

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of The University of British Columbia was held on Thursday, December 1, 1983, at 1:40 p.m. in the Board and Senate Room of the Old Administration Building.

Present: Mr. David G. A. McLean, Chairman
President K. George Pedersen, Acting Chairman
Chancellor J. V. Clyne
Ms. Margaret Copping
Mr. Dave Frank
Dr. Hugh J. Greenwood
Mrs. Joy McCusker
Mr. William J. Morrison
Dr. Peter H. Pearse
Dr. L. R. Peterson, Q.C.
Mr. Alan F. Pierce
Mr. William L. Sauder
Mr. Richard Stewart

A message of regret for absence was received from Mr. Allan R. Crawford and Mr. G. H. D. Hobbs.

Present: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board
Vice-President J. M. Kennedy
Vice-President Robert H. T. Smith
Mr. Allen Baxter, Acting Vice-President Finance
Mr. James Banham, Acting Director of Information Services
Mr. Al Hunter, Media Relations Officer
Ms. Penny Jones
Mr. Rorri McBlane
Mr. Alan Pinkney
Mr. Don Holubitsky
Mr. Neil Smith
Dr. Axel Meisen, Assoc. Dean, Applied Science
Mr. John Chase, Director, Institutional Analysis & Planning
Mr. Dennis Pavlich, President, Faculty Association
Dr. Charles Bourne, Advisor to the President
Members of the Press and the Public Gallery

Presentations re Tuition Fees

The Chairman of the Board, Mr. David G. A. McLean, brought the meeting to order, and he indicated that the first item of business was to hear from the following delegations regarding tuition fees.

Graduate Student Society (Ms. Penny Jones, Graduate Student, Department of Geography)
International House (Mr. Rorri McBlane, Director, International House)
Alma Mater Society (Mr. Alan Pinkney, Director of Administration, AMS, assisted by Mr. Don Holubitsky and Mr. Neil Smith)

Note: A verbatim transcript was made of the foregoing presentations for the record.

Before the delegations made their presentations, the Chairman remarked that there had been a misconception in one recent article in the Ubyyssey that the Board had made a decision regarding tuition fees. He advised those present that, in fact, the Board has not made a decision regarding tuition fees, but wanted to advise interested groups that this was an issue coming before the Board. The procedure will be that the Board will hear representations at this meeting (both written and verbal presentations) from three groups the Board felt were quite widely representative of the campus, and it will then consider the matter and a decision will actually be taken at a special meeting of the Board scheduled for January 19, 1984.

The delegates gave their presentations and answered questions put by Board members.

The Chairman of the Board thanked each one of the groups that appeared for their excellent presentations and he indicated, for the record, that written briefs had been received from the following groups.

- (a) The UBC Campus Community Alliance
- (b) UBC Students Against the Budget
- (c) Letter dated November 22, 1983, to The Editor of the Ubyyssey from Kathy White, Applied Science and Beau Henderson, Arts 4
- (d) Letter dated November 23, 1983, from the International Students' Organization
- (e) Letter dated November 29, 1983, from the Agriculture Undergraduate Society

The Chairman of the Board indicated that the Board was troubled by the prospect of raising tuition fees, and has a great deal of sympathy with the views expressed by students and others. However, he pointed out that financial restraint was causing a great deal of difficulty at the University, and that the Board would have to take some very hard decisions in light of the information put before it. He reminded those present that a decision with respect to tuition fees would be taken at the special meeting of the Board presently scheduled for January 19, 1984.

FINANCE

Fees, dues and assessments - Annual Report

It was RESOLVED,

That the fees, dues and assessments, with the exception of the Laboratory Coupon Fee, shown on the listing submitted to the Board of Governors at its meeting on December 1, 1983, be and are hereby approved for the purpose indicated, and in the amount designated, for implementation on the date specified.

CARRIED

Dr. Hugh J. Greenwood, Acting Chairman of the Finance Committee, indicated that the question of increasing the Laboratory Coupon Fee had been tabled to the meeting of the Board scheduled for January 19, 1984, pending further consideration of the best method of recouping breakage costs in laboratory exercises.

TRIUMF Borrowing Agreement

It was RESOLVED,

That the TRIUMF Borrowing Agreement deemed to be dated March 21, 1983, be approved; and that the University signing officers (Chairman of the Board and Acting Vice-President, Finance) be and are hereby authorized to execute the agreement on behalf of the University.

CARRIED

Accounts Receivable Collection Procedures

It was RESOLVED,

That the following revision to Accounts Receivable Collection Procedures be and is hereby approved effective December 1, 1983:

Any accounts receivable balances which are not paid within thirty (30) days will incur an interest charge on a monthly basis. The interest rate used shall be subject to approval of the Board of Governors. Accounts, which remain delinquent, will forfeit charging privileges until the accounts are fully paid.

If any applicant for a University Bookstore charge account receives remuneration from the University, this applicant will be required to authorize payroll deductions for any purchases not paid within sixty (60) days.

CARRIED

Progress statement of revenue and expenditure to October 31, 1983

The progress statement of revenue and expenditure for the period April 1, 1983 to October 31, 1983, 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 October 31, 1983, and the listing of notable donations for October, 1983, had been circulated and were received for information.

