THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors was held on Thursday, December 1, 1994, at 9:00 a.m. in the TELEcentre, Media Services, University Services Building, 2329 West Mall, Campus.

Present: Ms. Barbara Crompton, Chair
         Mr. Robert H. Lee, Chancellor
         Dr. David W. Strangway, President
         Mr. Thomas R. Berger, Q.C. (For part of the meeting)
         Ms. Shirley Chan
         Dr. William R. Cullen
         Mr. Michael K. Y. Hughes
         Mr. Harold C. Kalke
         Dr. Roslyn Kunin
         Mr. Orvin C. W. Lau
         Ms. Lois Moen
         Mr. Michael Partridge
         Mr. Dennis J. Pavlich
         Ms. Marion J. J. York

A message of regret for absence was received from Dr. Tong Louie.

In Attendance: Mrs. Nina Robinson, Secretary to the Board
                Dr. Daniel R. Birch, Vice President, Academic & Provost
                Mr. A. Bruce Gellatly, Vice President, Administration & Finance
                Dr. Robert C. Miller, Jr., Vice President, Research
                Dr. K. D. Srivastava, Vice President, Student & Academic Services
                Mr. Peter W. Ufford, Vice President, External Affairs
                Dr. Bernard S. Sheehan, Associate Vice President, Student & Academic Services
                Dr. Jim Tom, Director, Telecommunications
                Mr. Ian Franks, Director, Media Services
                Dr. Sharon Kahn, Associate Vice President, Equity
                Ms. Libby Nason, Vice Provost
                Mr. Tim Miner, Director, Campus Planning & Development
                Ms. Kathleen Laird-Burns, CP&D
                Mr. Steve Crombie, Manager, Media Relations
                Ms. Paula Martin, Media Relations
                Dr. C. Slonecker, Director, Ceremonies & Community Relations
                Mrs. Mary Risebrough, Director, Housing & Conferences
                Ms. Darcelle Cottons, Administrator, Child Care Services
Mr. Ken Cameron, GVRD
Mr. Ray Spaxman, AWA Spaxman Consulting Ltd.
Mr. Al Fowler, Manager, Intellectual Property
Dr. Richard Spratley, Director, Research Services
Members of the public gallery

OPEN SESSION

PRESENTATIONS

(1) Dr. Bernard S. Sheehan, Associate Vice President, Information and Computing Systems gave a presentation on computing and communications.

(2) Dr. Patrick Condon, Director, Landscape Architecture Program, assisted by Landscape Architecture Students, gave a presentation on a variety of land use concepts for the South Campus.

REMARKS

Chair
President

Maclean’s University Ranking

A copy of the fourth annual Maclean’s University ranking article had been circulated and was received for information.

The President noted that UBC ranks first in the “best overall” and “leaders of tomorrow” reputational categories among Canadian universities offering medical/doctoral degrees. The article acknowledges that UBC is a leading institution of teaching and research with outstanding faculty and staff.

FLAGGED ITEMS

Official Community Plan Agreement with GVRD and Principles for Physical Planning at UBC

The following documentation had been circulated.

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) and The University of British Columbia (UBC) Concerning Planning and Development of a Part of Electoral Area A
- Principles for Physical Planning at UBC (Appendix C)
- Report from UBC’s Committee on Public Process
• Report dated November 1994 prepared by AWA/Spaxman Consulting Ltd. entitled “Finding the Balance: Planning for The University of British Columbia”
• Relevant Correspondence
• Analysis of Physical Planning Principles prepared by CP&D

At the suggestion of Mr. Peter Ufford, it was agreed that he and Mr. Bruce Gellatly would seek comment from Mr. Ray Spaxman on the consolidated principles that UBC’s internal committee had developed. These would be brought back to the Planning and Property Committee, and ultimately the Board, hopefully along with the draft of land use development objectives.

It was also agreed that Mr. Thomas Berger and Dr. William Cullen would be involved in the Planning and Property Committee deliberations on this issue.

IT WAS RESOLVED;
That the Memorandum of Understanding, as amended, between the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) and The University of British Columbia (UBC) concerning Planning and Development of a Part of Electoral Area A and Some Principles for Physical Planning at UBC (Appendix C) be and are hereby approved.

CARRIED.

Child Care (Guidelines & Budget)

At the March 17, 1994, meeting of the Board, the President’s Office undertook to prepare a brief memorandum on the guidelines for the provision and operation of child care services on campus. These guidelines had been circulated for the information and comments of the Board. The Finance Committee Chair observed that the guidelines were linked to the budget and felt that the guidelines should be approved as well.

As suggested by the Board, it was agreed that the guidelines would be amended to include faculty and staff.

IT WAS RESOLVED;
That the 1995-96 Budget and the Guidelines for the Provision of Child Care Services at The University of British Columbia be and are hereby approved.

CARRIED.

Desirable Characteristics of a U.B.C. Graduate

A statement dated October 1994 from Senate on the “Desirable
Characteristics of a U.B.C. Graduate” had been circulated and was received for information.

