

**Brandon University Board of Governors
(Open Session)**

**Thursday, February 25, 2010
Louis Riel Room – 5:00 p.m.**

Present: Ms S. Armstrong, Ms L. Balanko, Ms J. Biggs, Dr. D. Brandt, Dr. R. Enns, Ms K. Janz, Mrs. L. McDougald-Williams (Acting Chair), Mr. S. Montague, Dr. D. Poff, Mr. B. Schaffer

Resources: Dr. S. Grills, Mr. S. Lamont, Ms K. Gross, Mrs. K. Fisher (Recorder)

Regrets: Mr. R. Lonstrup, Mr. J. Malik, Mr. M. Abbey, Ms K. Phillips

Absent: Mr. I. Doherty, Dr. F. Nichols

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

The Chair introduced Mr. Bill Schaffer and welcomed him to the BU Board of Governors.

2.0 AGENDA AND MINUTES

2.1 Approval of Agenda of February 25, 2010

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/K. Janz)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the February 25, 2010, Board of Governors meeting (Open Session) be approved.

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CARRIED**

2.2 Move to Closed Session

Motion: Moved and seconded (R. Enns/D. Brandt)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting moves to Closed Session.

CARRIED

2.3 Approval of Minutes of January 28, 2010

Motion: Moved and seconded (L. Balanko/K. Janz)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the January 28, 2010, Board of Governors meeting Open session be approved.

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CARRIED

2.4 Motion(s) Raised from Closed Session

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following motions were raised from Closed Session:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors ratify the following recommendation passed by the President's Naming Committee:

“That Room 141 in the Health Studies Complex be named He Oyate Tawapi.”

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors ratify the following recommendation passed by the President's Naming Committee:

“That Room 2-31 in the Brodie Building be named The Garth Davis Baker Petrology Lab.”

3.0 DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

4.0 CONTINUING BUSINESS

There was no continuing business.

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 Thank You Letters – Board of Governors Entrance Scholarships

Thank you letters for the Board of Governors Entrance Scholarship were received from 12 students.

6.0 REPORTS

6.1 Executive Committee (R. Lonstrup)

a) Motion: Request for Sponsorship – Haley Hrymak

Motion: Moved and seconded (K. Janz/R. Enns)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors approve the request for sponsorship on the condition that Ms Hrymak receive no more than \$3,000 total from University-related funding sources (e.g. Student Travel Fund).

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Dr. Poff stated that the Board of Governors recently established two World University Service of Canada scholarships for students participating in the Students Without Borders program. This year, only one of the two scholarships was awarded. Ms Hrymak has been accepted to participate in a different WUSC program and has asked for financial support.

It was stated that Ms Hrymak will be graduating in May and will not be returning to BU in the fall. Dr. Poff felt that she was a deserving and engaged student and the program is consistent with the commitment that she has shown while a student at BU. Dr. Poff felt that Ms Hrymak would be a good ambassador for BU following her graduation.

CARRIED

6.2 President (D. Poff)

a) Report from the President

Dr. Poff's report was received for information.

Dr. Poff noted that the following people received Tenure in 2009-2010:

Dr. Bernadette Ardelli (Biology)
Prof. Karen Clements (Psychiatric Nursing, Winnipeg Site)
Prof. Kevin DeForest (Fine Arts)
Prof. Cathy Foster (Nursing)
Dr. Patrick Jackson (Biology)
Prof. Jane Karpa (Psychiatric Nursing, Winnipeg Site)

Dr. Poff noted that the following people received Promotion in 2009-2010:

Dr. Bryan Hill (Chemistry) - Assistant to Associate Professor
Dr. Wendy McCallum (Music Education) - Assistant to Associate Professor
Dr. Pamela Rutherford (Biology/Environmental Science) - Assistant to Associate Professor
Dr. Alireza Somarin (Geology) - Assistant to Associate Professor

6.3 Vice-President (Academic and Research) (S. Grills)

a) Report from the Vice-President (Academic and Research)

Highlights from the Vice-President's report are as follows:

- At the end of January BU's NSERC USRA committee met to determine its allocation of awards for 2010. The Undergraduate Student Research Assistant program provides an important opportunity for science students and enables them to work in research labs over summer.
- Met with Mr. Sid Rogers, Secretary for the Council on Post-Secondary Education. This meeting centered on Section 14 of the COPSE Act and the jurisdictional tensions that may arise from time to time between the BU Act, the Senate, the Board and the Council. Mr. Rogers made it clear that the Council has an interest in every program that they fund with Council dollars and every professional program. Dr. Grills noted that the conversation was not prompted because of any concern about programming with BU and COPSE but more out of COPSE's interest in working through their mandate as the landscape in post-secondary education changes in the province.
- Traveled to the Northern Ontario School of Medicine Laurentian site as part of the first steps in medical school planning. Met with administrators, faculty, IT staff, etc.
- Met with a group of Arts faculty who are in the early stages of planning a major international conference on issues of particular relevance to Aboriginal women. The three-day event is planned for 2012 and will focus on the themes of: 1. Art; 2. Governance; and 3. Feminist Thought.

