

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, June 13, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., in the Board Room of the University.

PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Gardiner, Chair
Ms. Jeannie French, Vice-Chair
The Honourable John C. Crosbie, Chancellor
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Ches Blackwood
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell
Ms. Mary Ennis
Mr. Peter Fenwick
Mr. Sean Hanrahan
Ms. Gudrid Hutchings
Dr. Robert MacLeod
Mr. Robert Mendoza
Mr. George Neal
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Mr. David Power
Mr. Alexander Roche
Ms. Grace Stapleton
Ms. Heather Tulk
Ms. Betty Williams
Dr. Maureen Woodrow
Ms. Amy Wyse
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Mr. David Andrews, Mr. Jerry Bishop, Mr. Chris Facey, Ms. Barbara Lewis, Mr. Raymond Rose, 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, May 10, 1996, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board.

2. PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair welcomed the Comptroller, Ms. Trudy Pound-Curtis, to the meeting. She provided the Board with a detailed analysis of the Pension Plan Audited Financial Statements and the Combined Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 1996, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting. The Comptroller and the Chair of the Audit Committee, Ms. Jeannie French, also reviewed the details of the University's Management Letter. A question and answer session followed after which the Chair thanked the Comptroller for her very clear and concise presentation. The Chair further acknowledged that she had received a call from KPMG expressing their appreciation for the excellent cooperation received from the various University departments, especially the Comptroller's Office staff, during the course of their Audit.

After discussion, the following resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the Combined Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1996;

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the Pension Plan Audited Financial Statements for fiscal year ended March 31, 1996; and

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the reappointment of the firm KPMG Peat Marwick Thorne as the University's Auditors for the 1996-97 fiscal year pursuant to the fee schedule outlined in the five-year proposal.

3. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Circulated for consideration and discussion prior to the meeting were copies of background material pertaining to the 1996-97 budget. Mr. Thistle provided the Board with a detailed slide presentation in which he outlined the conceptual framework for a

new resource allocation system for the University. He provided an assessment of the fiscal challenges facing the University and a strategy for dealing with those challenges as part of a three-year balanced budget plan. He presented the 1996-97 interim University goals, the global budget for the University and the major budget envelopes for the University.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 3:00 p.m. with the discussion on the budget continuing.

Included in the budget documents and circulated for consideration and discussion were copies of a proposed schedule for tuition fee increases. The submission outlined the introduction of a new formula for tuition fees which would change the existing sliding scale tuition formula to a system with a fee for each credit hour. This would be phased in over a two to three year period to manage the impact to students taking a course load of 4 or 5. Students would be provided with a three-year plan for tuition fees to coincide with the University's three-year planning horizon.

After a lengthy discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the proposed three-year budget plan and tuition fee schedule with the proviso that a structural program review be conducted during the summer months for consideration by the Board of Regents at its Fall meetings, along with the proposals from the Task Force on University Priorities and Resources consultations for implementation in the 1997-98 fiscal year.

4. MEDICAL SCHOOL FEES

Circulated prior to the meeting for consideration and discussion were copies of a submission from the Dean of Medicine, outlining the grant from the Department of Health as it relates to the Medical School budget. The submission also included several options for increasing tuition fees over a three-year time frame. The Board agreed that a proposal should be submitted from the Dean of Medicine within the context of a balanced budget over a three-year time frame.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to a three-year fee proposal to increase the Medical School tuition fees for Canadian students to \$6,250 annually, on the assumption that the Department of Health would maintain its grant during the same period at the level of the 1996-97 fiscal year.

5. RESIDENCE FEE PROPOSALS

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of a submission from the Director of Student Housing and Food Services, requesting approval to increase residence fees for the 1996-97 academic year. Also circulated were copies of a submission from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Student Affairs Department requesting approval to increase residence rates at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College for the 1996-97 academic year.

