UNIVERSITY OF REGINA BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Minutes of the Meeting of
Tuesday, 9 February 2010, Administration-Humanities 527

Present: K. Addison, S. Barber (Chair), B. Barootes, M. Bundon, L. Elliott, B. Grebinski, P. McLellan, W. Ready, J. Shami, G. Swanson, V. Timmons

Resource: G. Boire, D. Button, D. Gauthier, L. Jankowski (recording secretary), B. Pollock, A. Revet

Call to order: 8:10 a.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

"President Emeritus" added to the agenda as Item 5.6, from the Governance and Nominations Committee as an item for decision.

"*The University of Regina Act* – Affiliation and Federation" added to the agenda as Item 5.7, from the Governance and Nominations Committee as an item for decision.

Swanson - Addison
Moved approval of the agenda as amended. CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 Board Meeting of 8 December 2009

Correction to the 8 December 2009 Minutes on page 3, paragraph two, the correction is highlighted in the fourth sentence and should read, "Gauthier noted that the Prairie **Adaptation** Research Collaborative (PARC) institute, which was created several years ago, was established as a Type 1 institute and has been completely externally funded since it started."

Shami - Ready
Moved approval of the minutes as amended. CARRIED

3. Business Arising - None

4. Strategic Item(s)

4.1 CUPE 1975-01 Negotiations 2010 – *In-Camera at 8:12 a.m. L. Jankowski withdrew and returned at 8:30 a.m.*

5. Administrative Item(s)

5.1 Progress Report – University of Regina/SIAST Collaborative Nursing Program - Appendix 1 of the Agenda

G. Swanson presented the report for information. It was noted that the report was brought forward as an information item since it is a speculative budget covering years from 2010 to 2015. A more formal budget will come forward once the University of Regina has had more discussions with SIAST to finalize the numbers.

5.2 Statement of Investment Policies and Goals (SIP&G) for the University of Regina Trust and Endowment Fund, Appendix 2 of the Agenda

G. Swanson presented the item. The major change is the reduction to the scholarship payout from 5% to 4%. It was mentioned this is a policy change.

McLellan - Addison
Moved that the Board of Governors approves the Statement of Investment Policies & Goals (SIP&G) for the University of Regina Trust and Endowment Fund (Attachment A with changes tracked) which includes the following decisions:

- *Move 50% (approximately $5 million) of the Canadian equities mandate from PH&N to a Canadian equities mandate managed by Mawer Investment Management Ltd.;*
- *Move 50% (approximately $8 million) of the US and EAFE equities mandates from PH&N to a global equities mandate managed by Grantham, Mayo, Van Otterloo & Co. (GMO);*
- *Add Bentall for an additional real estate mandate to increase the target real estate percentage of assets held from 5% to 10%, with a 5% reduction in the asset mix allocated to bonds;*
- *Reduce the asset mix allocation to short term (cash) from 5% to 2% given that short term cash needs for the TEF are managed through the University's trust bank account; and,*
- *Reduce the scholarship payout percentage for new endowed scholarships from 5% to 4% effective May 1, 2010. After the initial payout, scholarships are reviewed annually and the 4% is then applied to the three year moving average balance of each individual trust fund. It is further recommended that the authority be delegated to management to implement transitional rules for existing endowed scholarships to move towards the 4% payout percentage*

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.3 Board Handbook Revision – Election of Chair and Vice-Chair, Appendix 3 of the Agenda

Ready – Swanson
Moved that the Board of Governors lift the item that was tabled at the 8 December 2009 Board meeting.

The question was called. CARRIED

W. Ready presented the item that was tabled from the last Board meeting. Ready noted that he initially thought there should be a better defined process should an election be needed for electing the Chair and Vice-Chair to the Board of Governors and at the time (last fall) had recommended that the Board of Governors should follow the same process as the Law Society of Saskatchewan. Following discussions at the December Board meeting it was voted unanimous to table the item and bring it forward at the February 9th, 2010 meeting for more discussion.

S. Barber reviewed the current process that the Board of Governors follows for electing Chair and Vice-Chair which includes the following: the Board Chair canvases the Board of Governors for interested candidates for Chair and Vice-Chair and also calls for names from the floor, those names are brought forward to the Governance and Nominations Committee meeting to be discussed with the Committee members, the Committees recommendation is brought forward to the Board for a vote.

