

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of The University of British Columbia was held on Thursday, August 2, 1984, at 2:00 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room of the Old Administration Building.

Present: Mr. David G. A. McLean, Chairman
President K. George Pedersen
Chancellor W. Robert Wyman
Dr. Patricia Baird
Mr. Peter Brown
Mr. Dave Frank
Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs
Mr. Don Holubitsky
Mr. Robert H. Lee
Dr. L. R. Peterson, Q.C.
Mr. Richard Stewart

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board
Vice-President A. Bruce Gellatly
Vice-President David T. McMillan
Dr. R. D. Russell, Associate Vice-President, Academic
Mr. Allen Baxter, Associate Vice-President and Treasurer
Mr. James Banham, Acting Director of Information Services
Mr. Al Hunter, Media Relations Officer
Mr. Doug Low, Vice-President, AMS
Mr. Neville Smith, Director of Physical Plant
Mr. Al McMurray
Mr. Gordon Snelland
Representatives of Building Construction Trades
Members of the Press and the Public Gallery

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Victor Doray, Mrs. Joy McCusker, Mr. W. L. Sauder and Dr. Olav Slaymaker.

Chairman of the Board - Remarks

The Chairman of the Board welcomed Mr. Robert H. Lee to his first meeting as a member of the Board of Governors. The Chairman noted that Mr. Lee had been appointed by the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council for a period of three years from July 26, 1984.

The Chairman was also pleased to announce for the record that Mrs. Joy McCusker had been reappointed as a member of the Board for a three year term commencing July 18, 1983, and that Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs had been reappointed for a three year term from July 26, 1984.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. David T. McMillan, Vice President, Development and Community Relations to his first meeting of the Board of Governors.

The Chairman drew the Board's attention to the appointment of Mr. W. Robert Wyman to the Board of Directors of the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia and to the appointment of Chancellor Emeritus Donovan F. Miller as an Officer of the Order of Canada.

President K George Pedersen - Remarks

The President commented briefly on his recent visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. He explained that five university presidents from across Canada had been invited as guests of the West German Government. The two week visit involved meeting with a variety of educational groups and organizations associated with higher education, as well as tours of several German universities. The President said that a very positive consequence of the visit was that two universities he toured have expressed interest in an exchange with UBC.

FINANCE

Mr. A. Bruce Gellatly presented the Finance report on behalf of Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs.

Appropriations from General Purpose Operating Fund

Ancillary Enterprises Fund

Capital Fund

Mr. Gellatly outlined the basis of his recommendations with respect to appropriations as at March 31, 1984.

It was RESOLVED,

That the following appropriations as at March 31, 1984, be and are hereby approved:

General Purpose Operating Fund

1. Carry-forward of unexpended operating budget - Maximum 1% of total budget

Faculty of Arts	\$172,736
Faculty of Graduate Studies	\$22,778
	Total \$195,514

2. Incomplete renovations projects

Animal Resource Ecology	\$27,836
Physical Plant – transformers and sundry projects	\$35,200
	Total \$258,550

Ancillary Enterprises Fund

The undernoted ancillary enterprises have earmarked funds for the replacement and improvement of existing facilities and the development of new facilities:

Gage Low Rise Residences	\$1,431,005
	\$89,167
	Total \$1,431,005

CARRIED

Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1984

Mr. A. Bruce Gellatly presented the financial statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1984. He commented that the statements were in an entirely new format which was consistent with the financial reporting guidelines issued by the Canadian Association of University Business Officers. Mr. Gellatly thanked Mr. Allen Baxter and his staff for their fine work in preparing the statements in the new format. In addition, Mr. Gellatly advised that the new format had been accepted with enthusiasm by the External Auditors, and that the Audit Committee had approved the statements at its meeting on July 13, 1984.

Mr. Gellatly proposed to expand distribution of the financial statements this year to include deans and department heads, as well as by placing a copy in the University Library.

Mr. Gellatly reviewed the statements in detail.

