



## **Board of Regents**

### **MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**

#### **BOARD OF REGENTS**

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, 21 October 1999 in the Board Room of the University at 9:00 a.m.

#### **PRESENT:**

Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair  
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Vice-Chair  
Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor  
Dr. Axel Meisen, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Dr. Evan Simpson, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor  
Mr. Alick Andrews  
Mr. Hayward Blake  
Mr. Robert Brown  
Mr. Calvin Butt  
Mr. Chris Decker  
Mr. Fred Durant  
Mr. Peter Fenwick  
Dr. Georgina Hedges  
Mr. Ed Kelly  
Ms. Nancy Kelly  
Dr. Brendan Lewis  
Ms. Frankie O'Neill  
Mr. Brendan Paddick  
Mr. Larry Peckford  
Ms. Joan Pinsent  
Mr. David Power  
Mr. Harvey Short  
Ms. Lorelei Stanley  
Ms. Susan Wood  
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

**APOLOGIES:** Ms. Gail Aylward, Ms. Lisa Browne and Ms. Sharon Duggan.

**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 9 September 1999, copies of which were circulated, were accepted by the Board.

## **2. CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

### **1. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Mr. Decker, Mr. Kelly and Ms. Wood, who had been appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council for a term of three years, effective 21 October 1999, and wished them a rewarding term of office.

### **2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

The Chair advised that restructuring of Board Committees and assignment to Committees is still in progress. The new members were asked to provide the Secretary with their preference for a particular committee.

## **3. AQUARENA UPDATE**

The President provided an update on the status of the Aquarena roof, which had been damaged in a wind storm on 15 October 1999 and resulted in the immediate evacuation of the facility and the surrounding buildings on campus for safety reasons. The Board was informed of the approximate cost of repairs and discussed the insurance coverage. Patrons of the facility will be accommodated elsewhere during the disruption, and it was estimated that repairs would take anywhere from two to three weeks to complete.

## **4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The President reported to the Board on his recent visits to Stephenville, Corner Brook (including Sir Wilfred Grenfell College), Labrador City, and Happy Valley-Goose Bay. He met with civic leaders, members of the community, alumni, faculty, students and members of the Board. He heard the interests and concerns unique to the areas and discussed the opportunities and support for the

University, including the possibilities of partnering with the College of the North Atlantic and offering courses by distance.

The President circulated copies of a letter dated 19 October 1999 to the Mayor of Grand Falls-Windsor summarizing the points discussed during the Mayor's visit to the St. John's campus with respect to identifying university-level educational needs and opportunities in the area.

## **5. ATLANTIC PETROLEUM INSTITUTE**

The Board was informed of the recent establishment of the Atlantic Petroleum Institute at Dalhousie University. MUN and Dalhousie have an understanding to collaborate in research, education and training regarding offshore petroleum development. The President advised that a proposal on Memorial's oil and gas initiative will be ready by the end of the calendar year.

## **6. MARINE INSTITUTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

In a note to the Board dated 14 October 1999, the Chair advised of the past practice for appointing members to the Advisory Committee of the Marine Institute. He suggested a process for future appointments and pointed out several deficiencies with the appointments. He advised that these concerns would be addressed when making future appointments.

After a discussion of the process the following resolution was passed:

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves the following appointments to the Marine Institute Advisory Committee, in accordance with s.68 of the University Act, to be effective 1 November 1999:

Mr. Alexander Roche, Executive Vice-President, Fishery Products International - reappointed as Chair, for a further term of three years.

Mr. Churence Rogers, Harbour Breton - appointed as Vice-Chair, for a term of three years.

Mr. Paul Locke, President and CEO, Seabase Limited - appointed for a term of three years.

Mr. Kirk Jones, Director, Safety and Labour Management, Canada Steamship Lines Inc. - appointed for a term of two years.

Mr. Gregory Lever, Operations Manager, Terra Nova - appointed

for a term of two years.

Mr. Harvey Mott, President, Newfoundland Transshipment Ltd. - reappointed for a further term of two years.

Mr. Bill Broderick, Inshore Vice-President, Fish, Food and Allied Workers Union (FFAW-CAW) - reappointed for a further term of one year.

Mr. Joseph Price, Regional Director General, Fisheries and Oceans - appointed for a term of one year.

Mr. Corey Wells, President, Student Union, Marine Institute - appointed for a term of one year.

## **7. STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD**

In a note to the Board dated 8 October 1999 the Chair outlined the process to be followed when appointing student representatives to the Board. Attached to the note was correspondence from the Dean of Student Affairs and Services and the Council of the Students' Union jointly recommending the appointment of Mr. Peter Barnes as a student representative to the Board. Mr. Barnes would replace Mr. Cyril Bonia, whose term expired at the end of August.

After discussion of the process, the following resolution was passed:

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents recommends to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council the appointment of Mr. Peter Barnes as a student representative to the Board of Regents, in accordance with s.23(d)(ii) of the University Act.

## **8. LABOUR RELATIONS ISSUES**

### **1. LABOUR RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Labour Relations Committee held three meetings since the last meeting of the Board of Regents and copies of the minutes of the meetings held on 9 September 1999, 18 September 1999 and 1 October 1999 were circulated, and accepted by the Board.

### **2. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUN AND NAPE 7801**

Circulated prior to the meeting was a copy of the tentative agreement reached on 17 September 1999 between the University and NAPE, Local

7801, representing Maintenance employees. After discussion, the following resolution was passed:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents accepts the tentative collective agreement between Memorial University of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees, Local 7801, representing Maintenance employees.