With respect to Dr. Grills' meeting with Mr. Rogers, Dr. Poff stated that we believe our bi-cameral governance system allows us to manage the University's affairs appropriately. The University must be accountable and transparent and show that we are operating in the way that we should.

6.4 Vice-President (Administration and Finance) (S. Lamont)

a) Report from the Vice-President (Administration and Finance)

Highlights from the Vice-President's report are as follows:

- Operating Budget – Budget unit consultations have been completed and submissions from budget unit heads and individuals have been received. The President and the Vice-Presidents have been reviewing the submissions and will prepare a draft balanced budget which will be presented to the President's Administrative Council and the Board Budget Committee.
- Data Integrity Project – PAC has approved the terms of a review of the data collection and reporting functions at BU. Will be working with the reviewers who have been identified to schedule a time for the review to happen.
- Support Staff Meetings – will begin next week. This will be an opportunity to share information and ask any questions.
- Pension Solvency Exemption Arbitration – Arbitration was complete in April 2009. The arbitrator has dismissed the grievance in its entirety. The University's election to be exempt has been put in place.

A discussion took place regarding the Healthy Living Centre Campaign. Mr. Lamont noted that Dr. Tom Breneman has agreed to act as Chair. At this time, we are waiting for the government to make an announcement. It was noted that it is difficult to maintain volunteer momentum when no announcement is in sight.

6.5 Board Budget Committee (R. Lonstrup)

There was no report.

6.6 By-laws and Nominating Committee (K. Janz)

There was no report.

6.7 Brandon University Foundation (S. Montague/R. Enns/S. Armstrong)

The next meeting is March 10, 2010.

6.8 Knowles-Douglas Student Centre (S. Lamont/M. Abbey)

There was no report.

6.9 Board of Trustees of the BU Retirement Plan (S. Lamont/A. Gulliver – n/a)

The next meeting will take place in March.

6.10 Review Committee on the Status of Women (J. Malik)

There was no report.

6.11 Senate (D. Brandt/R. Enns)

There was no report.

6.12 Brandon University Alumni Association (R. Lonstrup)

There was no report.

6.13 Brandon University Students' Union (S. Montague/L. Balanko)

Mr. Montague reported the following:

- BUSU general elections are underway. Advance polls will be held next week and regular voting will take place on March 10 and 11. Mr. Montague noted that all of the executive positions have candidates running.
- The Work Study application deadline passed on February 22. Applications are still coming in. It was agreed that late applications would be considered on a second tier. Mr. Montague thanked the Board for their continued support and noted students truly appreciate the opportunity.
- SUDS has closed for the remainder of the academic year. A meeting will be held next week to hear from key stakeholders. A new business plan will be developed to help meet the changing needs of the University community.
- Attended a meeting in Winnipeg yesterday with Manitoba Student Aid. Student debt in Manitoba continues to rise. A new student grant program has been implemented which enables low-income students to receive up to \$2,000 per year and middle-income students to receive up to \$800 per year. These are non-repayable grants.
- BUSU will meet with Minister McGifford to discuss the Knowles-Douglas expansion. They will be seeking financial support for the expansion project to help meet the needs of our students.

A discussion took place regarding the closure of SUDS. Mr. Montague noted that it was a financial decision. The current business model is no longer meeting the needs of students and the closure gives the board some time to work on a new plan. Mr. Montague stated that universities are seeing a transition from lounge/bar establishments to places that offer faster, healthier options.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Board Vacancy – OIC Student

Ms Gross noted that Mr. Ian Doherty was appointed as an OIC student in the summer of 2009. The Brandon University Act (1998) states:

“The Board shall declare a vacancy on the Board when:
...2. A member, other than the President or the Chancellor, fails to attend three consecutive meetings without the Board’s permission, which may be given retroactively.”

Mr. Doherty has been absent for three consecutive meetings. Attempts to contact Mr. Doherty have been unsuccessful. We are asking the Board for their blessing to declare a vacancy.

Motion: Moved and seconded (S. Montague/L. Balanko)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Governors declare an OIC student vacancy.

CARRIED

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Education, who will be responsible for filling the vacancy.

8.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Electronic Packages

A discussion took place regarding the gradual move towards electronic packages. It was noted that the materials would appear on screen during meetings and members would be welcome to bring their own personal laptops, however, the onus would be on Board members to print their own packages.

In an effort to move towards a more eco-friendly Board, members who would like to start receiving electronic packages are asked to contact Kristen Fisher.

9.0 INFORMATION

- 9.1 Report of Staff Changes – January, 2010
- 9.2 Transactions of \$25,000 or More – January 12, 2010 to February 5, 2010
- 9.3 Brandon University Budget 2009-2010 – Status to December 31, 2009
- 9.4 Final List of Graduates – February 9, 2010

Items 9.1 through 9.4 were received for information.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Moved and seconded (D. Brandt/J. Biggs)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn (6:05 p.m.)

CARRIED

Chair, Board of Governors

Secretary, Board of Governors