

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, April 14, 1994, in the Board Room of the University at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Gardiner, Chair
Dr. Arthur May, President
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic)
Dr. Ches Blackwood
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell
Ms. Laurie Combdon
Ms. Mary Ennis
Mr. Chris Facey
Mr. Ray Goulding
Mr. Sean Hanrahan
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds
Mr. Raymond Rose
Ms. Grace Stapleton
Mr. Brian Taite
Ms. Betty Williams
Ms. Maureen Woodrow
Mr. Mel Woodward
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. Gerry Bishop, Ms. Barbara Lewis, Mr. Earle McCurdy, Mr. George Neal, Mr. Alexander Roche, and Ms. Heather Tulk.

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Mr. Wayne Thistle, Vice-President (Administration and Finance).

1. LAST MEETING FOR BRIAN TAITE

The Chair advised that this was the last meeting for Brian Taite, one of the student representatives on the Board, and presented him with a certificate of appreciation. The Chair thanked Brian for his contribution to the University while a member of the Board and

those present joined the Chair in wishing him well in his future endeavours.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents held on Thursday, March 10, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board.

3. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Dr. Ches Blackwood, and accepted by the Board. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the following resolutions were passed with respect to the items which required specific approval of the Board:

ITEM 1 – ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the establishment of the following scholarships:

- 1) The Sisters of Mercy Anniversary Scholarship (Endowed scholarship valued at a minimum of \$1,000.00 annually).
- 2) Syncare Entrance Award (Funded Award valued at \$1,000.00 annually).

ITEM 2 – BOTANICAL GARDENS INCORPORATED

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the incorporation of the Botanical Gardens Inc.

ITEM 3 – TUITION REFUND POLICY CALENDAR ENTRY

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the tuition refund policy calendar entry for withdrawals and refunds

ITEM 4 – EARLY RETIREMENT PROGRAM

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to an extension of the early retirement program on an informal basis for a one year period to be funded from operations, with an annual reporting to be provided to the Finance Committee of the savings realized from the program.

ITEM 5 – REVIEW OF DOCUMENTATION TO BE PROVIDED TO THE AUDITOR GENERAL

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the release of documentation as requested by the Auditor General, with the exception of the following:

- 1) Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Regents, Management Committee and Audit Committee from April 1, 1992 to the present.
- 2) A copy of reports prepared by internal audit.

2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Sean Hanrahan, and accepted by the Board.

3. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Campus Planning Committee meetings held on March 29, 1994, and April 6, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Sean Hanrahan, and accepted by the Board. The

following resolution was passed with respect to the item contained in the March 29, 1994 minutes, which required Board approval:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to a change in the Terms of Reference of the Campus Planning Committee to accommodate two members from the Staff.

4. PENSIONS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business Transacted at the Pensions Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

5. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business Transacted at the Employee Benefits Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 14, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Chris Facey and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

6. NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE

A verbal report of the business transacted at the meeting of the Nomenclature Committee held on Thursday, April 14, 1994, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds. The following resolutions were passed with respect to the items which required approval of the Board:

A. DOYLE HOUSE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval that the name of Doyle House not be changed.

B. COUGHLAN COLLEGE

That the Board of Regents grants approval that Coughlan College be renamed Coughlan House.

Ms. Reynolds further reported that the committee recommended the naming of the various Quads on campus and that suggestions for names would be requested from the general university community through the MUN Gazette.

Ms. Reynolds also reported that from time to time some of the larger municipal councils in the province have requested the public to submit names for streets within newly constructed subdivisions and the Board was requested to give some thought to suggesting a list of appropriate names that would reflect the University's presence in these subdivisions.

4. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

1. MAY BOARD MEETING IN CORNER BROOK

Circulated for information prior to the meeting was a Schedule of Events for the Board meeting and Convocation to be held in Corner Brook on May 12, 13, 14, 1994.

2. RESIGNATION OF MR. TOM WOODFORD

The Chair tabled a letter from Mr. Tom Woodford in which he offered his resignation as a member of the Board of Regents. The Board requested the Secretary to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Woodford for his contribution to the Board of Regents during the past several years.

3. STUDENT ATTITUDE SURVEY REPORT

Circulated for information were copies of a Student Attitude Survey Report prepared by the Political Science Society, who were concerned by evidence of apathy and alienation within the student body at MUN. The Vice-President (Academic) spoke briefly to this report acknowledging that he thought it was an excellent survey and advised that he would be in touch with the Political Science Society students on a regular basis regarding pooling of information.

5. SENATE

The Minutes of the regular meeting of Senate held on Tuesday, March 1, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the President and accepted by the Board. Specific approval was given to the following item:

ITEM 42 – BUSINESS ARISING

ITEM 43 – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SENATE

ITEM 43.1, 43.2, AND 43.7

6. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

1. MARINE INSTITUTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Marine Institute Advisory Committee was circulated prior to the meeting and the President recommended Board approval. The following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the following Terms of Reference for the Marine Institute Advisory Committee:

The Committee established under Section 71(1) of The Memorial University Act is recognized as the primary source of industry advice for the Board of Regents, Senate and senior management respecting fisheries and marine related programs and activities carried out at the Fisheries and Marine Institute.

The Committee shall promote the advancement of the Institute's mandate expressed in Section 70(5) of the Act through:

(a) Providing advice regarding the provision of resources for new programs/activities and the withdrawal of support for established programs/activities all with respect to their relevance to the evolving mandate of the Institute and the needs of its client industry;

(b) Providing advice regarding the long term plans, strategic initiatives and annual budget priorities of the Institute;

(c) Recommending operational and academic reviews;

(d) Proposing such measures as to facilitate industry/institute liaison and cooperation.

The Committee shall therefore organize the conduct of its affairs, including the timing, procedure for meetings and establishment of subcommittees as it desires in accordance with the performance of this function.

2. SPRING CONVOCATION AND HONORARY DEGREE RECIPIENTS

The President informed the Board that there would be seven sessions at the upcoming Spring Convocation to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 26, 27 and 28. He also informed the Board of the recipients of the honorary degrees to be awarded at these seven sessions along with the honorary degree recipient to be awarded at the Convocation of the School of Fine Arts.

3. TINKER REPORT

Circulated for information prior to the meeting were copies of a report by Dr. Brian Tinker entitled "An Analysis of Certain Provincial Reviews of Universities", which had been distributed to AUCC Executive Heads of AUCC member institutions. The President highlighted several key issues in the report that were common to Memorial in particular as it related to accessibility, accountability, financial issues, and governance.

4. DR. R. OMMER RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GRANT

The Board was advised that the Institute of Social and Economic Research had received a \$1.4 million Grant from the Tri-Council Eco-Research Program to undertake a three-year study entitled Sustainability in a Changing Cold Ocean Coastal Environment. Dr. Rosemary Ommer, Research Director of ISER, will lead the interdisciplinary project which will bring together some 33 researchers from different areas of the University.

5. APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSOR EMERITUS

The following resolution was passed with respect to a recommendation from Senate regarding the appointment of Professor Emeritus:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the recommendation from Senate that Dr. George Story, Department of English Language and Literature, be appointed Professor Emeritus.

6. BUDGET BRIEFING

The President provided the Board with a very detailed progress report of the budget process to date. He advised that the potential deficit for the 1994-95 fiscal year was estimated to be approximately \$4 million. He outlined in detail some areas where the administration may consider meeting the shortfall. The President suggested that prior to the next Board meeting a special meeting be held to provide the Board with more background information on the University's Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.