

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of The University of British Columbia was held on Thursday, February 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 J. V. Clyne

Mr. Allan R. Crawford

Mr. Victor Doray

Mr. Dave Frank

Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs

Mr. Don Holubitsky

Mrs. Joy McCusker

Dr. L.R. Peterson, Q.C. (For part of the meeting)

Mr. Alan F. Pierce

Mr. William L. Sauder

Dr. Olav Slaymaker

Mr. Richard Stewart

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board

Vice President A. Bruce Gellatly

Vice-President J. M. Kennedy

Vice-President Robert H. T. Smith

Mr. Allen Baxter, Associate Vice President and Treasurer

Mr. James Banham, Acting Director of Information Services

For part of the meeting:

Mr. Kenneth G. Young

Dean L. M. Wedepohl

Dr. A. Meisen

Mr. R. Howard (Howard/Yang Architects)

Dr. N. Risebrough

Mrs. M. Flores

Mr. G. Argyle

Mr. A. Waisman, Mr. Geoff Bargh (Waisman, Dewar, Grout, Architects)

Dr. C. B. Bourne

Mr. Al Hunter, Media Relations Officer

Dr. R. Kerekes

Mr. D. Haller

Members of the Press and the Public Gallery

A message of regret for absence was received from Dr. Patricia Baird.

Welcome to New Board Members

The Chairman of the Board welcomed new members of the Board, Dr. Olav Slaymaker, Mr. Victor Doray and Mr. Don Holubitsky, to the meeting, and expressed the hope that they would enjoy their term of office. The Chairman also expressed his pleasure that Mr. Dave Frank had been re-elected by the students for a second term on the Board.

Award of the E. W. R. Steacie Fellowship and Prize to Dr. William G. Unruh

The President was pleased to advise the Board that a very outstanding member of the Physics Department, Dr. William G. Unruh, had won both the prestigious Steacie awards this year. The President indicated that Dr. Unruh had previously won a number of major prizes including the Herzberg Medal of the Canadian Association of Physicists last year and the Rutherford Medal of the Royal Society of Canada "for outstanding discoveries over the past 10 years" in 1982.

FINANCE

Undergraduate Society Fee Levies

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by the Alma Mater Society, the following undergraduate fee levies, which have met all the requirements of the A.M.S. Constitution, be and are hereby approved beginning with the Winter Session 1984-85.

Architecture Undergraduate Society Institute a fee of \$10.00 (no previous fee)

Agriculture Undergraduate Society

Increase in the Agriculture Undergraduate Society fee from \$6.00 to \$10.00

Engineering Undergraduate Society

Increase in the Engineering Undergraduate Society fee from \$8.00 to \$12.00, it being noted that, for the Winter Session 1984-85 only all second, third and fourth year Engineering students will be assessed an additional four dollars over and above the referendum increase

CARRIED

Progress Statement of Revenue and Expenditure to December 31, 1983

The progress statement of revenue and expenditure for the period April 1, 1983, to December 31, 1983, had been circulated, and was received for information.

Quarterly Investment Performance Report

The quarterly investment performance report for the quarter ended December 31, 1983, for those funds under the administration of the University's Advisory Committee on Investments, had been circulated and was received for information.

Monthly Reports on Donations

The gifts, grants and bequests report for the period April 1, 1983, to December 31, 1983, and the listing of notable donations for November and December, 1983, had been circulated and was received for information.

Summary of Estates

(Note: In cases where there is no recommendation that the Chairman write a letter of appreciation, it has been determined that there are no known relatives)

It was RESOLVED,

That the bequest of \$25,000 from the Estate of Adele Guttman be deposited in the President's Fund for use at his discretion in consultation with Board members.

CARRIED

The Board noted with appreciation that the University had been bequeathed the sum of \$4,000 under the Estate of Ms. Eva Mabel Luce for research, preferably in the Areas of Diabetes and Arthritis.

The University had been bequeathed the sum of \$55,000 or 25% of the residue of the Estate of Anna Evelyn Kirkby, whichever is the lesser, for the purpose of establishing a Bursary Fund for mature students and native Indians (Status or Non-Status) who are in need of financial aid.