During the review, Mr. Gellatly drew attention to Table I on page 7 "Source and Distribution of General Purpose Operating Fund." He indicated that, even with a 5% fee increase in 1983-84, fees represented only 11.6% of the University's ordinary operating income.

Table II showed that salaries and benefits comprised a range from 85.1% to 90.3% of the operating budget for the period 1974-75 to 1983-84. Mr. Gellatly observed that for the whole system of universities in Ontario, from which he came, the set of figures for those ten years would average 80%. He suggested that this meant we are not giving due support to non-salary costs such as teaching and research equipment and library acquisitions. Although he felt that it might take five or six years, President K. George Pedersen advised the Board that it was his goal to reduce the level of salaries and benefits to 80% of the University's operating budget.

In reference to Table IV, Mr Gellatly noted that total sponsored research funding had increased from \$15.2 M in 1973-74 to \$54.9 M in 1983-84. The President added that UBC was presently number two in Canada in terms of the total amount of money brought in from outside sources for research purposes.

Mr. Gellatly drew attention to NOTE #1 (i) on page twenty-four that "the financial statements of The University of British Columbia do not include the income or expense of the Health Sciences Centre Hospital, Aquatic Centre, Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre, Faculty Club, Graduate Student Centre or TRIUMF, but buildings and contents are included in the balance sheet."

Mr. Gellatly also drew attention to NOTE #5 "Commitments" pointing out that at the end of the fiscal year there was a total of \$4,500,000 of salaries and benefits relating to early termination arrangements with faculty and staff which was part of the budget cut for 1984-85. The University had applied to the Province to fund this cost, but arrangements had not yet been confirmed.

Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs proposed a motion of commendation to Mr. Gellatly and his staff on the excellent presentation of the University's financial statements. The Board approved Mr. Hobbs' motion unanimously.

It was RESOLVED,

That the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1984, be and are hereby approved; that the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and the Vice President, Administration and Finance) be and are hereby authorized to sign the statements on behalf of the Board of Governors; and that, as required by Statute (Section 31 of the *University Act*, 1979), a copy be sent to the Universities Council of British Columbia and a copy to the Secretary of Senate.

CARRIED

Annual up-dating of securities authority

It was RESOLVED,

That any two of the following officers:- the President, the Vice-President Administration and Finance, the Associate Vice-President and Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer - Financial Services, the Assistant Treasurer - Benefit Programs or the Accounting and Insurance Manager, be and are hereby authorized to sign transfer forms and other required forms that may be necessary in connection with the purchase, sale and de-registration of securities and bonds on behalf of the University, as these transactions may occur from time to time.

CARRIED

Approval of Standard Format of Agreement for the publication of books by the University Press

It was RESOLVED,

That, subject to the approval of the agreement by the University Solicitor, the Standard Format of Agreement dated April, 1984, for the publication of books by the University Press be and is hereby approved; on the understanding that approval by the Board of individual contracts will only be required when significant changes from the Standard Format are involved.

CARRIED

Parking Fee Revisions 1984-85

It was RESOLVED,

That the Parking Fee Revisions for 1984-85, effective September 1, 1984, be and are hereby approved, it being noted that all revenues generated from these increases will be used exclusively for the maintenance and development of parking facilities.

CARRIED

Report on Donations

The gifts, grants and bequests report for the period April 1, 1984, to June 30, 1984, and the listing of notable donations for the month of May 1984 had been circulated and were received for information.

Audited Financial Statements

The audited financial statement the fiscal year ended March 31, 1984, from the following campus organizations and agencies had been circulated and were received for information:

UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre

Aquatic Centre

Thea Koerner House Graduate Student Centre

TRIUMF

Summary of Estates

Estate of John Avison

It was RESOLVED,

That the Chairman of the Board write to the widow of the late John Avison, Mrs. Angelina Avison, 6409 Larch Street, Vancouver, B.C., expressing the Board's gratitude for the bequest.