Discussion followed.
S. Barber reminded the Board there was a motion on the table that had been lifted. The motion is as follows:

Moved that the Board of Governors approves the revision to section 4.5 of the Board Handbook for the annual election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

4.5 Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
The Board annually elects its Chair and Vice-Chair. This election is normally held at the Board's July meeting to take effect August 1. The procedure for the annual election of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board shall be as follows:

1. *Any Board member, except the President and the Chancellor, may each year at the meeting of the Board in the month of May, announce a desire to fill the office of the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board.*
2. *Everyone so announcing such desire, shall be nominated en bloc by any member of the Board.*
3. *After such nomination, nominations shall cease upon the passage of the motion to that effect, whereupon:*
    a. *If there is only one nomination for a particular office, the single person so nominated shall be deemed to have been elected by acclamation;*
    b. *If more than one person has been nominated to fill the office of Chair and/or Vice-Chair, then a separate vote for the particular office, as the case may be, shall be held at the July meeting of the Board, by way of a secret ballot;*
    c. *The person polling the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected to the particular office being voted upon;*
    d. *In the event there are two nominees being voted upon for a particular office, and in the event that the votes cast for each are equal, the winner shall be determined by lot and shall be deemed to have been elected to the particular office being voted upon;*
    e. *In the event there are three or more nominees being voted upon, and in the event that two of such persons have tied for the highest number of votes cast, then the person or persons receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped from the voting process, and a further vote shall be conducted, as to those remaining, and such procedure shall continue until a clear winner has been determined either by having received the greatest number of votes polled, or in the event of a tie between the last two nominees standing, by lot, and the winner as so determined shall by deemed to have been elected to the particular office being voted on.*

The question was called on the motion. DEFEATED

It was agreed that A. Revet, University Secretary would look at the calendar dates, timing of the election, eligible members and would bring a recommendation back to the Board at a future meeting.

5.4 2010-11 Board Meetings Schedule, Appendix 4 of the Agenda

S. Barber presented this item. It was noted that the planning is moving forward for the Board Retreat which will be held in Regina in September 2010. If Board members have any suggestions or ideas regarding the Board Retreat please contact the University Secretariat office.

Swanson - Barootes
That the Board of Governors approve the 2010-11 Board Meetings Schedule (September 2010 to July 2011) as circulated. Revisions to the schedule may be made in consultation with the Board Chair and President.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.5 February 2010 "Talking Points", Appendix 5 of the Agenda

It was pointed out that there was a change to a bullet at the bottom of the page, the second bullet should read, "we approve the qualifications of faculty to be hired".

President Timmons commented that the Faculty members are working on their Strategic Plans in order to submit them by the April, 2010 deadline.

5.6 President Emeritus, brought forward at the meeting

Timmons - Bundon
That the Board of Governors approve the granting of Dr. R. James (Jim) Tomkins to receive the title President Emeritus.

President Timmons presented the item for approval providing background and explanation regarding the existing policy and its application.

Discussion followed.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

5.7 *The University of Regina Act* – Affiliation and Federation **(Appended to the Minutes as Appendix 1)**

W. Ready presented the item for approval. It was noted that the revisions to the *University of Regina Act* were brought forward in the fall 2009 and were approved through the various bodies that included Senate and the Board of Governors. In light of the recent events and learnings that have taken place regarding federation agreements President Timmons pointed out that the University needs more time to better understand the implications of the changes that had been proposed.

A. Revet, University Secretary confirmed that the revisions to the *Act* have not yet been sent to the Ministry since Council saw the revisions relevant to them in late November, and to give URFA 30 days notice as per the collective agreement. A. Revet pointed out that the earliest the revisions could have gone to the government would have been January 15th, 2010. It was further noted that all the other revisions that were approved last fall would be submitted to the Government very soon.

Discussion followed.

Swanson - Ready
That the Board of Governors approve that the revisions relevant to the sections of federation and affiliation in The University of Regina Act that had been approved in October 2009 not go forward and that the original language in The University of Regina Act relevant to federation and affiliation remain as is.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

6. Consensus Items

6.1 Appointment of University Member to the Academic and Administrative Benefits Committee, Appendix 6 of the Agenda

Barootes - Shami
Moved that the Board of Governors approve the appointment of Dr. R. James (Jim) Tomkins as a University representative to the Academic and Administrative Benefits Committee.