President K. George Pedersen noted that the University had received a special Block Grant of \$20,000 from the MacMillan Family Fund for designated students (who might not otherwise be able to finance their schooling) in the current academic year.

(The Chairman of the Board was called out of the meeting and President K. George Pedersen assumed the Chair in his absence.)

The President indicated that in view of the difficulties we are experiencing, and will continue to experience, with respect to our current sources of funding, it is appropriate to anticipate that we will be looking more and more to outside sources of funding. The President said that he had been carrying on informal discussions with some of our federal representatives to see if better communications linkages could be developed with funding agencies in Ottawa with a view to increasing the support level coming from those areas.

In addition, in a more modest way, the University has been trying to encourage federal agencies to increase allowances for overhead charges allowable on research grants. At the present time, overhead charges in a range from 15-30% are allowed, and a recent study by the Canadian Association of University Business Officers has shown that actual overhead costs are substantially higher.

(The Chairman of the Board returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.)

PROPERTY

Construction Program Status Report

The construction program status report dated November 16, 1983, had been circulated and was received for information.

President K. George Pedersen noted that insurance has covered all but \$11,000 of the repairs to the boiler following the explosion on October 28, 1983.

In response to a question from the Chairman, Dr. James M. Kennedy anticipated that working drawings for the expansion of the Walter H. Gage Residences would be coming to the meeting of the Board presently scheduled for March 1, 1983.

Housing for Expo '86

Dr. Kennedy reported that this matter was under active consideration.

(Mr. David G. A. McLean was called from the meeting, and the President assumed the Chair.)

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Reports and Recommendations from Senate

Prizes, Scholarships and Bursaries arising from Senate meeting of November 16, 1983

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Senate, the new awards arising from the Senate meeting of November 16, 1983, be and are hereby approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (i) and 37 of the *University Act*, 1979.)

CARRIED

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.

CARRIED

Change in name of the School of Home Economics to School of Family and Nutritional Sciences

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Senate, the proposal of the Faculty of Arts that the name of the School of Home Economics be changed to the School of Family and Nutritional Sciences, be and is hereby approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*, 1979.)

CARRIED

Establishment of CKNW Orphans' Fund Chair

It was RESOLVED,

That, as recommended by Senate, the establishment of the CKNW Orphans, Fund Chair in Paediatric Immunology, be and is hereby approved. (Approved as required under Sections 36 (i)(o) and 37 of the *University Act*, 1979.)

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated October 31, 1983, from Dr. R. F. Scagel to President K. George Pedersen re trip to Bamfield, BC

It was noted that the annual trip to Bamfield would be held on June 26, 1984.

OTHER BUSINESS

Authorization for Executive Committee to deal with matters requiring Board action, subject to report to Board of Governors.

It was RESOLVED,

That, subject to a report being made to the Board of Governors at its next regular meeting, the Executive Committee be and is hereby authorized to deal with any matters requiring attention in the interval between regularly scheduled meetings of the Board.

CARRIED

Appointments

UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre Management Committee

It was RESOLVED,

That Dr. H. Douglas Whittle be appointed for his first term as the University Endowment Lands Representative to the UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre Management Committee from February 1, 1984; that Dr. R. G. Hindmarch be re-appointed for his third and final term as the University Representative from February 1, 1984; and that Mr. Craig Smith be appointed as University Representative to the UBC Thunderbird Winter Sports Centre Management Committee for his second term from February 1, 1984.

CARRIED

Mr. Dave Frank noted that Dr. Kenneth C. Mann had been an excellent representative on the foregoing Committee, and it was agreed that a letter of appreciation would be sent to Dr. Mann in appreciation of his services.

UBC Health Sciences Centre Hospital Society

It was RESOLVED,

That Dr. B. E. Riedel be and is hereby re-appointed as a Board of Governors' representative to the UBC Health Sciences Centre Hospital Society for a term of one year from January 23, 1984, i.e. January 23, 1984, to January 22, 1985.

CARRIED

Hamber Foundation - Reappointment of The Honourable J. V. Clyne

It was RESOLVED,

That the appointment of The Honourable J. V. Clyne as the Board of Governors' representative to the Hamber Foundation be and is hereby extended to June 25, 1984.

CARRIED

Appointment of Dean Robert M. Will to the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's Hospital

President K. George Pedersen noted that Dean Robert M. Will serves as his representative on the Board of Trustees of St. Paul's Hospital, and is the Chairman of the Finance and Budget Committee of St. Paul's. A letter dated November 14, 1983, from Thelma Sharp Cook, Chairman, St. Paul's Hospital indicated that the Board of St. Paul's was pleased to have Dean Will's valuable contributions to their deliberations. The Board confirmed Dean Will's appointment to the St. Paul's Hospital Board.

Award of 1983 Norma Epstein to two UBC graduate students i.e. Mr. Brian Burke and Mr. Richard Stevenson

The Board was pleased to note that the foregoing prize, administered by the University of Toronto, which is the "country's most prestigious student prize" had been awarded to two UBC students.

The members of the press and the public gallery left the meeting.

Confirmed,

Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board

David G. A. McLean, Chairman of the Board

K. George Pedersen, Acting Chairman of the Board