

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, May 7, 1998 at 12:15 p.m. in Room AS375 of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, Corner Brook.

PRESENT:

Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Vice-Chair
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor
Mr. Alick Andrews
Ms. Gail Aylward
Mr. Cyril Bonia
Mr. William Dilny
Mr. Fred Durant
Ms. Jeannie French
Mr. Peter Fenwick
Dr. Georgina Hedges
Ms. Nancy Kelly
Dr. Brendan Lewis
Ms. Frankie O'Neill
Ms. Joan Pinsent
Mr. David Power
Mr. Stephen Power
Mr. Harvey Short
Mr. Robert Stack
Ms. Amy Wyse
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor, Ms. Sharon Duggan, Mr. Brendan Paddick, 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 March 12 and 13, 1998, copies of which were circulated, were accepted by the Board.

2. APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD

The Chair advised that he had received verbal notification of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council approval of the appointment of Lorelei Stanley as a member of the Board of Regents for a term of three years, effective May 13, 1998.

3. SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Dr. May updated the Board on this matter. He advised that an out-of-court settlement had been attempted but was unsuccessful. It is anticipated that court action will resume by August or September. He further advised that AUCC has now agreed to fund two thirds the cost of litigation.

4. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. FINANCE

A draft of the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on May 7, 1998, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. French, and approved by the Board. The following resolutions were passed with respect to the items requiring specific Board approval:

ITEM A – 1998-99 BUDGET – FACULTY OF MEDICINE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the budgeted revenue of \$20,901,839 and expenditure of \$20,901,839 for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the Faculty of Medicine.

ITEM B – SCHOOL OF MEDICINE ENROLLMENT

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves a recommendation to explore the possibility of increasing the enrollment in the School of Medicine to its maximum capacity, through consultations with the Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Health, and to report back to the Board when this matter is completed.

ITEM C – ESTABLISH A GROUP RRSP FOR SESSIONAL CUPE EMPLOYEES

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the establishment of a group R.R.S.P. for sessional employees represented by CUPE Local 1615, who are not eligible for participation in the Memorial University Pension Plan. The contribution rate will be 5% of pensionable earnings and will be matched by the University. The effective date of implementation is April 1, 1998. Implementation will create an additional annual cost to the University of approximately \$25,000.

ITEM D – ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENDOWMENT FUND

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the establishment of "The William F. Summers Geographical Field Studies Endowment Fund" in recognition of the retired Professor and Founder of the Department of Geography.

ITEM E– ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION OF POSTGRADUATE COUNSELLOR IN THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the establishment of the position of Postgraduate Counsellor in the Faculty of Medicine.

ITEM F – ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION OF ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF FACULTY RELATIONS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the establishment of the position of Associate Director of Faculty Relations.

ITEM G – ASSIGNMENT OF STEM~NET TO THE SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves, effective June 1, 1998, the transfer of STEM~Net from the Office of the Vice-President (Academic) to the School of Continuing Education, and approves the establishment of the position of Associate Director (Projects) within the School of Continuing Education.

ITEM H – PAYMENT PLAN – SPECIAL GRADUATE PROGRAMS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves a payment plan to assess fees in equal instalments for full-time graduate programs of an unusual duration, or with an unusual fee structure during the standard number of semesters established for the specific program, with regular maintenance fees to be applied after that time.

ITEM I – MEDICAL SCHOOL – MISCELLANEOUS FEE INCREASE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves an increase in the application fee for the Medical School from \$50 to \$75, and an increase in the acceptance deposit fee from \$100 to \$200, to be implemented for the 1998-99 academic year.

ITEM J – TUITION FEES – MARINE INSTITUTE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves an increase in tuition fees for the Marine Institute, effective September 1, 1998, as follows:

Diplomas of Technology – From \$660 to \$690
Nautical Science

Naval Architecture
Marine Engineering Systems Design
Marine Engineering
Marine Environmental

Technician Diploma – From \$660 to \$690
Food Production Quality
Seafood Processing

Advanced Diplomas – From \$1,320 to \$1,380
Aquaculture
Fisheries Development
Food Safety

ITEM K – TUITION FEES – DIPLOMA IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Bonia declared a conflict of interest with this item and excused himself from the discussion.

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves an increase in the programme fee for the Diploma in Information Technology (full-time sections only) from \$8,500 to \$11,500, effective the 1998 Fall Semester.

ITEM L – RESIDENCE FEES – SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves an increase of \$16 per month in Residence Fees at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College to cover telephone service for each room, effective September 1, 1998, or the first month of installation whichever occurs first.

ITEM M – MEAL PLANS – ST. JOHN'S CAMPUS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves a fee increase of \$18 per semester for the 10, 14 and 19 meal plans, effective the 1998 Fall Semester.

2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A Report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on May 7, 1998, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Acting Chair of the Committee, Ms. Aylward, and accepted by the Board.

3. CAMPUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Chair of the Board declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting during the discussion of Parkland concept. The Minutes of the Campus Planning and Development Committee meeting held on May 7, 1998, copies of which were circulated at the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Short, and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

Mr. Short informed the Board that priority would be given to utilizing local content, where possible, in the design and specification for the University Centre and the Field House facilities. It was agreed that Dr. Paul Johnson would be invited to make a presentation to the Board at its next meeting concerning the Parkland Concept. The Chair then rejoined the meeting.

Mr. Fenwick left the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

4. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

A Summary of business transacted at the meeting of the Employee Benefits Committee held on April 24, 1998, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. O'Neill and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

5. PENSIONS COMMITTEE

A Summary of business transacted at the meetings of the Pensions Committee held on March 19, and April 28, 1998, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Durant, and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

5. SENATE

The Minutes of the regular meetings of Senate held on March 10, 1998 and April 14, 1998, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the President, and were accepted by the Board, with the exception of Item 82.11 – Proposal for an Office of Ombudsperson. This item was noted but not approved by the Board at this time. This matter was discussed under Other Business.

6. PROFESSOR EMERITUS

Circulated prior to the meeting was a recommendation from Senate for the awarding of the title of Professor Emeritus. The following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the awarding of the title of Professor Emeritus to the following retired members of the faculty who have given the University outstanding service and are scholars of outstanding note:

Dr. Penelope Allderdice, Faculty of Medicine
Dr. David Freeman, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
Dr. Alan Macpherson, Faculty of Arts
Dr. Joyce Macpherson, Faculty of Arts

7. APPOINTMENTS TO HARLOW CAMPUS TRUST

On the recommendation of the President and the Chairman of the Harlow Trust the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval that the following be appointment as Trustees of the Harlow Campus Trust, for a term of three years:

Mrs. Audrey Diane Craft
Mrs. Jayne Platt

8. STATEMENT OF OPERATING PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR THE MARINE INSTITUTE

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of a Statement of Operating Principles and Practices for the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University, dated January 5, 1998. Dr. Tuinman provided the background information to this report and after a discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the Statement of Operating Principles and Practices for the Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University, dated January 5, 1998, with an amendment to page 3, under the heading Operating Principles and Practices, Section 1, second paragraph, to read: "The chairperson of the advisory committee will be designated by the Board of Regents".

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- (a) Copy of correspondence from the Faculty Council of Medicine advising of two motions which were passed at their meeting of March 17, 1998 regarding the Search Committee for Vice-President (Academic).
- (b) Copy of correspondence from the Librarians' Council advising of two motions which were passed at their meeting of March 6, 1998 regarding the Search Committee for Vice-President (Academic).
- (c) Copy of correspondence from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Academic Council advising of four motions passed at their meeting of April 9, 1998 and a copy of Dr. May's letter to the Secretary of the Council addressing these motions.
- (d) Copy of an article concerning Carleton University faculty union's possible strike.
- (e) Copy of an article entitled "Acadia President under fire".

10. OTHER BUSINESS

1. OMBUDSPERSON

The Board was informed of a proposal for the establishment of an Ombudsperson Office, which was prepared by the Presidents of the CSU and GSU. The Board expressed an interest in the concept of

this proposal and agreed to encourage the parties involved to pursue a consultation process for its further development.

The Secretary was requested to write the CSU and GSU Presidents and advise them of the Board's view at this time.

2. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Chair submitted a proposed budget for the Presidential Search Committee and the names of the members of the Committee for ratification of the Board. After a brief discussion the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves a budget in the amount of \$100,000 for the Presidential Search Committee.

That the Board of Regents ratifies the following names of the members of the Presidential Search Committee:

Chair of the Board who shall be chair of the Committee:
Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair

Three other members from the Board of Regents, to be chosen by the Chair of the Board:

Ms. Gail Aylward, St. John's
Dr. Georgina Hedges, Grand Falls–Windsor
Mr. Mel Woodward, Happy Valley

Four members of the faculty, chosen by the Senate:

Dr. Robert Adamec, Department of Psychology
Dr. William Kennedy, Faculty of Education
Dr. Robin Moore–Orr, Faculty of Medicine
Dr. Christopher Sharpe, Department of Geography

Two students, chosen by the Chair after consultation with the President of the CSU and the GSU:

Ms. Nancy Peckford, GSU
Ms. Tracey O'Reilly, CSU

An academic administrator, chosen by them from among themselves:

Dr. Terry Murphy, Dean of Arts

A non-academic administrator, chosen by them from among themselves:

Mr. Harold Squires, Director of Budgets and Audits

Two members from the public-at-large, chosen by the Chair:

Dr. Linda Inkpen

Mr. Vic Young

Secretary of the Board to be Secretary of the Committee:

Ms. Eleanor Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair advised that he would be absent from the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board on June 11 and that the Vice-Chair, Mr. Bonnell, would act as Chair in his absence.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.