It was RESOLVED,

That the report dated January 18, 1984, from the Associate Vice President & Treasurer with respect to the Estate of Mrs. Anna Evelyn Kirkby be received for information; and that the Chairman of the Board write to the son of the deceased, Mr. Gerald V. Kirkby, expressing the Board's appreciation of the bequest.

CARRIED

The Board accepted, with appreciation, the amount of approximately \$2,000 from the Estate of Thomas Welch for research in Ophthalmology.

It was RESOLVED,

That the report dated January 18, 1984, from the Associate Vice President & Treasurer with respect to the Estate of Thomas Welch be received for information; and that the Chairman of the Board write to the nephew of the deceased, Mr. William Welch, expressing the Board's appreciation of the bequest.

CARRIED

The Board was pleased to accept the bequest of \$10,000 from the Estate of Mrs. Elsie Rutherford McLenaghan to the School of Home Economics for the establishment of the "Dr. Jessie L. McLenaghan Scholarship Fund."

Letter dated January 30, 1984, to Ubyssey from the Chairman of the Board re Tuition Fee Increases

The above letter had been circulated and was received for information. The letter contained reasons for the tuition fee increase that had been implemented recently by the Board of Governors, and outlined the financial problems facing the University.

PROPERTY

Renewal, of license for, office space for:

- (a) UBC Employees Society No. :1(7,CUPE)
- (b) C.U.P.E. Union Local #2278
- (c) A.U.C.E. Union Local #1
- (d) The Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation

It was RESOLVED,

That the License dated February 2, 1984, between The University of British Columbia and The University of British Columbia Employees' Society No. 116 with respect to the rental of Rooms 38, 39 and 40 of the Scarfe Annex for a period of one year from January 12, 1984, be approved; and that the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and the Vice President, Finance) be and are hereby authorized to sign the License on behalf of the University.

CARRIED

It was RESOLVED,

That the License dated February 2, 1984, between The University of British Columbia and Canadian Union of Public Employees Local #2278 with respect to the rental of Rooms 202-A and 204 in the Armoury for a period of one year from January 12, 1984, be approved; and that the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and the Vice President Finance) be and are hereby authorized to sign the License on behalf of the University.

CARRIED

It was RESOLVED,

That the License dated February 2, 1984, between The University of British Columbia and The University of British Columbia Association of University and College Employees, Local No. 1 with respect to the rental of Room 202 of the Armoury for a period of one year from January 12, 1984, be approved; and that the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and the Vice President, Finance) be and are hereby authorized to sign the License on behalf of the University.

CARRIED

It was RESOLVED,

That the License dated January 12, 1984, between The University of British Columbia and The Leon and Thea Koerner Foundation with respect to the rental of Room 101 of the Graduate Student Centre for the period January 1 through December 31, 1984, be approved; and that the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and the Vice President, Finance) be and are hereby authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the University.

CARRIED

Construction Program Status Report

The construction program status report dated January 18, 1984, had been circulated and was received for information.

REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SENATE

Prizes, Scholarships and Bursaries

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Senate, the new awards listed be approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (i) and 37 of the University Act, 1979.)

CARRIED

Limitation of Enrolment in First Year

Senate, on the recommendation of the Senate Admissions Committee, had forwarded a proposal to the Board that enrollment be limited in the first year of degree programs. The Senate Admissions Committee had pointed out that it was clear that in 1984-85 the University will be facing a severe shortage of financial resources, and that, without adequate funding, the University could no longer admit all applicants to the first year who meet the minimum entrance requirements and at the same time maintain the quality of education that has been provided in the past.

Mr. Dave Frank was concerned about the proposal from a financial standpoint. He pointed out that next year we will be accepting 427 fewer first year students than we accepted this year, and that this would remove approximately \$500,000 from our revenue. It was Mr. Frank's view that the University's cost per student for first year was the lowest of any program we offer. He also expressed concern that there would be a ripple effect on ancillary services such as Bookstore, Housing and Food Services.

