

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, May 12, 1995, at 9:00 a.m. at The Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook.

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. David Andrews
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell
Ms. Mary Ennis
Mr. Peter Fenwick
Mr. Sean Hanrahan
Mr. Ed Kennedy
Ms. Barbara Lewis
Mr. George Neal
Dr. Robert MacLeod
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Mr. David Power
Mr. Alexander Roche
Ms. Grace Stapleton
Ms. Betty Williams
Ms. Maureen Woodrow
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. Gerry Bishop, Dr. Ches Blackwood, Mr. Chris Facey, Ms. Gudrid Hutchings, Mr. Raymond Rose, Ms. Heather Tulk, and Mr. Mel Woodward.

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Mr. Wayne Thistle, Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and Legal Counsel, and Mr. David Wright, Chairman, Harlow Campus Trust.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents held on Thursday, April 13, 1995, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board.

2. HARLOW CAMPUS UPDATE

The Chair welcomed Mr. David Wright, Chairman of the Harlow Campus Trust, to the meeting and invited him to provide the Board with an update on the activities at the Harlow Campus. He advised the Board that two scholarships had been established from the proceeds of the 25th Anniversary Appeal which had been launched last year. They are: the Edgar Bowring Bursary and the Essex County Bursary. Mr. Wright thanked the Board for the invitation to join the meeting and for the opportunity to apprise the Board of the activities at Harlow.

He recommended approval of the appointment of Mr. Paul Arthur Lincoln as a member of the Harlow Campus Trust and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the appointment of Mr. Paul Arthur Lincoln as a member of the Harlow Campus Trust for a term of three years.

The Chair thanked Mr. Wright for his update and wished him continuing success at the Harlow Campus.

3. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 1995, circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Sean Hanrahan, and accepted by the Board.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE ITEMS

The regular meeting of the Finance Committee was cancelled and the following items were presented directly to the Board for approval:

ITEM 1 – TUITION FEE INCREASES 1995–96

The President advised the Board that due to an estimated shortfall of approximately \$8 million in the current fiscal year, the University had explored every available option in an effort to balance the budget. In this regard the option of an increase in tuition fees was considered and the President presented a proposal, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting. The recommendation included a 7.5% increase in graduate and undergraduate tuition fees for 1995–96 academic year; that the fee for one course be frozen; and that out of the increase, \$5.00 per course be set aside for a student development fund. A survey of undergraduate tuition fees charged at universities in Atlantic Canada was included in the proposal and it was noted that the average increase in tuition fees across the country was in the area of 10%.

It was noted that, due to a deadline date of May 31st for the printing of the Calendar, it was necessary that any recommendation for fee increases be approved at the May Board meeting. It was agreed that in future years the budget should be examined in detail prior to any fee increase proposals.

After a very lengthy discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to a recommendation that graduate and undergraduate tuition fees for the 1995–96 academic year be increased by 7.5%; that the tuition fee for one course be frozen; and that out of the increase \$5.00 per course be set aside for a student development fund.

ITEM 2 – RESIDENCE FEES INCREASES 1995–96

The President presented a recommendation from the Dean of Student Affairs and Services, copies of which were

circulated prior to the meeting, for an overall increase of approximately 5% in Paton College rates, and a 2% increase in Burton's Pond Apartment fees and that \$10.00 be added to the fees to offer upgraded computer facilities for the use of residents. After a short discussion it was agreed that further rationale was needed and the item was deferred pending further information and clarification.

ITEM 3 – \$20.00 RESIDENCE APPLICATION FEE – SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE

The President presented a recommendation from the Dean of Student Affairs and Services, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, for the implementation of a non-refundable \$20.00 Residence Application Fee for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the implementation of a non-refundable \$20.00 Residence Application Fee for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

ITEM 4 – METER EXPIRY FEE

The President presented a recommendation from the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and Legal Counsel, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, for an increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 in the Meter Expiry Fee, and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval that the Meter Expiry Fee be increased from \$5.00 to \$10.00 thereby making minimum fines consistent at \$10.00.

4. SENATE

The Minutes of the regular and special meetings of Senate held on Tuesday, April 11, 1995, copies of which were circulated prior to

the meeting, were presented by the President and accepted by the Board. Specific approval was given to the following item:
ITEM 55 – REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

5. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

1. BOARD COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference of the Board Committees would be circulated to new Board members who were not assigned committees to date. Board members should indicate their first and second choice for committee preference and membership would be assigned in time for the September meeting.

2. FORMAT OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board was asked to consider a change in the current format for Board meetings. Rather than meet in the evenings as at present, the Board would meet in the afternoon followed by a dinner where a special keynote speaker would address the Board on a current topic of interest. This would be introduced at the September meeting of the Board.

6. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

1. APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD

The President presented a recommendation jointly from the Council of the Students' Union and the Dean of Student Affairs and Services that Mr. Robert Pereira-Mendoza be appointed as the student representative to the Board, replacing Laurie Combdon, whose term concluded at the end of March, 1995. The appointment would be effective immediately for a period of two years and he would be permitted to attend subsequent meetings as an observer until the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council approves the appointment. The following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the appointment of Mr. Robert Pereira-Mendoza as a member of the Board of Regents,

effective immediately for a two-year period. The appointment is subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

2. TUITION FEES FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL STUDENTS

The President advised the Board of the admission of foreign students into the Faculty of Medicine. This resulted from the announcement that New Brunswick would no longer fund seats for new medical students at Memorial. Out of a total of 56 students entering per year, 10 seats had been reserved for New Brunswick residents, 40 for Newfoundland residents and the remaining 6 for other Canadians. He noted that commencing September 1995, the Faculty of Medicine would admit up to 5 U.S. students into its MD program and up to 10 in subsequent years. In addition, commencing in 1996 the Medical School will admit 2 to 5 students from Malaysia. The cost per year per student would be set at \$35,000.00 Canadian.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. CORRESPONDENCE

Circulated for information were copies of the President's letter to the Editor of The Evening Telegram concerning the elimination of Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs. Also circulated for information were copies of the President's letter to the Premier summarizing the meeting with the Planning and Priorities Committee of Cabinet on April 25.

2. STRAWBERRY HILL UPDATE

Circulated for information were copies of a report on the status of the Strawberry Hill redevelopment. Mr. Thistle provided the Board with further information and advised that the University is pleased with the progress to date.

3. SUMMARY OF LEASES

Circulated for information were copies of a summary of the university leased properties to the end of the fiscal year 1994-95, prepared by the Director of University Works.

4. JOB EVALUATION PROJECT

Mr. Thistle provided the Board with a detailed overview of the Job Evaluation Project conducted by KPMG Management Consultants covering the 1,800 non-academic employees at Memorial. He pointed out that the Aiken Job Evaluation System was used and the implementation of the Project would be on a cost neutral basis over the period of implementation. He outlined the project methodology, the job evaluation results and the implementation process.

After a short discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the adoption of the Job Evaluation Project conducted by KPMG Management Consultants and authorizes the administration to proceed with the implementation of the Job Evaluation Plan on a cost neutral basis over the period of implementation.

5. AQUARENA/CANADA GAMES PARK

The President informed the Board that the Provincial Government had granted permission for the University to acquire the Aquarena/Canada Games Park property from the City. The transfer would be completed as soon as possible and a Board of Directors would be appointed by the University to operate the facilities.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.