

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, May 8, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. in the Tudor Room of the Glynmill Inn in Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

PRESENT:

Ms. Jeannie French, Acting Chair  
The Honourable John C. Crosbie, Chancellor  
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor  
Mr. Alick Andrews  
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell  
Ms. Trudi Brake  
Mr. William Dilny  
Mr. Fred Durant  
Ms. Mary Ennis  
Mr. Peter Fenwick  
Ms. Gudrid Hutchings  
Dr. Robert MacLeod  
Mr. Robert Mendoza  
Mr. George Neal  
Ms. Frankie O'Neill  
Mr. David Power  
Mr. Stephen Power  
Mr. Alexander Roche  
Mr. Robert Stack  
Ms. Grace Stapleton  
Ms. Betty Williams  
Ms. Amy Wyse  
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

ABSENCE OF THE CHAIR

In the absence of Mrs. Janet Gardiner, Chair of the Board, Ms. Jeannie French, Vice-Chair of the Board, acted as Chair.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Jerry Bishop, Dr. Ches Blackwood, Ms. Barbara Lewis, 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, March 20, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were accepted by the Board, as amended.

## 2. EXPIRATION OF TERM FOR ROBERT MENDOZA

The Acting Chair extended best wishes to Mr. Robert Mendoza, one of the student representatives, whose term on the Board will conclude June 22, 1997. On behalf of the Board, she presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the Board during his term.

## 3. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE PRESENTATION

The Chair welcomed to the meeting, Mr. Aidan Kiernan and Mr. Gary Bradshaw, Associate Director and Director of Facilities Management, respectively.

Mr. Kiernan provided the Board with a presentation of the Campus Planning Committee item relating to the land exchange with the Government. He explained that in order to facilitate expansion of the Health Sciences Centre, the Government required 10 acres of land, situated behind the HSC and belonging to the University, on which to create an additional 800 parking spaces. In his presentation he pointed out the 42 acres of land north of the HSC, known as the Kelly Property, that had already been expropriated by the Government but was not suitable for parking purposes. He advised that the Government had agreed to exchange 38 of the 42 acres of the Kelly property for 10 acres of gravelled land owned by the University.

Following a question and answer period, the Acting Chair thanked Mr. Kiernan and Mr. Bradshaw for their informative presentation and they both left the meeting.

(This item was later dealt with under the Campus Planning Committee Minutes.)

#### 4. RENAMING OF THE DIVISION WITHIN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

On the recommendation of the President, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to change the name of the "Division of Community Medicine" to the "Division of Community Health" in the Faculty of Medicine.

#### 5. SENATE

The Minutes of the regular meetings of Senate held on March 11, 1997 and the Minutes of the April 8, 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 May 8, 1997, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, was presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ms. Jeannie French, and accepted by the Board. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee the following resolutions were passed:

##### ITEM A – TUITION FEES – MARINE INSTITUTE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the establishment of tuition fees for Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) and to a change of fees for the Bachelor of Maritime Studies (B.M.S.) offered at the Marine Institute as follows:

1. (a) An admission fee of \$300 to cover additional administrative and human resource time costs in processing applications;  
(b) A Technical Thesis fee of \$1,500;  
(c) Regular course fees would apply as per University policy.
2. A fee increase of 10% for the Technician Certificate, Diploma of Technology program and Advanced Diploma of Technology program, in keeping with University policy.

#### ITEM B – PROGRAM FEES – DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

##### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval that the Diploma in Information Technology, to be offered by the School of Continuing Education, be set at \$8,500 plus textbooks, for the 1997–98 academic year.

#### ITEM C – RESTRUCTURING OF THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

##### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the restructuring of the School of Continuing Education as follows:

##### I. Create the following Divisions:

1. Division of Open Learning
  - Centre for Personal and Professional Development (CPPD)
  - Centre for Distance Education Development and Support (CDEDS)

2. Office of Educational Development and Marketing

3. Centre for Academic and Media Services (CAMS)

##### II. Abolish the "Division of Continuing Studies" and the "Division of Educational Technology".

##### III.

(a) The vacant position of "Dean " to be changed to "Executive Director".

(b) The position of "Director of Continuing Studies" to be changed to "Associate Executive Director (Division of Open Learning)".

(c) The position of "Assistant Director of Educational Technology" to be changed to "Associate Director (Centre for Academic and Media Services)".

(d) The vacant position of "Assistant Director of Educational Technology" to be converted to "Associate Director (Educational Development and Marketing)"

#### ITEM D – FEE INCREASES FOR RESIDENCE AND MEAL PLANS

##### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval of the following fee increases for Residence and Meal Plans, effective September 1, 1997:

##### 1997-98 Increase

##### St. John's

10 Meal Plan -- \$1,110/semester -- \$32 (3%) increase  
14 Meal Plan -- \$1,205/semester -- \$27 (2.3%) increase  
19 Meal Plan -- \$1,260/semester -- \$32 (2.6%) increase

##### Sir Wilfred Grenfell College:

Single Room -- \$870/semester -- \$40 (4.8%) increase

#### 2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on May 8, 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.

#### 3. CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Campus Planning Committee meeting held on April 2, 1997, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, and accepted by the Board.

Discussion was held on an informational item relating to a proposal by Mr. Paul Johnson to construct a University landmark in conjunction with the University Centre. The President reported that he had since met with Mr. Johnson who was agreeable to erecting a scaled-down version of the landmark and was also willing to contribute \$500,000 to its construction. This amount would cover the full cost. Concerns were expressed that the association with the Capital Campaign would negatively impact the goals and objectives of the Opportunity Fund. The President agreed to further discuss the matter with Mr. Johnson and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

On the recommendation of the Campus Planning Committee, the following resolutions were passed:

#### ITEM A. PIPPY PARK LEASEHOLD LAND

##### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the Pippy Park Commission to proceed with the sale of leasehold land to the residents in the Groves Road and Gillies Road areas of Pippy Park.

#### ITEM B. LAND EXCHANGE WITH GOVERNMENT

##### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to accept the proposed land exchange between the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador and the University with respect to the exchange of 38 of the 42 acres of the Kelly property for 10 acres of gravelled land owned by the University, in order to facilitate expansion of the Health Sciences Centre.

#### 4. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business transacted at the Employee Benefits Committee meeting held on April 29, 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. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

### 1. SUMMARY OF LEASES

A Summary of properties leased to the University and a summary of properties leased by the University to third parties, was circulated for information prior to the meeting. The President noted that the lease agreement with the United Church of Canada for the Labrador Institute of Northern Studies at Goose Bay would be reviewed.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION FOR DISMISSAL

The President advised the Board that a recommendation for dismissal on the grounds of sexual harassment had now been grieved by MUNFA. This will go to arbitration before the September meeting of the Board. Meanwhile the recommendation is in abeyance.

### 3. MEDICAL SCHOOL UPDATE

The Board expressed grave concerns with respect to major decisions being made by Government concerning a mandatory return of service agreement with Medical School graduates to practice in rural Newfoundland, without any input from the Board of Regents. The President was directed to express the Board's concerns to the appropriate officials of Government.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.