**3. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MUN AND NAPE 7804**

Circulated prior to the meeting was a copy of the tentative agreement reached on 17 September 1999 between the University and NAPE, Local 7804, representing Custodial employees. After discussion, the following resolution was passed:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents accepts the tentative collective agreement between Memorial University of Newfoundland and the Newfoundland Association of Public Employees, Local 7804, representing Custodial employees.

**9. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

**1. PENSIONS**

A Report of the Pensions Committee meeting held on 12 October 1999, along with a Report of the Amendments Subcommittee, Market Study, Actuarial and Consulting Services, dated 27 September 1999, copies of which were circulated, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Durant, and accepted by the Board.

On the recommendation of the Pensions Committee and after discussion, the following resolution was passed with respect to consulting services for the MUN Pension Plan:

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves a recommendation that Eckler Partners Ltd. be engaged to provide actuarial and

consulting services to the Memorial University Pension Plan, the effective date to coincide with the day immediately following approval of the Board of Regents, with the incumbent actuarial firm (Morneau Sobeco) to be given a 31-day notice of termination to conclude work-in-progress.

## **2. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

A report of the Employee Benefits Committee meeting held on 8 October 1999, copies of which were circulated, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. O'Neill, and accepted by the Board. After discussion, the following resolution was passed with respect to amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Committee:

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves a recommendation that the Terms of Reference of the Employee Benefits Committee be amended as follows:

#### **Part A - Composition of the Committee**

Delete references to "who is a member of the University Bargaining Unit" in A.3 through A.8, thereby allowing union locals to designate executive officers to represent their respective units on the Employee Benefits Committee.

## **3. APPOINTMENTS**

A Report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on 20 October 1999, along with an addendum, copies of which were circulated, was presented by Dr. Hedges, and accepted by the Board.

## **4. CAMPUS PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

The minutes of the Campus Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 20 October 1999, copies of which were circulated, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Short, and accepted by the Board.

On the recommendation of the Campus Planning and Development Committee, the following resolutions were passed with respect to the items which required specific Board approval:

**ITEM 1 - MEMORIAL TOWER STATIONARY BEACON**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves the installation of a stationary beacon atop the Memorial Tower.

**ITEM 2 - AQUARENA ROOF INCIDENT**

For information only.

**ITEM 3 - FIELD HOUSE BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves an increase in the amount of \$600,000 in the construction budget of the Field House with the provision that funding be identified and confirmed within the Opportunity Fund. The approved construction budget will increase from \$7,500,000 to \$8,100,000. The Board also granted approval for the Field House project to proceed to the tender stage on the basis of the revised budget and confirmation of funding.

**ITEM 4 - PEDESTRIAN LINK**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves the construction of a Pedestrian Link between the new Field House and the Aquarena at a budgeted cost of \$1,500,000. Approval is given on the stipulation that the Pedestrian Link is tendered as a separate and optional phase of the Field House project, and incremental funding is confirmed within the Opportunity Fund to finance this addition to the project.

**ITEM 5 - MEMORIAL TOWER COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves the following wording for the commemorative plaque to be placed in the Memorial Tower:

**FOR OUR RIGHTS  
AND FREEDOM ...  
WE  
REMEMBER AND HONOUR  
THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN  
AND  
COMMEMORATE THOSE  
WHO HAVE SERVED**

**ITEM 6 - SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE BRICK  
PROBLEM UPDATE**

Mr. Adrian Fowler, Principal of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, joined the meeting to provide background information during the discussion of the items pertaining to the College.

This item was discussed and presented for information.

**ITEM 7 - SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE MASTER  
PLAN UPDATE**

This item was discussed and presented for information.

**ITEM 8 - SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE  
RESIDENCE PROPOSAL**

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents grants permission to explore potential funding options for the proposal to develop three clusters of 100-bed student residence units, for a total of 300 additional bed units, at the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, subject to securing of grant funding from provincial or federal agencies to a minimum of \$1,000,000 per 100-bed development or \$4,500,000 in total for the 300



beds. Exploration of potential funding should in no way interfere with the objectives of the Opportunity Fund.

Further, that a report on potential funding sources, as well as identification and confirmation of the costs and revenue analyses, be provided to the Board through the Finance and Campus Planning and Development Committees as soon as possible, but not later than 1 April 2000.

Mr. Fowler left the meeting after the Board thanked him for his informative report.

### **ITEM 9 - MONTREAL MASSACRE ANNIVERSARY PLAQUE**

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves the installation of a plaque in the lobby of the S.J. Carew Building, honouring the memory of the fourteen engineering students killed at the Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the tragedy. Funding is provided by the Engineering Class of '96.

### **5. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL PROSPECTS**

A verbal report on the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Financial Prospects held on 20 October 1999 was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Fenwick. He advised that the committee membership had been reconstituted and the committee had received a report from Dr. Simpson on the Planning and Priorities process. A further report will be provided at the next meeting of the Board.

### **10. OPPORTUNITY FUND AND CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION REPORT**

A report of the proceeds of the Opportunity Fund and Matching Government contributions, and the Cash Flow Projections of Capital Construction as of 31 August 1999, prepared by the Comptroller for the Vice-President (Administration and Finance) dated 7 October 1999, was circulated for the information of the Board.

### **11. SENATE**

The Minutes of the Senate meeting held on 14 September 1999, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the President and accepted by the Board.

**12. AMENDMENTS TO SCIENCE FACULTY COUNCIL CONSTITUTION**

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

**RESOLVED:**

That the Board of Regents approves amendments to the Faculty of Science Faculty Council Constitution, as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.