



Board of Regents

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, 14 January 2000 in the Tudor Room of the Glynmill Inn, Corner Brook, at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Vice-Chair
Dr. Axel Meisen, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Evan Simpson, Vice President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor
Mr. Hayward Blake
Mr. Robert Brown
Ms. Lisa Browne
Mr. Calvin Butt
Mr. Chris Decker
Ms. Sharon Duggan
Mr. Fred Durant
Mr. Peter Fenwick
Dr. Georgina Hedges
Mr. Ed Kelly
Ms. Nancy Kelly
Dr. Brendan Lewis
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Mr. Larry Peckford
Mr. David Power
Ms. Lorelei Stanley
Ms. Susan Wood
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair of the Board, Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor, Mr. Alick Andrews, Ms. Gail Aylward, Mr. Brendan Paddick, Ms. Joan Pinsent, and Mr. Harvey Short.

ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR

In the absence of the Chair of the Board, Mr. Roberts, the Vice-Chair of the Board, Mr. Bonnell, acted as Chair.

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 9 December 1999, copies of which were circulated, were accepted by the Board, as amended.

2. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Meisen reported to the Board on recruitment initiatives. He advised that emphasis will be placed on the smaller communities within the province and the international market. He will be emphasizing recruitment as he visits areas throughout the Province. Efforts will be made to attract international students at an upcoming recruitment fair in Oslo, Norway. Recruitment initiatives will also be highlighted at a University function to be held in Boston, and by a member of the administration while teaching a course in Thailand.

He reported that enrollment numbers for the 2000 Winter Semester are virtually the same as last year. He advised that waiting lists for courses have been significantly reduced by over 1/3 of that for last year, and that this factor will be of major importance in student retention.

Dr. Meisen reported on the oil and gas initiative advising that this proposal is now nearing completion.

The Board reviewed a report, circulated for information, outlining major funding provided to the university from external sources. Dr. Meisen presented information showing where research money is being applied.

3. LABOUR RELATIONS ISSUES

Dr. Meisen provided a verbal report of the meeting of the Labour Relations Committee held on 14 January 2000. He provided the Board with an update on current negotiations with CUPE and MUNFA.

4. FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS

1. BASIC LIFE AND HEALTH SURPLUS FUNDS

The following resolution was passed with respect to a recommendation from the Employee Benefits Committee:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approve a recommendation that the Basic Life and Health surplus funds of \$275,048 arising from the terminal accounting of the University's Group Benefits Program with Confederation Life, plus any interest earned since deposit to a University account, be used to reduce the accumulated deficit under the University's Health plan (estimated at \$334,000 at 31 July 1999).

2. SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE STUDENT UNION FEE INCREASE

The following resolution was passed with respect to a student union fee increase at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approve a recommendation that the student union fees at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College be increased by \$3.00 a semester, effective 1 September 2000.

5. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. APPOINTMENTS

A Report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 13 January 2000, and an Addendum, copies of which were circulated, was presented by Dr. Hedges, the Vice-Chair of the Committee, and accepted by the Board.

2. CAMPUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

A verbal report of the Campus Planning and Development Committee meeting held 13 January 2000, was presented by Ms. Wood, Vice-Chair of the Committee. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board. The following items were presented for information:

1. Status of repairs resulting from wind damage to the roof of the Aquarena
2. Status of the exterior cladding problem at the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
3. Status of the Marine Institute's Southside facility

4. Presentation of the Deferred Maintenance Assessment of campus infrastructure

3. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL PROSPECTS

A verbal report of the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Prospects was presented by Mr. Fenwick, Chair of the Committee. The Board was advised that the committee is looking at several ways of generating additional revenue as well as looking at recruitment issues. A further report will be provided to the Board at its March meeting.

6. ACTUARIAL VALUATION REPORT

A Report of the actuarial valuation of the MUN Pension Fund at 31 December 1999, copies of which were circulated, was presented by Mr. Durant, Chair of the Pensions Committee. The Board endorsed the actuarial assumptions contained in the report.

7. SENATE

The Minutes of the regular meetings of Senate held on 9 November 1999 and 14 December 1999, copies of which were circulated, were presented by the President, and accepted by the Board.

8. LIBRARY REPRESENTATION ON SENATE

On the recommendation of Senate, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approve a recommendation from Senate that Clause 11.A.(c) MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE AND ELECTIONS TO SENATE, of Section 54 of the *Memorial University Act* be interpreted to include Librarians, in order to facilitate the inclusion of the Library as a constituency of Senate.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

(a) CIAP Report

(b) Invitation from School of Music - Ben Heppner Performance

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.