The question was called on the motion. CARRIED

7. Reports *(For Information)*

7.1 Chair, Verbal Report

S. Barber noted there is no new update on the OIC Appointment.

The Chair and President provided a brief update on First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) which included the following:

- There have been several communications between the Board Chair, President Timmons and Minister Norris
- President Timmons hosted a press conference last week regarding First Nations University and the President's statement was shared with the Board of Governors
- As of yesterday the federal funds were pulled from FNUniv
- An interim Board at FNUniv will be appointed this week
- The FNUniv students continue to put pressure on the government to reinstate their provincial and federal funding
- The Board Chair and President will continue to keep the Board of Governors informed as much as possible

Discussion followed.

The Board remains committed to support the President and her team with this challenge and will remain available to meet on short notice if needed.

A recess was called for 10:00 a.m.

7.2 Chancellor, Verbal Report

7.2.1 Report of the University of Regina Senate for 6 February 2010, Appendix 7 of the Agenda

This report was provided for information. There will be an election at the June 2010 meeting in order to appoint a new Senate representative to the Board of Governors.

It was noted that the Faculty of Education has approved a "Proposal for a Three-year Bachelor of Dance" as an Arts Education program.

7.3 President's Report, Appendix 8 of the Agenda

The President presented the report for information. It was noted that the Prime Minister of India recently blessed President Timmons's book which was a great honour. The book highlights the President's work that was done in India.

President Timmons plans to attend community events in Saskatoon (March), LaRonge (May) and possibly Lloydminster. Student recruitment continues in all the high schools

that were visited this past year and the University continues to monitor the high school statistics.

The President distributed a copy of a response letter that was received in February following an article that was written in the University of Regina student newspaper, The Carillon, which highlighted the cost incurred by President Timmons' 2009 tour of Saskatchewan. The response letter is well written and greatly supports the President and the Community Connection Tours.

B. Barootes congratulated the President and External Relations for moving ahead to hire a Government Relations official to help further strengthen the public relations body at the University.

7.3.1. Institutional Dashboard, Appendix 9 of the Agenda

The President noted the 2009 – 2010 year is not complete so the numbers will change. The first-year Aboriginal Undergraduate Enrolment is up at 509.

The Board continues to enjoy receiving the dashboard information.

7.3.2 Strategic Question:

The strategic question discussion on First Nations University was discussed under Item 7.1.

The President expressed her thanks to the Board of Governors for their support and attention during this challenging time.

7.4 URSU President, Appendix 10 of the Agenda

K. Addison presented the report for information. It was pointed out that $10,000 was raised for the Help Haiti fundraiser.

It was also noted there was a correction in the dates of the URSU general elections, the election will be held on **March 3rd and 4th**, not March 4th and 5th.

8. ***In Camera Session 1:*** 10:25 a.m. *(Vice-Presidents and L. Jankowski withdrew)*

9. ***In Camera Session 2:*** 10:33 a.m. *(President Timmons and A. Revet withdrew)*

10. Items for Information

The following were received for information:

Audit & Risk Management

10.1 Draft Minutes of the Audit & Risk Management Committee of 7 December 2009, Appendix 11 of the Agenda

Distinguished Service Awards

10.2 Meeting of the Distinguished Service Awards Committee of 8 February 2010, Appendix 12 of the Agenda

Finance & Facilities

10.3 Draft Minutes of the Finance & Facilities Committee of 7 December 2009, Appendix 13 of the Agenda

10.4 Meeting of the Finance & Facilities Committee of 8 February 2010, Appendix 14 of the Agenda

Governance and Nominations

10.5 Draft Minutes of the Governance and Nominations Committee of 7 December 2009, Appendix 15 of the Agenda

10.6 Meeting of the Governance and Nominations Committee of 8 February 2010, Appendix 16 of the Agenda

Human Resources

10.7 Meeting of the Human Resources Committee of 8 February 2010, Appendix 17 of the Agenda

11. Adjournment – 10:50 a.m. Moved by Ready.

Annette Revet
University Secretary

Susan Barber
Chair