mr. Mark Fraser
Mr. Martin Glynn
Ms Jay Grewal
Mr. Erfan Kazemi
Dr. Gregory A. Lawrence
Ms Karen Nishi
Mr. Ben Pong
Mr. John Reid
Mr. Bryce Rositch
Ms Linda E. Thorstad

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board
Dr. Barry C. McBride, Vice President Academic & Provost
Mr. Terry Sumner, Vice President, Administration and Finance
Dr. Indira Samarasekera, Vice President, Research
Mr. Brian Sullivan, Vice President, Students
Mr. Dennis Pavlich, Vice President External and Legal Affairs
Mr. Geoff Atkins, Associate Vice President, Land and Building Services
Mr. Al Poettcker, President & CEO, UBC Properties Trust

OPEN AGENDA

REMARKS

Board Chair (Mr. Larry Bell)

The Board Chair welcomed Ms Karen Nishi back to meetings of the Board following the birth of her son, and presented her with a small gift on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Larry Bell declared a conflict of interest with respect to the following issues:

- Cogeneration Project and Boiler Replacement

- Malcolm Knapp Research Forest Micro-Hydro Project
- Theological Precinct
- 2010 Olympic Bid

Chancellor Allan McEachern declared a conflict of interest with respect to the 2010 Olympic Bid because he is the Ethics Commissioner for the Bid Corporation.

President

President Piper reported on the activities for the past few weeks surrounding new students entering UBC this academic year. She stated that the University was thrilled with the talent pool of students who have made the decision to come to UBC. The President made reference to the very enthusiastic welcome that had been given to the students during the first week including a magnificent “Imagine Day” and the parents’ orientation. The President thanked the Chancellor for his participation as well as Mr. Brian Sullivan and his staff for their significant role in organizing various events.

The President was pleased to report that we have been able to honour our commitment that no student who is admitted outside of the Lower Mainland would be denied access to residence. This was greatly assisted by the fact that Korea U—UBC House had opened on time.

The President made reference to the conference on Global Citizenship that was held on campus on September 4th and 5th. Over 800 people from the community had attended. The President felt that we need to continue to engage the community in this kind of dialogue and interaction. The President thanked Dr. McBride, Dr. Neil Guppy and Dr. Michael Goldberg and their staff for their hard work in organizing this conference.

OPEN AGENDA CONSENT ITEMS

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the following items designated "consent" on the open agenda of the September 26, 2002, Board meeting be and are hereby approved as presented.

CARRIED.

People

Reports and 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.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That, as required under Sections 37 (l)(i)(o) and 38, the Board approves the following actions recommended by Senate.

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the establishment of new awards be approved as listed.

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board concurs with the recommendation of Senate in approving name changes for the Centre for Applied Ethics, CORD (Collaboration on Repair Discoveries), the Department of Anatomy, the Department of Ophthalmology, the Institute of International Relations, the Liu Centre for the Study of Global Issues, and the UBC Botanical Garden and Centre for Plant Research.

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board concurs with the recommendation of Senate in approving the merger of the Sustainable Development Research Institute (SDRI) and the Institute for Resources and the Environment (IRE) to establish the Institute for Resources, Environment and Sustainability.

CARRIED.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board hereby approves the establishment of a Chair in Hydrometallurgy Research and a Chair in Sustainable Aquaculture.

CARRIED.

Learning and Research

Endowments

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors approves the following Endowment Deeds:

A. Faculty of Applied Science

- 1. G. A. Wilson Applied Science Endowment Fund Terms of Reference**
- 2. Chair in Hydrometallurgy Research Endowment Deed**

B. Faculty of Dentistry

- 1. Bhasker Thakore & Nimisha Mehta Community Development Endowment Deed**

C. Faculty of Graduate Studies

- 1. Simons Professorship in Peace and Disarmament Studies at the Liu Institute for Global Issues Endowment Deed**
- 2. Simons Professorship in Human Security at the Liu Institute for Global Issues**

D. Faculty of Medicine

- 1. Department of Ophthalmology Residency Training Endowment Fund Terms of Reference**
- 2. Department of Radiology Academic Enhancement Endowment Fund**

E. Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences

- 1. Bong Pang Yee Pharmaceutical Sciences Endowment Deed**

F. Other

- 1. Museum of Anthropology Endowment Fund Terms of Reference**

CARRIED.

