

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Friday, May 10, 1996, at 9:00 a.m., in the Banquet Room of the Holiday Inn, Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Gardiner, Chair
Ms. Jeannie French, Vice-Chair
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic) & Pro Vice-Chancellor
Mr. David Andrews
Dr. Ches Blackwood
Ms. Mary Ennis
Mr. Chris Facey
Mr. Peter Fenwick
Ms. Barbara Lewis
Dr. Robert MacLeod
Mr. Robert Mendoza
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Mr. David Power
Mr. Alexander Roche
Ms. Grace Stapleton
Ms. Heather Tulk
Dr. Maureen Woodrow
Ms. Amy Wyse
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: The Honourable John C. Crosbie, Mr. Jerry Bishop, Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Mr. Sean Hanrahan, Ms. Gudrid Hutchings, Mr. George Neal, Mr. Raymond Rose, Ms. Betty Williams, 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, April 11, 1996, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board.

2. APPOINTMENT OF MS. AMY WYSE

The Chair presented a recommendation jointly from the Council of the Students' Union and the Dean of Student Affairs and Services that Ms. Amy Wyse be appointed as the student representative to the Board. The appointment would be effective immediately for a period of two years and she would be permitted to attend subsequent meetings as an observer until the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council approves the appointment. She replaces Ed Kennedy, whose term concluded the end of April, 1996.

The Chair then invited Ms. Wyse to join the meeting.

3. PRESENTATION BY MR. AIDEN KIERNAN

The Chair welcomed Mr. Aiden Kiernan, Associate Director of Facilities Management, to the meeting. Mr. Kiernan provided the Board with a detailed slide presentation on the Capital Campaign Projects and reviewed the Master Plan for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. He reviewed the site plans for the proposed expansion to the Arts and Science Building at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, the proposed University Centre and the Field House Complex, to be constructed on the St. John's campus. He also presented a site plan for a Centre for Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems, to be constructed on the campus of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

Following a question and answer period, the Chair thanked Mr. Kiernan for his thorough and informative presentation.

Mr. Kiernan then left the meeting.

4. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

A draft of the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 9, 1996, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by the Acting Chair of the Committee, Ms.

Jeannie French. The following resolutions were passed with respect to the items which required specific approval of the Board:

ITEM A – EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS BEYOND REVENUE CANADA MAXIMUM

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the following:

1. The Memorial University of Newfoundland Supplemental Retirement Income Plan.
2. A premium holiday during the 1996–97 fiscal year to permit the University to establish a fund outside of the Pension Fund, consisting of the actuarial value of the earned benefit beyond the Revenue Canada maximum.
3. Annual premium holidays equal to the increase in the actuarial value of these benefits for current service cost.

ITEM B – AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING REGULATIONS – 1996–97

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the amendments to the Regulations for the Control of Vehicular Traffic and Parking for 1996–97 as follows:

1. Section 2.2 "Allocation of Parking Permits" modification to accommodate the implementation of a new computerized parking system.
2. Section 2.8.1 "General" to charge a new administrative fee of \$1 (plus GST) per day for temporary or special permits.
3. Section 3.5 "Contractors and/or their Employees" to increase the fee charged to \$1 (plus GST) per day from \$2 (plus GST) per week.

ITEM C – G.S.U. FEE INCREASE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to increase the Graduate Students' Union fee from \$15.00 per semester to \$20.00 per semester effective Spring Semester, 1996.

ITEM D – PHYSICAL EDUCATION USER FEES

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the implementation of Physical Education User Fees effective Spring Semester, 1996, as follows:

A. Intramural Program Fees and Performance Bonds (per term)

Registration Fees -- Basketball \$60 per team;
Performance Bonds -- \$5 per player \$60 per team

Registration Fees -- Flag Football \$60 per team;
Performance Bonds -- \$5 per player \$60 per team

Registration Fees -- Soccer \$60 per team; Performance
Bonds -- \$5 per player \$60 per team

Registration Fees -- Volleyball \$60 per team;
Performance Bonds -- \$5 per player \$60 per team

B. Recreational Swimming

Current Charge for Students \$10 (per semester); No
change proposed

Current Charge for Faculty and Staff \$15 (per semester);
change proposed to \$40 (per semester)

Current Charge for Alumni \$20 (per semester); change
proposed to \$40 (per semester)

ITEM E – TUITION FEES – 1996–97

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of a memo to the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and Legal Counsel from the Comptroller, dated April 30, 1996, regarding tuition fees for 1996–97. Following discussion it was agreed that a final recommendation on tuition fees would be deferred until the June meeting of the Board.

ITEM F – STRAWBERRY HILL DEVELOPMENT

A proposal from Newfound Developers to develop an area of vacant land at Strawberry Hill for chalet packages had been referred to the Strawberry Hill Development Committee. It was agreed that the membership of the current committee should be expanded to include outside expertise to assist them in reviewing this proposal.

2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 9, 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.

3. CAMPUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

An oral report of the Campus Planning and Development Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 9, 1996, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Heather Tulk. The following resolution was passed with respect to the Centre for Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents endorses a proposal from the Campus Planning and Development Committee that the University enter into an agreement for the construction of a Centre for Sustainable Management of Forest Ecosystems to be located on the campus of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

5. SENATE MINUTES

The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Senate held on Tuesday, April 9, 1996, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the President and accepted by the Board.

6. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

1. REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

The Chair informed the Board that verbal notification had been received from Government that Ms. Jeannie French and Mr. Melvin Woodward had been reappointed for a further term of three years, effective June 1, 1996.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

1. CONFIDENTIALITY

A Board member voiced the concern that it was essential for all Board matters to be kept in a strict confidential environment. The Chair assured the member that the matter of confidentiality had been reiterated from time to time, especially following the appointment of new Board members.

2. POSITION OF C.S.U. PRESIDENT AS A BOARD MEMBER

Concerns were expressed that the position of President of the Council of the Students' Union serving as a member of the Board of Regents could be perceived as being in a conflict of interest. The Chair informed the member that the issue would be taken under advisement as a result of the comment.

3. MUNFA ARBITRATION

Dr. Tuinman provided the Board with the background information of a grievance which had been filed by MUNFA concerning the reappointment of the Director of the School of Music. The Board would be apprised of the outcome of the arbitration at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.