

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, April 13, 1995 in the Board Room of the University at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Gardiner, Chair  
Ms. Jeannie French, Vice-Chair  
Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor  
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor  
Mr. Gerry Bishop  
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell  
Ms. Mary Ennis  
Mr. Chris Facey  
Mr. Peter Fenwick  
Mr. Sean Hanrahan  
Mr. Ed Kennedy  
Ms. Barbara Lewis  
Dr. Robert MacLeod  
Ms. Frankie O'Neill  
Mr. David Power  
Mr. Alexander Roche  
Mr. Raymond Rose  
Ms. Grace Stapleton  
Ms. Heather Tulk  
Ms. Betty Williams  
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. David Andrews, Dr. Ches Blackwood, Ms. Gudrid Hutchings, Mr. George Neal, Ms. Maureen Woodrow and Mr. Mel Woodward.

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents held on Thursday, March 9, 1995, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board.

## 2. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

### 1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 1995, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Gerry Bishop, and accepted by the Board. The following resolutions were passed with respect to the items which required specific approval of the Board:

#### ITEM A – COMPENSATION FOR RESIDENCE PREFECTS AT SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE

##### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the following compensation package for Residence Prefects at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, effective September 1, 1995:

##### Senior Prefect (1):

- \$400 per semester
- free residence room (current value – \$730 per semester)
- free telephone service (excluding long distance charges)

##### Other Prefects (5):

- \$300 per semester
- free residence room (current value – \$730 per semester)

#### ITEM B – CUSTODIAL COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

##### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the ratification of the Custodial Collective Agreement, which covers the period commencing April 1, 1994 and ending December 31, 1996.

ITEM C – AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY  
PENSIONS ACT

RESOLVED:

Portability of Employer Pension Contributions

That a proposal to introduce portability on a commuted value basis, upon vesting, be submitted to the Provincial Government.

Increase Survivor Benefits

That the proposal to increase survivor pension benefits from 55% to 60% be resubmitted to the Provincial Government subject to a favourable actuarial valuation, at 31 March 1995, sufficient to fund this improved benefit without requirement for a pension contribution rate increase.

Reduce Vesting Period

That the proposal to reduce the vesting period from ten years to five years be resubmitted to the Provincial Government, along with the advice of the actuary that it would not be necessary to increase the existing pension contribution rate to finance this benefit improvement.

Introduce Stacking of Pension Benefits for Future Service

That the proposal to provide stacking of pension benefits for future service be deferred at this time.

ITEM D – CAMPUS NETWORK CONTRACT

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to proceed with the installation of a campus network with an estimated net cost to the University of \$3.66 million plus tax, the expenditure to be amortized over a period projected to be seven years.

2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 1995, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Grace Stapleton, and accepted by the Board.

### 3. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Committee, Ms. Grace Stapleton, provided an oral Summary of Business Transacted at the Employee Benefits Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 1995. There were no items requiring Board approval.

### 4. PENSIONS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business Transacted at the Pensions Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 1995, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Frankie O'Neill, and accepted by the Board.

The proposed amendments to the Memorial University Pensions Act, which had been referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and were approved under the Finance Committee items, were endorsed by the Pensions Committee.

### 3. SENATE

The Minutes of the regular meetings of Senate held on Tuesday, February 14, 1995, and Tuesday, March 14, 1995, were presented by the President and accepted by the Board. Specific approval was given to the following item:

ITEM 37 – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
ITEM 37.43 AND 37.52

### 4. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROFESSORS – 1995

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of the recommendation from the selection committee for the appointment of the University Research Professorship for 1995 and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to a recommendation that the following be awarded the title of University Research Professor for 1995:

Dr. Patrick Parfrey, Faculty of Medicine  
Dr. Laurence Thompson, Department of Chemistry

#### 5. NAMING OF THE FERRISS HODGETT LIBRARY

The Academic Council of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College made a recommendation to the Campus Planning and Development Committee to name the Library Building in memory of the late Mr. Ferriss Hodgett, who was involved in the initial planning and development of the Corner Brook campus and became its first Vice-Principal. After much discussion the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval that the Library located in the new building under construction at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College be named "The Ferriss Hodgett Library".

#### 6. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Circulated for information were copies of a letter and attached document from the Secretary of Senate requesting Board approval to the amendments to the Constitution of the Academic Council of the School of Music. On the recommendation of Senate, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the amendments to the Constitution of the Academic Council of the School of Music as outlined in the document attached to a letter dated March 15, 1995 to the Board Secretary from the Secretary of Senate.

#### 7. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

## 1. MAY BOARD MEETING IN CORNER BROOK

Circulated for information was a schedule of events for the Board meeting and Convocation to be held in Corner Brook May 11 and 12, 1995.

## 2. JANEWAY/MEDICAL SCHOOL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

The Board's representative on the Janeway/Medical School Joint Liaison Committee, Ms. Frankie O'Neill, provided the Board with a report of activities of the last meeting of this Committee. She informed the Board of several items of importance related to the University. Mr. Thistle and Dr. Tuinman updated the Board on these matters.

## 8. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

### 1. BUDGET BRIEFING

The President provided a preliminary briefing on the 1995-96 budget and advised that the operating grant (excluding the Faculty of Medicine and the Marine Institute) allocated by the Provincial Government this year was approximately \$112 million. He outlined a summary of major items of revenue reductions and required increases for 1995-96 which would leave an estimated projected shortfall of approximately \$8 million. He provided the Board with detailed information of the budget reductions of the previous five years and the impact that these have had on the University. He also advised that he would be meeting with the Government's Planning and Priorities Committee on April 25, 1995 at which time he would present his concerns on the budgetary situation and make representations on a number of other significant initiatives.

Dr. Tuinman advised that negotiations with the faculty with respect to the collective agreement had begun and outlined several areas where significant changes would be necessary. In an effort to keep the Board up to date with the ongoing strategies of the collective bargaining process it was decided to schedule an information session for the afternoon of Thursday, May 11th in Corner Brook.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

### 1. CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated for information were copies of a letter from the President to the Minister of Education regarding his interview with CBC radio concerning the Auditor General's Report as it related to the University; and copies of the President's editorial in the ComMUNicator entitled, "Audits, Auditors and Autonomy".

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.