OPEN AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Finance

Health Insurance Fee for International Students

All B.C. residents are required to register with the B.C. Medical Services Plan (MSP) but there is a three-month waiting period for eligibility. For students not already enrolled in a provincial health plan, adequate health insurance is necessary to ensure that neither the student nor their family is faced with catastrophic medical bills. A policy that requires that those students be enrolled in both the bridging insurance and in the BC MSP at registration can be instituted for January 2003. Those students with valid Canadian provincial health insurance will be exempted from the plan.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the Board hereby approves, effective January 2003, a policy requiring all international students who register at UBC to enroll in a health insurance plan which provides adequate coverage for the three-month waiting period for the BC Medical Services Plan.

CARRIED.

Learning and Research

Banff International Research Station (BIRS)

The Banff International Research Station (BIRS) is a collaborative Canada-US venture that will provide the infrastructure for an environment that optimizes opportunities for creative interaction and the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and methods within the mathematical sciences and their related areas.

In response to a question, Dr. Barry McBride stated that all the funding for this initiative is from external sources.

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That approval is granted to the University Administration to negotiate and conclude a contract between the Banff Centre for Continuing Education and the Banff International Research Station of which UBC is one of five university partners through the Pacific Institute of Mathematical Sciences.

CARRIED.

OPEN INFORMATION ITEMS

Planning & Property

Major Projects Status Report

The Major Projects Status Report for September 2002 had been circulated and was received for information.

Mr. Larry Bell noted that the “Landscaping Project” will be added to the next report. Mr. Bell also made reference to the need to determine our policy with respect to utilities in connection with market housing.

In response to a question, Mr. Geoff Atkins stated that he hoped to bring forward the issue of design of the entrance to the University to the next Board meeting.

Hampton Place Service Levy Report

The Board received a report on the Hampton Place Services Levy for the year ended March 31, 2002. This report on the collected levy and associated expenditures for Hampton Place residences is to demonstrate that measures of accountability are in place for orderly stewardship of the lease agreement between UBC and its tenants.

Parking Update

A status update on parking dated September 2002 had been circulated and was received for information.

Mr. Bell made reference to the concern expressed by some Board members in connection with localized disruption of parking because of construction activities. The Property & Planning Committee had asked that this matter be returned to the November Board meeting to attempt to address the concerns expressed regarding adjacencies.

Relocation of TRIUMF House (Board 2)

The following, with respect to Board 2 for the relocation of TRIUMF House, was provided for information only since this facility will be funded and operated by TRIUMF, not UBC.

Preliminary capital budget	\$2,080,000
Preliminary operating budget	N/A
Schedule	Occupancy September 2004
Program	14,375 sq. ft. building—35 bedrooms
Consultants	Graham Crockart Architect Inc.
Funding release	N/A—funded by TRIUMF
Expenses to date	N/A—paid by TRIUMF

University Learning Centre

It was noted that a power point presentation on the University Learning Centre had been made by Mr. Geoff Atkins at the Property & Planning Committee meeting.

President Piper indicated that there would be an announcement next week regarding the donor and the provincial government's commitment to the project. The President anticipated that Board 2 recommendations would be coming to the next Board meeting.

Finance

TRIUMF Financial Statements

The TRIUMF financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2002, had been circulated and were received for information.

People

Award Winners

The listing of award winners had been circulated and was received for information.

It was noted that a former member of the Board, Dr. Roslyn Kunin, had been appointed as a Member of the Order of Canada.

Alumni Association Report

An update on Alumni Association activities was received for information.