CARRIED

Estate of Gilbert Garnett

The Chairman of the Board observed that the annual income derived from this bequest was to be used for bursaries to be awarded at the discretion of the Board, and commented that it was extremely helpful to the University to receive funds in a flexible form, thereby allowing the Board to use the funds in the most effective manner.

It was RESOLVED,

That the Chairman of the Board write to the son of the late Gilbert Garnett - Mr. Doug Garnett of 1125 West 7th Avenue, Vancouver, B.C., V6H 1B5, expressing the Board's gratitude for the bequest.

CARRIED

Estate of Olof Seaholm

It was RESOLVED,

That the Chairman of the Board write to the late Olof Seaholm's brother (his only living relative), Per Sjobom, Ridardalsvagen 1-B, Alvkarleby, Gastrikland, Sweden, expressing the Board's gratitude for the bequest.

CARRIED

Mr. Doug Low was in attendance during discussion of the following item.

Letter dated June 4, 1984, from Mr. Doug Low re student family housing concerns

Mr. Gellaty reported that Mr. Doug Low, Ms. Mary Flores and Dr. Neil R. Risebrough had been present at the Finance Committee the previous day. It had been agreed that consultations will take place with the tenant's association about the future development of family housing and rental units, and certainly before rates are set for 1985-86.

PROPERTY

Sub-lease between the Alma Mater society and Delly & Condetore Enterprises Ltd for space in the Student Union Building

It was RESOLVED,

That, as required under the Indenture dated September 26, 1968, between The University of British Columbia and the Alma Mater Society, the Sub-lease dated April 1, 1984, between the Alma Mater Society and Delly & Condetore Enterprises Ltd be and is hereby approved.

CARRIED

Construction Program Status Report

The construction program status report dated July 4, 1984, had been circulated and was received for information.

The Chairman of the Board made reference to the anticipated receipt of tenders for the Acadia Park Student Housing in late August, and suggested that the award of contract for construction could be submitted to the Executive Committee for approval, or to the Board of Governors at its meeting early in September.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated June 17, 1984, from Katherine Watson, Cariboo College Student Society re Tuition Fee Increases

The above letter expressing concern with respect to increases in tuition fees at The University of British Columbia had been circulated and was received for information.

OTHER BUSINESS

Date of Board of Governors' Reception 1985

It was RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors' Reception 1985 be held on Saturday, November 16, 1985.

CARRIED

Regular Board of Governors' Meeting Dates for 1985

The proposed schedule of regular monthly meetings of the Board of Governors for 1985 had been circulated as follows:

Thursday, February 7, 1985
Thursday, March 7, 1985
Thursday, April 4, 1985
Friday, May 3, 1984 (normally out-of-town meeting)
Thursday, June 6, 1984
Thursday, July 4, 1985
September 1985 (Joint Board/UCBC meeting - date to be established)
Thursday, October 3, 1985
Thursday, November 7, 1985
Thursday, December 5, 1985

It was RESOLVED,

That the regular Board of Governors meeting dates for 1985 be and are hereby approved as circulated.

CARRIED

Update of Board Resolution regarding Student Union Building to reflect Dr. N. Risebrough title change

It was RESOLVED,

That, as required under Section 1 of the report dated June 15, 1983, of the ad hoc Committee on the Student Union Building, the following be and are hereby designated as the University representatives to meet regularly twice a year with representatives of the Alma Mater Society designated by the Alma Mater Society under Section 1 of the report, for the purpose of discussing matters affecting operations in the Student Union Building: Associate Vice-President Student Services; Chairman of the Property Committee; Mr. A. Baxter; Mr. Neville Smith

CARRIED

B.C. Studies - UBC to assume responsibility for publishing

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Dr. R. D. Russell, Associate Vice-President Academic, The University of British Columbia assume publishing responsibility for B.C. Studies, under the same conditions as for Canadian Literature and for Pacific Affairs.

