

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, September 8, 1994, in the Board Room of the University at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT:

Ms. Janet Gardiner, Chair
Ms. Jeannie French, Vice-Chair
Dr. Arthur May, President
Dr. Jaap Tuinman, Vice-President (Academic)
Mr. Gerry Bishop
Dr. Ches Blackwood
Ms. Laurie Combdon
Ms. Mary Ennis
Mr. Chris Facey
Mr. Peter Fenwick
Mr. Sean Hanrahan
Ms. Gudrid Hutchings
Mr. Ed Kennedy
Dr. Robert MacLeod
Mr. Raymond Rose
Ms. Grace Stapleton
Ms. Betty Williams
Ms. Maureen Woodrow
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. David Andrews, Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Ms. Barbara Lewis, Mr. George Neal, Ms. Frankie O'Neill, Mr. Alexander Roche, Ms. Heather Tulk and Mr. Mel Woodward.

PRESENT BY INVITATION: Mr. Wayne Thistle, Vice-President (Administration and Finance).

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents held on Thursday, June 9, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the

meeting, were accepted by the Board with an amendment to Item 4395.9. to read "1999" instead of "1995."

2. NEW APPOINTMENTS, RE-APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD

The Chair extended a warm welcome to Ms. Gudrid Hutchings, Mr. Peter Fenwick and Dr. Robert MacLeod, who were attending their first Board meeting and congratulated them on being appointed to the Board of Regents. Their appointments by the Lieutenant Governor in Council were effective September 1, 1994, for a three-year term. The Chair also advised that Mr. David Andrews, who was unable to attend the meeting, had been appointed to fill the Alumni position left vacant due to the resignation of Ms. Elizabeth Reynolds.

The Chair advised that she had received official notification from the Minister of Education of Mr. Ed Kennedy's appointment to the Board as a student representative. The Chair also congratulated the following members on being re-appointed for another three-year term: Mr. Gerry Bishop, Dr. Ches Blackwood, Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Ms. Frankie O'Neill, Ms. Mary Ennis, Ms. Barbara Lewis, Ms. Grace Stapleton, and Ms. Betty Williams.

The President took the opportunity to offer congratulations to Mrs. Gardiner, who had also been re-appointed Chair for a further term of three years.

In her words of welcome to the new Board members, the Chair outlined briefly how the Board functions and reminded members that matters discussed and materials distributed at Board meetings are of a confidential and sensitive nature and requested the Board's cooperation in this regard.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. STRAWBERRY HILL

The President advised the Board that significant progress had been made with respect to the construction of the highway that will encroach on the property at Strawberry Hill. Mr. Thistle then informed the Board that bids from the private sector had been received with respect to the future development and expansion of

the Strawberry Hill property as a resort/conference centre. He advised that a keen interest had been expressed by several developers and it was hoped that the proposals would be evaluated and formalized by the end of September deadline.

2. MUN/CABOT UPDATE

The President advised that the division of engineering technology programs between the Marine Institute and Cabot had taken place and he had been given assurances that students had been accommodated as they should in this regard.

3. FALL ENROLLMENT

The President advised that the change in admission requirements brought about as a result of the teachers' strike and the subsequent cancellation of public exams, had seen the enrollment for the Fall Semester increase by 500 to 700 more new first year students than would normally have registered.

4. RESTRUCTURING OF BOARD COMMITTEES

The Chair referred to the Report on the Restructuring of Board Committees, which had been circulated to members for their review prior to the meeting. Mr. Thistle provided the Board with the background and rationale which necessitated conducting a review of the Board committees and advised that the Ad Hoc Review Committee had met over the summer and drafted revisions to the terms of reference of the Board Committees. The Board was advised that concerns had been expressed at both the Pensions Committee and the Employee Benefits Committee meetings held earlier that day with respect to union groups being deprived of a mechanism for providing direct access to the Board for consulting and collaborating on human resource issues.

The union groups had requested that a copy of the Report on Restructuring of Board Committees be made available to them. But since the only committee that concerned the union groups was the Committee on Human Resources, the Board agreed to provide only a copy of the proposed terms of reference of the Committee on Human Resources. The terms of reference of each committee was reviewed by the Board and the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves in principle the proposed restructuring of Board Committees as it relates to the Committee on Human Resources for implementation as of such date that the administration has established an alternative means of consulting and collaborating with employee groups and receiving their input on human resource issues as well as providing a mechanism for direct communication with the Board of Regents through the Committee on Human Resources. However, in any event, the implementation shall not be delayed beyond November 1, 1994.

That the Board of Regents further approves the proposed Terms of Reference of the Campus Planning and Development Committee, as amended, the Executive Committee, the Executive Compensation Committee and the Finance Committee.

4. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A report of items approved by the Executive Committee, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Chair, and accepted by the Board.

5. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Dr. Ches Blackwood, and accepted by the Board. The following resolutions were passed with respect to the items which required specific approval of the Board:

ITEM A – ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS/BURSARIES – DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the establishment of a procedure which would delegate authority to the President in

respect of the establishment of scholarships and bursaries, and that in January of each year a report be tabled at the Board showing all scholarships and bursaries established in the preceding calendar year.

ITEM B – CHANGE IN FEE FOR CHALLENGE FOR CREDIT EXAMINATIONS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to amend the fee for "Challenge for Credit" examinations from 50% of the fee for one course to 50% of the fee for each course in excess of five courses and to amend the regulations in the Calendar to comply with the above changes.

ITEM C – VISITING GRADUATE STUDENTS

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval to the establishment of a new category of students, to be known as Visiting Graduate Students, with a fee to be set at 50% of the part-time Master's fee, and that Radwin Tawfik and Hatem Darwish be grandfathered at a fee of \$50 per semester until their contract expires.

2. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the Appointments Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. Grace Stapleton, and accepted by the Board.

3. PENSIONS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business Transacted at the Pensions Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Ms. Betty Williams, and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

4. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

A Summary of Business Transacted at the Employee Benefits Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 8, 1994, copies of which were circulated prior to the meeting, was presented by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Mr. Chris Facey, and accepted by the Board. There were no items requiring specific approval of the Board.

6. CHAIR'S BUSINESS

1. BOARD MEETING DATES

Circulated for information was a list of dates for Board meetings for the 1994-95 academic year with the following changes:

The Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 13th to be changed to Friday, October 28th at 2:00 p.m., in order to accommodate Board attendance at activities related to the Installation of the Chancellor and the Fall Convocation.

The next meeting following October 28th will be scheduled for Thursday, December 1st. The Board meeting scheduled for January 12th to be changed to January 19th. All other dates remain unchanged - February 9, 1995; March 9, 1995; April 13, 1995; May 11, 1995 and June 8, 1995.

7. PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS

1. SATURDAY NIGHT UNIVERSITY PLANNER

The President referred to the 1995 edition of "Saturday Night" magazine's first University Planner, which he described as being an alternative to "Macleans", that is packed with factual information concerning the various Universities across Canada, but without the rankings. He also referred to a colourful article written by John Fraser in which he described his experiences as a first year University student some thirty years ago. He does not mention the name of the university, but it is obvious as one reads through the article that he is referring to his attendance at Memorial.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

1. PHYSICAL EDUCATION REUNION

Mr. Chris Facey informed the Board of various functions associated with a Physical Education and Athletics reunion being planned for the weekend of October 7th to 9th in St. John's, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Memorial's entrance into A.U.A.A. competition.

2. I.S.E.R. ANNUAL REPORT

Copies of I.S.E.R. Annual Report were circulated to the Board for their information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.