Tuition and Fees Consultation Process

The Board received for information a proposed schedule, with target meeting dates, for the Tuition and Fees Consultation Process for this academic year.

Mr. Brian Sullivan indicated that the consultation process was already well underway. He noted that the tuition issue would be coming to the Board in January 2003 instead of March.

Ms Nicole Byres commended Mr. Brian Sullivan and his staff for their commitment in engaging in this extensive consultation process.

The Board Chair indicated that Mr. John Reid, in consultation with Mr. Terry Sumner, would review the issue of operational efficiencies with a view to reporting back to the next Board meeting.

Student Financial Assistance—Update

To fulfill the Board's resolution of March 14, 2002, the Administration proposed, at the May 2002 Board meeting, a set of initiatives to communicate and implement the Board's policy to ensure that students in financial need are offered the assistance they require to enroll or continue in their studies.

A report on student financial support initiatives was received for information.

Admissions and Access

An update on the UBC undergraduate admissions process was received for information.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Ben Pong expressed thanks to Chancellor McEachern for taking a leading role in developing a comprehensive recommendation with respect to admissions and access.

Following a discussion, the President indicated that a national study prepared by the Millennium Foundation had just been released that looks at a lot of questions raised by Mr. Rositch et al which does give us some comparative data. Dr. Piper indicated that the study was on the web.

An observation was made that the banks are opting out of student loan program and a question was raised regarding the default rate on student loans at UBC. It was the President's recollection that our default rate on student loans is below the national average. Mr. Brian Sullivan undertook to bring data on UBC's default rate back to the Board in November.

A concern was expressed whether admission to the University system is given to students based entirely on grade point averages without consideration to leadership activities.

Learning & Research

International Strategy—Update—Presentation from Dr. Michael Goldberg

Dr. Gregory Lawrence indicated that Dr. Michael Goldberg had given the Learning & Research Committee a very interesting presentation on international

strategies.

Indirect Costs of Research—Accountability Document

A report presented by the Vice President Research describing the allocations made to units on campus in support of indirect costs of research had been circulated and was received for information. The Board Chair commended Dr. Samarasekera on an admirable piece of work on this issue.

Dr. Lawrence felt that the matter would continue to come back to the Board for further discussion.

Community and International

President's Tour Schedule with Alumni Receptions

A report on the President's upcoming travel schedule in connection with Alumni events had been circulated and was received for information.

In response to a question, President Piper outlined briefly the University's strategy for the next few years in relation to alumni activities. It was hoped to involve the Alumni in the following areas.

- Recruitment of students
- Co-op and internship placements
- Building support for the University
- Building strong branches in key areas in Canada and Internationally

Government Relations—Report on Activities

A report providing a brief overview of government relations activities at UBC in 2002 had been circulated and was received for information.

It was noted that UBC is only one of three universities in Canada that have a Government Relations office.

Mr. Rositch stated that there had been a suggestion at the Community and International meeting regarding the possibility of involving Board members in informal lunches or dinners with key government or semi-government sectors.

Annual General Meeting

It was noted that the Annual Report theme will be "What do you think?"

The Board was also advised that the AGM is now scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2002, at Robson Square, and that the guest speaker will be Dr. Stephen Jarislowsky.

Ms Jay Grewal felt that this was an excellent opportunity to make corporate B.C. aware of the economic effect UBC has on the province in terms of the employment base, revenue, budgets, etc.

Robson Square—Update

Dr. Barry McBride reported that Dr. Deborah Nelson had been appointed as Executive Director.

President Piper made reference to three events in the past week that have taken place at Robson Square that would not have come out to the Point Grey Campus i.e. Speech by the Governor of the Bank of Canada, David Dodge, Launch of the United Way Campaign for the Lower Mainland and Shad Valley Breakfast. These types of connections with the community are an important aspect of the Robson Square campus.

Universitas 21 Update

Dr. McBride reported that the development of programs was moving ahead on schedule, and that the first materials should be received in the near future.