



Board of Regents

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

A Special meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, 13 August 1999 at the Terra Nova Lodge in Port Blandford, at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Vice-Chair
Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Evan Simpson, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor
Ms. Gail Aylward
Mr. Cyril Bonia
Mr. Robert Brown
Mr. William Dilny
Mr. Fred Durant
Dr. Georgina Hedges
Ms. Nancy Kelly
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Ms. Joan Pinsent
Mr. Stephen Power
Mr. Alexander Roche
Mr. Harvey Short
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. Alick Andrews, Ms. Sharon Duggan, Mr. Peter Fenwick, Dr. Brendan Lewis, Mr. Brendan Paddick, Mr. David Power, Mr. Robert Stack and Ms. Lorelei Stanley.

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Dr. Axel Meisen, President Designate, Mr. Wayne Thistle, Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and Legal Counsel, and Dr. Jack Strawbridge, Director of Faculty Relations.

1. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

The Chair extended a warm welcome to the members who had been elected by the MUN Alumni Association, namely, Ms. Lisa Browne, Mr. Hayward Blake, Mr. Calvin Butt and Mr. Larry Peckford. These members were attending as observers until their appointments become effective on 1 September 1999.

In his words of welcome to the new members, the Chair outlined the operation of the Board and stressed the importance of confidentiality in dealing with Board matters to encourage full and free discussion among members of the Board.

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Chair requested new members to advise the Secretary of their preference for Board committees and if current members wanted to change or remain on their committees. He advised that a committee restructuring will take place later in the year.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents held on 10 June 1999, copies of which were circulated, were accepted by the Board.

4. CHANGE IN TERMINATION DATE FOR DR. MEISEN

The Board agreed to change the termination date of appointment of Dr. Meisen as President and Vice-Chancellor from 30 June 2005 to 31 August 2005, to coincide with the end of the academic year.

5. HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY PROCEEDINGS - 1949

Circulated for information was a copy of the proceedings of the House of Assembly of 1949 which included the legislation conferring upon the Newfoundland Memorial University College the status of a University. The Chair noted that the legislation was given Royal Assent on 13 August 1949, 50 years ago to the date of today's Board meeting.

6. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE ITEMS

A Report of the Appointments Committee items, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Roche, and accepted by the Board. An addendum to the report was also approved by the Board.

7. SPECIAL AND REGULAR FALL CONVOCATION

The Chair advised that Dr. Meisen would be installed as President and Vice-Chancellor at a special session of convocation to be held on 21 October 1999. The Board was advised of the honorary recipients for the special convocation as well as the regular fall convocation.

8. MEETING DATES FOR THE 1999-2000 ACADEMIC YEAR

Dates for meetings of the Board of Regents for the 1999-2000 academic year were agreed upon as follows:

9 September 1999

21 October 1999 (to coincide with the Installation of Dr. Meisen as President and Vice-Chancellor)

9 December 1999

13 January 2000 (to be held in Corner Brook)

9 March 2000

11 May 2000

8 June 2000

9. LABOUR RELATIONS ISSUES

Dr. Strawbridge, Dr. Simpson, Dr. Meisen, Mr. Thistle and Dr. May presented the Board with background information and reference material for the discussion of the issues pertaining to labour relations. The Board examined and explored the strategic directions to be followed in the upcoming negotiations with faculty and staff.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m. on 13 August 1999 and reconvened at 8:30 a.m. on 14 August 1999 with further discussion of the labour relations issues.

The Board considered the strategic directions presented and subsequently reached a consensus. A summary of these matters is retained in Board files.

Dr. Meisen thanked the Board members for their participation and advice in developing the strategic directions of the collective agreements for both faculty and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.