

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, March 20, 1997, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the University.

PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Gardiner, Chair
Ms. Jeannie French, Vice-Chair
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor
Mr. Alick Andrews
Mr. Jerry Bishop
Ms. Trudi Brake
Mr. William Dilny
Mr. Fred Durant
Ms. Mary Ennis
Mr. Peter Fenwick
Ms. Gudrid Hutchings
Ms. Barbara Lewis
Mr. Robert Mendoza
Mr. George Neal
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Mr. David Power
Mr. Stephen Power
Mr. Robert Stack
Ms. Grace Stapleton
Ms. Betty Williams
Ms. Amy Wyse
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: The Honourable John C. Crosbie, Dr. Ches Blackwood, Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Dr. Robert MacLeod, Mr. Alexander Roche, 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, January 9, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board.

2. BUSINESS ARISING

SPECIAL TUITION FEE FOR SCHOOL OF MUSIC

After further consideration and clarification of this item the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to a recommendation that a special tuition fee equal to \$590.00 be implemented for courses in second principal applied study (Music 141A, 141B, 241A, 241B, 341A, 341B, 441A and 441B), effective September 1, 1997.

3. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The report of the Executive Committee meeting held on February 14, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board. The following decision was taken:

To approve renewal of the Supplementary Health and Dental plans for the 1997 policy year.

4. PRESENTATION BY DR. TUINMAN

Dr. Tuinman provided the Board with a detailed presentation on the challenges and changes facing the University. He advised of the responsibilities and prerequisites for strategic decision-making. He specifically addressed the issues of a declining student base along with declining government funding in an environment of changing students and programme demands. He also outlined the University's vision for the future. After a short discussion, the Board agreed that these thought provoking ideas could be used as a forum for further discussion at a special meeting of the Board.

5. SENATE MINUTES

The minutes of the regular and special meetings of Senate held on January 14, 1997, and the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 11, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the President and accepted by the Board.

6. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A draft of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on March 20, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Jerry Bishop, and accepted by the Board. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the following resolutions were passed:

ITEM A – APPLICATION PROCESSING FEE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval that the Application Processing Fee be increased from the current level of \$30.00 to \$40.00 for undergraduate, graduate and Marine Institute students, with effective from the 1998 Winter Semester.

ITEM B – DELETION OF PERMANENT STAFF POSITIONS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the deletion of the following permanent positions:

Department of Facilities Management:
MAI-091- Assistant Carpenter Foreman
MAI-107- Assistant Electrical Foreman
MAI-131- Maintenance Helper
UWA-034- Custodian Foreman

Canada Games Park
AQA-007- Aquatics Coordinator- Recreational Programs

Department of Physics
PHS-001-- Clerk Stenographer

Fisheries and Marine Institute
MIS-090- Clerk Typist III

Division of Continuing Studies
DCS-003 - Regional Officer
DCS-010 - Intermediate Secretary
DCS-012 - Intermediate Secretary

Queen Elizabeth II Library
LIB-094 - Microfilm Equipment Opr.

ITEM D - SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval for a second position of Associate Director of the School of Social Work, with a net financial saving.

ITEM E - SECURITY TRANSACTION AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to authorize the Comptroller to buy, sell, trade stocks or bonds, debentures or any other securities or commodities on behalf of the University, in accordance with the University Investment Policy or as per the instructions of the Investment Committee.

ITEM F - SIGNING AUTHORITY AND PAYMENT APPROVAL POLICY

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to amend the University's Signing Authority and Payment Approval Policy by deleting all references to the position of Associate Comptroller and replacing with the position of Financial Analyst.

ITEM G - GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR PRE-1993 RETIREES

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to a recommendation from the President that the University contribute an additional \$70,000 annually for the next five years toward the premium cost of group insurance benefits for pre-1993 retirees, and to further review this funding at the end of this five-year period.

ITEM H – PARKING CHANGES

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval for implementation of the following parking initiatives:

Meter Permits – A permit to be issued at the rate of \$100 per University semester which will allow unrestricted parking on designated metered parking spaces.

Preferred Lots – Establishment of a preferred parking lot rate to a maximum of \$220 per year, and this rate to be applied against parking lots to be determined based on usage and demand.

Lot 16A – The student permit lot 16A be converted to a gate-controlled lot at a flat entry fee of \$2.00 per day.

2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on March 20, 1997, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Grace Stapleton, and accepted by the Board.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. LAUNCH OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The President advised that the official launch of the Opportunity Fund would take place on Tuesday, March 25, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. in the Physical Education Gymnasium. He invited Board members to attend these ceremonies.

2. MAY BOARD MEETING

Board members were reminded that the next meeting of the Board of Regents is scheduled for May 8, 1997 in Corner Brook and will coincide with the Convocation at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.