PLANNING AND PROPERTY

Major Projects Status Report

The Major Projects Status Report for December 1994 had been circulated and was received for information.

Standing Report on Campaign and Building Events

The above-referenced report dated November 17, 1994, had been circulated and was received for information.

The case for:

- Biotechnology--Phase 2 Building
- Earth Sciences--Phase 1 Building

Documents outlining the rationale for constructing the Biotechnology Laboratory--Phase 2 and the Earth Sciences Centre--Phase I were received for information.

As requested by the Finance Committee, Dr. Daniel R. Birch provided a rewrite of paragraph number four on page 152 for the purpose of clarifying the intent.

FINANCE

Thunderbird Residence Fees

IT WAS RESOLVED;

That the Board of Governors hereby approves the proposed rent structure for 1994-95 for Thunderbird Residence Fees.

CARRIED.

Policy--Extraordinary expenses grants and contract funded employees

The following policy had been circulated:
“Grant and contract accounts must fund all salary and benefits costs (whether in whole or in part), for personnel employed on the project being funded by the grant or contract.

While UBC is the employer in these circumstances, the financial liability for the salary and benefits rests with the grant or contract account, not the general purpose operating fund of the University.”

IT WAS RESOLVED;
That the Board of Governors hereby approves the Policy on Extraordinary Expenses-Grant and Contract-Funded Employees, and notes the President's procedures for implementation and administration.

CARRIED.

Financial Statements
Aquatic Centre
Alma Mater Society
Western Canadian Marine Biological Society (WCUMBS)
UBC Research Enterprises Inc.

Financial statements for the above-referenced facilities and organizations had been circulated and were received for information.

Donations Report for the Quarter ended September 30, 1994

The donations report for the quarter ended September 30, 1994, was received for information.

Berwick Centre Year End Report 1993-94

The Berwick Centre year ended report for 1993-94 was received for information.

Published Budget and Planning Narrative

The published Budget and Planning Narrative for 1994-95 had been distributed to the Board.
ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

Items from Senate:

IT WAS RESOLVED,

That the following recommendations from Senate be approved, subject, where applicable, to the proviso that none of the programs be implemented without formal reference to 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.

Diploma Program in Forestry (Advanced Silviculture)

IT WAS RESOLVED;

That the proposed diploma program in Forestry (Advanced Silviculture) be and is hereby approved.

CARRIED.

Life Skills Motivation Centre

IT WAS RESOLVED;

That the establishment of the Life Skills Motivation Centre be approved; and as proposed by Senate, the new Life Skills Motivation Centre should be incorporated into the Institute of Health Promotion Research, Faculty of Graduate Studies.

CARRIED.

Prizes, Bursaries & Scholarships

IT WAS RESOLVED;

That the proposed awards including prizes, bursaries and scholarships, be and are hereby approved.

CARRIED.

Education Abroad Program and Student Exchanges

A report dated September 30, 1994, entitled “UBC Student Exchange Program Activities” had been circulated for the Board’s information.
November 1994 Registration Statistics

Official November registration statistics for the Winter Session 1994 were received for information.

Dr. Daniel R. Birch reported that the number of FTE's were down. For example, registration in the Faculty of Arts is down by 10%. This is a development that could affect the University's budget.

A member of the Board asked the question, "What is a salary?" with reference to the negotiation and arbitration of faculty salaries, and it was suggested that a response be provided through the Employee Relations Committee.

The Academic Calendar

At its meeting of October 6, 1994, the Board received the recommendation of Senate that the "reading break" be extended to a full week. Dr. Birch was asked by the Board to convey a request that the examination schedule not be allowed to extend into the month of May.

Dr. Birch reported that there will be occasional years when the maintenance of a full week's reading break and the Senate regulation governing the period of time between the end of classes and the start of the spring examinations would result in the examination schedule extending into May. Dr. Birch recommended that he be requested to ask the Senate Committee on Academic Policy to examine this matter again and to recommend to Senate the policy changes necessary to ensure that the exam schedule is completed in April. The Board concurred with Dr. Birch's recommendation.

Endowment Deeds

Ronald L. Cliff Professorship for Junior Faculty in Accountancy

IT WAS RESOLVED;

That the Board of Governors hereby approves the Ronald L. Cliff Professorship for Junior Faculty in Accountancy Endowment Deed

CARRIED.

Chair in Audiology and Speech Sciences--Change

IT WAS RESOLVED;

That the Board hereby approves the conversion of the Chair in Audiology and Speech Sciences to the Professorship in Audiology and Speech Sciences Endowment
Draft Policy on Discrimination and Harassment

The draft policy on Discrimination and Harassment had been circulated for the Board’s information and discussion.

The Board urged that the document be more simple and succinct. Dr. Birch indicated that an executive summary would be prepared.

Draft Policy on Scholarly Integrity

The draft policy on Scholarly Integrity was circulated for the Board’s information and comment.

Standing Report on Endowments--Academic
Standing Report on Endowments--Scholarships and Awards

The above-referenced standing reports had been circulated and were received for information.