

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

BOARD OF REGENTS

The regular meeting of the Board of Regents was held on Thursday, September 10, 1998 at 2:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the University.

PRESENT:

Mr. Edward Roberts, Chair  
Mr. Aubrey Bonnell, Vice-Chair  
Dr. Arthur May, President and Vice-Chancellor  
Dr. Jack Strawbridge, Acting Vice-President (Academic)  
Mr. Alick Andrews  
Ms. Gail Aylward  
Mr. Cyril Bonia  
Ms. Sharon Duggan  
Mr. Fred Durant  
Mr. Peter Fenwick  
Ms. Jeannie French  
Dr. Georgina Hedges  
Ms. Nancy Kelly  
Dr. Brendan Lewis  
Ms. Frankie O'Neill  
Ms. Joan Pinsent  
Mr. David Power  
Mr. Stephen Power  
Mr. Alexander Roche  
Mr. Harvey Short  
Mr. Robert Stack  
Ms. Lorelei Stanley  
Ms. Eleanor Bennett, Secretary

APOLOGIES: Mr. John Crosbie, Chancellor, Mr. William Dilny, Mr. Brendan Paddick, and Mr. Mel Woodward.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Regents held on June 11, 1998 and the special meeting held on July 29, 1998, copies of which were circulated, were accepted by the Board.

## 2. CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair thanked Mr. Bonnell for Chairing the June 11 meeting of the Board in his absence.

The Chair welcomed Ms. Stanley to her first regular meeting.

## 3. NAPE STRIKE AND SETTLEMENT

Circulated were copies of the Minutes of the Labour Relations Committee meeting held on September 3, 1998, and the Chair provided an oral report of the Labour Relations Committee meeting held on September 9, 1998.

Dr. May provided background information on the strike and the details of the settlement that was finally reached. After discussion, the following resolution was passed:

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents ratifies the Collective Agreement between Memorial University and NAPE Local 7803 representing Campus Enforcement and Patrol personnel. This contract will expire March 31, 2000.

## 4. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH UPDATE

The Chair provided an update on the activities of the Presidential Search Committee. He advised that the committee is entering a very extensive consultation process which will involve internal and external stakeholders. He advised that the committee will meet as a whole and in panels and would be visiting Grenfell College on September 17 and would be meeting with individuals and groups in St. John's on September 18 and 19, and with Faculty Councils on September 21, 22, 24 and October 2. The Chair noted that members of the Search Committee would be joining the Board at the end of the regular meeting to hear the views and concerns of the Regents.

## 5. LETTER FROM DR. J. D. HOUSE

Circulated were copies of the Chair's reply to Dr. House concerning his nomination for the position of Vice-President (Academic).

## 6. MEMBERSHIP TO CAMPUS PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Chair invited Ms. Stanley to serve on the Campus Planning and Development Committee and the Board endorsed this.

## 7. APPOINTMENT OF MR. ROBERT BROWN

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of a recommendation jointly from the Council of the Students' Union and the Dean of Student Affairs and Services for the appointment of Mr. Robert Brown as a student representative to the Board, replacing Ms. Amy Wyse. Also circulated was a background note from the Chair on this matter. After discussion, the following resolution was passed:

### RESOLVED:

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

## 8. MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

### 1. APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

A Report of the Appointments Committee meeting held on September 10, 1998, copies of which were circulated, was presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Roche, and accepted by the Board.

### ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATORS – LETTERS OF APPOINTMENT

On the recommendation of the Appointments Committee, the Board passed the following resolution:

### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the following provision dealing with the issue of renewal and termination prior to the end of the term of academic appointments as stated for inclusion in all letters of appointment:

"The appointment as \_\_\_\_\_ is for a term of [five/three] years. The appointment may be renewed upon review with Board approval for a further term to a maximum of [five/three] years. The initial or renewal appointment will terminate at the end of the term or may terminate upon such earlier date as the Board may stipulate. Should the Board stipulate termination prior to the end of the term, the Board will give one year's notice of termination or one year's administrative stipend in lieu of notice."

## 2. CAMPUS PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Board declared a conflict and left the meeting during the discussion of this item. The Minutes of the meeting of the Campus Planning and Development Committee, copies of which were circulated, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Short, and accepted by the Board. The following resolutions were passed:

### A. CONNECTOR ROAD – CORNER BROOK

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves an exchange of a small portion of land between the City of Corner Brook and Memorial University for the construction of a connector road between University Avenue and the Elizabeth Street area, which will provide access/egress to Grenfell College, and is subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

### B. SAMMS PROPERTY, NORRIS POINT

RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents approves the purchase of the parcel of property, known as the Samms' property, which is immediately adjacent to the Memorial University Biology Field Station in Norris Point. The purchase price of the property is \$35,000, including a

limited number of contents and is subject to the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council.

### C. BEAUMONT-HAMEL PLAQUE

#### RESOLVED:

That the Board of Regents grants approval in principle for the acceptance of the Beaumont-Hamel plaque, which is an Historic Sites and Monuments Board plaque in commemoration of the Battle of Beaumont-Hamel in France.

The Chair rejoined the meeting.

Dr. Lewis joined the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

### 3. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE

Reports of the Employee Benefits Committee meetings held on August 28, 1998, copies of which were circulated, and September 9, 1998, were presented by the Chair of the Committee, Ms. O'Neill. There were no items requiring specific Board approval.

### 9. SENATE

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of the Minutes of an information session of Senate held on May 12, 1998, and minutes of the regular meeting of Senate held on May 12, 1998. They were presented by the President and accepted by the Board, with the proviso that Minute 90.1 (Final Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Procedures Concerning the Removal of Academic Administrators), be reserved to the Board of Regents for a decision. A report from the President on this matter would be presented at a future meeting.

### 10. CORRESPONDENCE

#### 1. SUMMARY OF LEASES

Circulated for information were copies of a summary of University Leased properties listed under the headings of "Leases that Generate Income" and "Leases that do not Generate Income".

## 2. MUN PENSIONERS

Circulated for information were copies of correspondence from several retired faculty members expressing concerns of MUNFA's intention to take control of a portion of the University Pension Plan, and copies of the Chair's reply.

## 3. MUN PENSIONERS' ASSOCIATION

Circulated for information were copies of correspondence from the President of the Pensioners' Association requesting additional membership on the Pensions and Employee Benefits committees, and copies of the President's reply.

## 4. CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEAN OF MEDICINE

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

Circulated prior to the meeting were copies of a letter from the Dean of Medicine to the President concerning the enrollment for Newfoundland students to the Medical School. After a brief discussion, Mr. Fenwick was requested to draft a reply outlining his concerns in this matter.

## ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

## 11. CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Board welcomed Mr. Evan Simpson, Vice-President (Academic) Designate, and members of the Presidential Search Committee to the meeting. An exchange of ideas ensued into the strengths of Memorial, the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing the university, and, the experience, skills, and personal qualities the committee should be seeking in the next President.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.