Several other members of the Board expressed their concern with the proposal from a philosophical viewpoint. For example, one member of the Board felt that a limitation of enrollment should be done only in conjunction with other post-secondary institutions in the province. Others felt that it was a mistake, at a time when the economy is in great difficulty and young people are having extreme difficulty getting jobs, to restrict their access to an education for their future.

Chancellor J. V. Clyne advised the Board that there had been approximately two hours of debate at the meeting of Senate which formulated this proposal. The general feeling of members of Senate was that they were extremely reluctant to restrict enrollment. Nevertheless, having regard to the University's economic difficulties, it was felt that the University could not maintain its existing policy of accepting all qualified applicants and maintain the quality of education.

President K. George Pedersen reminded the Board that the Administration had been requested by the Board last fall to consider the question of enrollment limitation. Dr. Pedersen said that the matter had been reviewed very carefully, and he expressed the view, notwithstanding the University's current financial constraints, that it was desirable, from a planning standpoint, to have an idea of what the overall size of the institution will be.

Dr. Pedersen commented on the question of an enrollment policy for the Province as a whole. He advised the Board that at the meeting with the Premier attended by himself and the Chairman of the Board, it was the Premier's view that matters such as access, participation rates, proportion of funding to be carried by the students in the form of tuition, financial aid, etc., were matters to be dealt with by the respective institutions. However, the Premier did indicate that there were limited funds available, and that each university would have to make a determination of how its individual budget was structured.

Mr. Hobbs spoke in favour of the proposal, but expressed the hope that the Administration would give some thought to the fact that UBC is the graduate school of the province, and to how we can maintain excellence in faculties such as medicine and engineering. Mr. Hobbs pointed out that we have made commitments to increase enrollment in these areas, and we are now faced with financial constraints. Mr. Hobbs felt that the University had an obligation to ensure that students who have been accepted into these programs have an opportunity of finishing their education without disruption.

The Chancellor assumed the Chair to enable Mr. McLean to speak to the subject under discussion.

Although Mr. McLean was sympathetic to the views expressed by Mr. Frank and others, he was concerned about the dangers of failing to institute controls on the growth of the institution. Mr. McLean was also concerned about the psychology of allowing enrolment to be unlimited which was not consistent with the current state of the economy and the restraint policies that we are under. Mr. McLean agreed with Mr. Hobbs that perhaps more emphasis should be placed on the graduate component of the University.

Dr. K. George Pedersen pointed out that UBC was not going to be able to satisfy all the educational needs of the province as a whole, and that the University would have to decide what it could do, and do well, within the resources available.

Dr. Leslie R. Peterson joined the meeting.

It was RESOLVED,

That the following recommendations of Senate concerning limitation of enrollment in First Year be and are hereby approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (o) and 37, and Section 27 (p) of the University Act, 1979.)

1. That for the 1984-85 Winter Session enrollment of new students in the first year of degree programs be limited to approximately 3,250 students.
2. That the approximately 3,250 students be selected in descending order of academic achievement on the relevant subjects of senior secondary school.
3. That the principle of enrollment limitation and the number of new students to be admitted be reviewed annually in the light of resources available to the University.
4. That the Faculties which admit students to first year be requested to provide the Senate Admissions Committee with the maximum number of new first year students that can be accommodated in each first year degree program. These numbers to be made available by February 10, 1984.

CARRIED

Courses, new and changes

It was RESOLVED,

That the following recommendations from Senate be approved in principle, subject to the proviso that none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to the President and the formal agreement of the President; and that the Deans and Heads concerned with new programs be asked to indicate the space requirements, if any, of such new programs.

That, as recommended by Senate, new courses, course and program changes arising out of the Senate meetings of December 14, 1983 and January 18, 1984, and submitted to the Board in a report dated January 19, 1984, be and are hereby approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (f)(i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act, 1979*.)

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated December 20, 1983, from Dr. R. F. Scagel, Acting, President, WCUMBS, re Board visit to Bamfield Marine Station.

It was noted that June 26th was the date established for Visitors' Day at Bamfield Marine Station.

Members of the press and the public gallery left the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Confirmed,

Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board

David G. A. McLean, Chairman of the Board