CARRIED

UBC Health Sciences Centre Hospital Foundation - Authorization to use the designation "UBC"

It was RESOLVED,

That the Board of Governors hereby authorizes the UBC Health Sciences Centre Hospital Foundation to use the designation "UBC" in its name.

CARRIED

WESTAR - One 157-Inch Mirror Blank

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Dr. C. B. Bourne, Advisor to the President, the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and the Vice President, Administration and Finance) be and are hereby authorized to execute the document giving the National Research Council assurance that it will not hold NRC legally responsible for any damage caused to the WESTAR 157 Inch Mirror Blank during inspection by the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory, Victoria.

CARRIED

Agreement dated June 7, 1984, between the University and the Ministry of Corrections re Medical Care of Prisoners in the Vancouver Pretrial Services Centre

It was RESOLVED,

That insurance coverage of \$1,000,000 be obtained, if possible, for both the faculty and the students involved in the treatment of prisoners in the Vancouver Pretrial Services Centre under the proposed agreement with the Ministry of Corrections; and that the faculty and students involved be required to sign a waiver of liability that they will not sue the University in excess of the University's insurance coverage.

CARRIED

NOTE: Subsequently, it was determined that the Ministry of Corrections no longer wished to enter into this agreement with the University, and the agreement was, therefore, cancelled.

The Professor Jacob Biely Faculty Research Prize

The Board was pleased to learn that the Professor Jacob Biely Faculty Research Prize for 1984 had been awarded to Dr. Walter N. Hardy of the Department of Physics.

Letter dated June 14, 1984, re appointment of Dr. Peter A. Larkin to International Development Research Corporation

The Board also noted, with pleasure, that Dr. Peter A. Larkin, Associate Vice President, Research, had been appointed to the Board of Governors of the International Development Research Corporation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated June 5, 1984, from Mr. Doug Low re Men's and Women's Athletics

Mr. Doug Low, Vice-President Alma Mater Society, was in attendance to make a presentation with respect to men's and women's athletics. Mr. Low was concerned about the direction the University and the Athletic Department is taking toward students on varsity teams.

Speaking as a student at UBC, Mr. Low asked the Board the following questions:

- (a) How important is athletics at UBC?
- (b) Is the University willing to give athletics the necessary financial support it needs in order to maintain its excellence?

Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs felt that Mr. Low's arguments for greater financial support of the University's athletic program were very persuasive. However, because of the severe economic restraints facing the University, he indicated that it was not possible to reverse the Board's earlier decision with respect to budget cuts. Mr. Hobbs suggested that the Board should investigate whether some way could be found to fund at least half the budget cut from outside sources, and then challenge the Alumni Association to raise the other half.

The Chairman of the Board commended Mr. Low on an excellent presentation. However, he advised that the Board had to look at the University as a whole when it made cutbacks and that other areas of the University could make a similar case that there had been a loss of excellence. He agreed with Mr. Hobbs that perhaps there were alternative ways of preventing a loss of excellence in the athletic program.

President K. George Pedersen advised Mr. Low that he was sympathetic to the importance of athletics. At the same time, he did not feel there was a compelling argument that athletics should have been protected while other areas of the University had to take budget cuts. President Pedersen stated that he had been concerned about the athletic program since coming to UBC. In the President's view, The University of British Columbia, as the second largest university in Canada, should have a significant role to play in athletics if, indeed, it is an important aspect of University life, and he felt it was. The President said that he was aware of the reports that had been done on the direction that athletics should take at UBC. However, he felt that that sufficient time had passed since the last report was done, and that there had been sufficient changes in the problems facing the University, that a Committee comprised predominantly of people from outside the University should sit down and have a look, with us, at where we should be going. It may be that, given the financial restraints we are under, we can't continue as broad a program as we have in the past. The President added that the Alma Mater Society may have to review its contribution in terms of the athletic fee, which is among the lowest in Canada.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Confirmed,

Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board

David G. A. McLean, Chairman of the Board