



Board of Regents

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, 9 June 2000 in the Board Room of the University at 2:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Vice-Chair
Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor
Dr. Axel Meisen, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Evan Simpson, Vice President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor
Mr. Alick Andrews
Ms. Gail Aylward
Mr. Peter Barnes
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
Ms. Joan Pinsent
Mr. David Power
Mr. Harvey Short
Ms. Lorelei Stanley
Ms. Susan Wood
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. Hayward Blake and Mr. Brendan Paddick.

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 3 May 2000, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were approved by the Board.

2. CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Congratulations

The Chair congratulated Ms. Stanley and Mr. Barnes on receiving degrees at the recent Spring convocation. Ms. Stanley received a Bachelor of Nursing and Mr. Barnes received a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts. The Chair congratulated Mr. Barnes on his recent marriage and Ms. Stanley on her forthcoming marriage in August.

2. Opportunity Fund Closing

The Chair reminded members of the Opportunity Fund Closing Event scheduled for that evening in the School of Music.

3. August Board meeting

The Chair circulated a copy of the tentative schedule for the special Board meeting at Terra Nova to be held on the afternoon of Friday, 11 August and the morning of Saturday, 12 August.

4. Planning and Budget Committee

Copies were circulated of a memo dated 8 June 2000 from the Vice-President (Academic) to the Board advising of proposed Terms of Reference for a new University Planning and Budget Committee. Dr. Simpson provided background information on the establishment of this committee by Senate. He advised that this committee will replace the present Senate Advisory Committee on the University Budget and the present Senate Committee on Academic Planning. Included in the composition of this committee was the provision for one member of the Board of Regents to be a member of the committee. Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the invitation for a Board member to serve on this committee not be accepted at this time.

5. Separately Incorporated Entities Committee

The Chair reported that Dr. Hedges had agreed to serve as the fifth member of the Separately Incorporated Entities Committee and that Mr. Decker would serve as Chair of the Committee. He reported that the terms of reference for this committee are being compiled and will be circulated to the Board when completed.

6. University Centre Naming Committee

Mr. Bonnell reported that the University Centre Naming Committee had scheduled its first meeting for 12 June and he anticipates having a list of names to present to the Board at the August meeting.

7. MUNFA's Request for Separate Pension Plan

The Chair raised the issue of MUNFA's request to Government for the establishment of a separate pension plan. He referred the Board to an exchange of correspondence between the President of MUNFA and the Minister of Education in which MUNFA requested that the Government enter into discussions on this matter. The Board agreed that the Minister responded appropriately when she advised that the responsibility for the administration of the MUN Pension Plan lies within the purview of the Board of Regents.

The Chair advised that pension issues will be on the agenda for discussion at the Board meeting scheduled for 11 and 12 August in Terra Nova.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1. Harlow Campus

The President reported that he and the Chair had attended the Harlow Board of Trustees meeting on 12 May. He reported that the physical facilities of the campus are no longer adequate and that Harlow itself as a campus is generally under utilized. He advised that a review will be conducted to explore the feasibility of upgrading the facility to provide opportunities for enhanced programming as well as the suitability for executive training programs and co-operative placements in local industry.

2. Alumni Meeting and Meetings with universities

The President reported on his meetings with Alumni and students in London. He also met with University representatives in the U.K. to explore collaboration in the oil and gas industry.

3. Spring Convocations Report

The President reported that the Spring Convocations held in St. John's and Corner Brook were very successful. Because the Arts and Culture Centre was not available for convocation ceremonies due to the Viking Exhibition, the Physical Education Gymnasium was used as the venue and the Thomson Student Centre used as a reception area. He acknowledged in particular the efforts of staff in the Departments of University Relations and Facilities Management for their assistance in making the convocation a success.

He thanked the Chancellor, the Chair and members of the Board of Regents for their attendance at both convocations.

He also noted that employment opportunities for graduates looked very promising due mainly to the climate in the job market at this time.

4. Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

The President reported on the visit by the Governor General to the Sir Wilfred Grenfell campus on 7 June. He advised that she viewed an exhibition of the graduates work and showed a keen interest in the students' artistic endeavours. She also expressed concerns with the amount of student indebtedness.

He reported that while there he held a meeting with the Principal and Division Heads to introduce a Co-operative program into the College.

5. Heppner Concert Proceeds

The President advised that the net proceeds realized from the recent Ben Heppner concert totalled \$10,410. This amount will be matched by the Opportunity Fund and used for a School of Music scholarship.