After a general discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the following increases in residence fees for the 1996-97 academic year for both St. John's and Corner Brook campuses:

Burton's Pond:

Single - \$845/semester

Family - \$555/month

Paton College:

Double Room - \$672/semester

Single Room - \$830/semester

10 Meal Plan - \$1,078/semester

14 Meal Plan - \$1,178/semester

19 Meal Plan - \$1,228/semester

10 Meal Plan and Double Room - \$1,750/semester

14 Meal Plan and Double Room - \$1,850/semester

19 Meal Plan and Double Room - \$1,900/semester

10 Meal Plan and Single Room – \$1,908/semester
14 Meal Plan and Single Room – \$2,008/semester
19 Meal Plan and Single Room – \$2,058/semester

Sir Wilfred Grenfell College:
Single Room – \$830/semester
15 Meal Plan – \$1,150/semester

6. DELETION OF POSITIONS

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of a submission from the Director of Human Resources, requesting approval for the deletion of four positions. After general discussion the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval for the deletion of the following positions:

Comptroller's Office -- Revenue Cashier
Department of Human Resources -- Coordinator – EAP
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College -- Finance Officer – SWGC
Don Snowden Centre for Development Support Communications
-- Director

7. CAMPUS ENFORCEMENT AND PATROL

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of a submission from the Director of Staff Relations requesting ratification of the Campus Enforcement and Patrol Collective Agreement.

During discussion some concerns were expressed that campus safety might be jeopardized given the fact that there had been a large number of early retirements in the Campus Enforcement and Patrol Department. The President assured the Board that the safety of students would be maintained as it had been in the past and might even be improved through the introduction of other student safety programs.

After general discussion the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the ratification of the Campus Enforcement and Patrol Collective Agreement. The agreement is for a two-year period commencing April 1, 1995 and ending March 31, 1997.

8. STRAWBERRY HILL DEVELOPMENT

The Chair advised that the membership of the Strawberry Hill Development Committee had been expanded to include Mr. Vernon French, Q.C. and Mr. David Mercer. Copies of the Strawberry Hill Development Strategy were circulated prior to the meeting.

After clarification of a number of issues, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the Strawberry Hill Development Strategy and authorizes the appropriate officials of the University to complete the Memorandum of Understanding with Newfound Developers for the development of 23 chalets, to be developed in four contiguous blocks of five lots and one final contiguous block of three lots.

9. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on Thursday, June 13, 1996, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Grace Stapleton, and accepted by the Board.

2. PENSIONS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business transacted at the meeting of the Pensions Committee held on Wednesday, June 12, 1996, 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. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

3. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business transacted at the meeting of the Employee Benefits Committee held on Wednesday, June 12, 1996, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Grace Stapleton, and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

10. SENATE

The Minutes of the regular meeting of Senate and the special meeting of Senate held on Tuesday, May 14, 1996, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the President, and accepted by the Board.

11. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

1. AWARDS

The President advised the Board that two University publications have recently been recognized by The Canadian Council for the Advancement of Education. The employee newsletter, "The Communicator" won a silver medal in the Best Newsletter category and the University's "President's Report 1994-95" won a bronze medal in the best annual report category.

2. INCREASE IN CFS FEES

A proposal from the Council of the Students' Union concerning the increase in Canadian Federation of Students Fees was presented by the President and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to an increase in the Canadian Federation of Students Fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per semester, effective September, 1996.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

1. TERMS COMPLETED FOR ALUMNI ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

The Chair expressed her gratitude and appreciation to the six Alumni elected members of the Board whose terms would be completed at the end of August. They are Mr. David Andrews, Mr. Chris Facey, Mr. Sean Hanrahan, Mr. Raymond Rose, Ms. Heather Tulk, and Dr. Maureen Woodrow. She further advised that the Alumni Office is currently in the process of conducting an election for the replacement of those retiring members.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated prior to the meeting was a copy of a letter from Maude Barlow, National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians, in which she expressed her gratitude to the President and the members of the Convocation team for awarding her an Honorary degree at the recent Spring Convocation.

3. CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION

Circulated for information prior to the meeting were copies of the Report of the Task Group on University Priorities and Resources and the Fact Book, 1995.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.