6. Atlantic Initiative Fund

The President reported on an Atlantic Initiative Fund to be announced by the Prime Minister in the near future. He advised that details were scanty at this time but that it was expected to have a major positive relevance to universities. The Atlantic Association of Universities has been working on ensuring that this would occur.

7. TSC Space

A question was raised with respect to the utilization of the vacant Thomson Student Centre. The President advised that the TSC could be used for a variety of purposes but that any renovation would first have consider the problem of asbestos removal. He noted that an assessment of renovation costs would be difficult to ascertain given this problem.

4. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A draft of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 9 June 2000, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by Mr. Fenwick, Chair of the Committee, and accepted by the Board. The following resolutions were passed:

ITEM A - PRELIMINARY BUDGET ENVELOPES FOR FY 2000-01

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the establishment of the Preliminary Budget Envelopes for the 2000-2001 fiscal year based on total budgeted revenue and expenditure of \$152,537,000 and a specific capital allocation of \$2,100,000 for the exterior cladding replacement at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. In addition the administration was directed to revise the capital budget to make provision for the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Residence Complex expenditure.

ITEM B - AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the Consolidated Financial Statements for Memorial University of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2000.

That the Board of Regents approves the Pension Plan Financial Statements for Memorial University of Newfoundland for the fiscal year ended 31 March 2000.

ITEM C - WORK TERM RATES - MASTERS DEGREE IN APPLIED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (CO-OP) PROGRAM

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves an amendment to the existing rates of pay for work terms for the Masters Degree in Applied Social Psychology (Co-operative) Programme as follows:

	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Work Term I	\$1,673/month	\$1,800/month
Work Term II	\$1,800/month	\$1,873/month
Work Term III	\$1,873/month	no longer required

ITEM D - STIPENDS FOR CO-ORDINATORS - FACULTY OF MEDICINE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the establishment of stipends for co-ordinators in the Faculty of Medicine at the rate of \$2,000 per annum.

ITEM E - MUN AND UCCB - MASTER OF EDUCATION (IT)

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves a recommendation to:

(a) enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between Memorial University of Newfoundland and the University College of Cape Breton to deliver the Master of Education (Information Technology) program.

(b) charge a special program fee of \$2,550 in addition to regular graduate student fees.

2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 9 June 2000, along with an addendum, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by Ms. Aylward, Chair of the Committee, and accepted by the Board.

3. CAMPUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The minutes of the Campus Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 9 June 2000, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, were presented by Mr. Short, Chair of the Committee, and accepted by the Board. The following resolutions were passed:

ITEM 1 - PRIME CONSULTANT SELECTION - SWGC RESIDENCES COMPLEX PROJECT

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the selection of the team comprising Colette Nap Architect and Contemporary Architecture and Design Inc. as architects and Atlantic Engineering in association with Newton Engineering for all of the engineering, as the prime consultants for the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Residences Complex Project.

ITEM 2 - PRIME CONSULTANT SELECTION - SWGC EXTERIOR CLADDING REPLACEMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the selection of the team comprising Contemporary Architecture as architects, Atlantic Engineering for structural and site, and Newton Engineering for mechanical and electrical, as the prime consultants for the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Exterior Cladding Replacement Project.

ITEM 3 - FIELD HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

Mr. Short reported on the status of the Field House Project. He reminded the Board that, at its 3 May 2000 meeting, the Board approved the award of the construction contract for the Field House based on a revised structural steel system. The project budget was approved at \$13 million. Project savings of approximately \$500,000 would be realized through the structural redesign.

The Board was advised that the anticipated savings of \$500,000 for the structural redesign to the Field House could not be achieved and that the change in the structural steel would significantly alter the architectural design of the building endwalls and roofing profile.

A discussion ensued in which the Board expressed grave concerns with the redesign and budget issues which would significantly impact the project. The Board directed the administration to investigate the overall status of the project and report back to the Board at a meeting to be held at the call of the Chair within a two-week period.

4. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

A report of the Employee Benefits committee meeting held on 31 May 2000, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by Ms. O'Neill, Chair of the Committee. She drew the Board's attention to a Conceptual "3C"

Health Plan model being developed by the I.S.I. Group which introduces a new approach to providing prescription drug benefits under private Health plans by separating prescription drug benefits into three components.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting would be at the call of the Chair in approximately two weeks.