



Wednesday, May 7, 1997
RRCC - C709 Boardroom - 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES
(B:97/08)

In Attendance:

- Governors:** R. Bullock, Chair
H. Middlestead, Vice-Chair
B. Bachalo
L. Foster
C. Herda
B. Lavallee
M. Mayer
G. Tsouras
T. Whiteman
- Regrets:** J. Bear
D. Falcetta
A. Wiebe
- President:** K. Holland, Interim Chief Executive Officer
- Treasurer:** C. Rushton, Director, Financial Services
- Secretary:** J. Tribula
- Guests:** N. Konowalchuk, Interim Chief Operating Officer
K. Webb, Vice-President Academic
P. McGeachie, Executive Dean, Developmental & Continuing Education

Call to Order

With attendance constituting a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

The Agenda was accepted as distributed

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2. OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Middlestead raised the recent article in the Projector about the difference between a full and part time student. Ms. Herda indicated that Ken Webb, Vice-President Academic will be attending the next meeting of the Student Advisory Board to clarify this issue.

The Chair advised that a legal opinion has been received that it is not necessary to have a 2/3's vote to amend or adopt Board policies. Further clarification will be requested on whether a 2/3's vote is necessary to amend the By-law pertaining to this requirement.

The President of the University of Winnipeg, Dr. Marsha Hanen, and the Board Chair met earlier in the day to discuss the various partnership agreements pending between the two institutions. Mr. Holland, Interim Chief Operating Officer, indicated that College management will ensure that these agreements continue to be pursued during the transition period between Presidents of the College.

The Chair and Dr. Hanen agreed to hold a joint Board meeting between the University of Winnipeg and RRCC. Details of this meeting will be confirmed in the future and conveyed to the Board members.

3. 1997/98 OPERATING AND ANCILLARY BUDGET

The Chair noted that the 1997/98 budget package was a culmination of strategic direction and discussions during review of the Business Plan by the Board and management. Mr. Holland commented that he was impressed with the budget process undertaken by College management. Additional action items identified during management's discussions of the budget have been collated and will be reviewed by the College Management Committee over the next academic year.

Ms. Rushton presented and provided an overview of the 1997/98 operating and ancillary budget. She noted that the reductions necessary to offset projected decreases in federal direct purchases would not adversely affect student services and that most of the cuts were achieved through efficiencies and revenue enhancements. The one outstanding issue relates to the uncertainty of federal purchases of apprenticeship training.

In response to the Students' Association presentation on February 26, 1997, day tuition rates are increased by 15%; no wellness fee is included in the 1997/98 budget; and there will be no cost to students for the implementation of the photo I.D. card system.

The Board requested a list of increased enhancements to student services and this will be provided at the next Board meeting. The Board Chair clarified that the reason for the proposed increase in student tuition fees is due to the decrease of federal government direct support to education.

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A discussion took place on the creation of a new Estimator position in the Facilities Department. Management is proposing that this position be part of the \$100,000 increase the Board requested by Motion B:97/01/7 to enhance the College facilities. Mr. Konowalchuk, Interim Chief Operating Officer, indicated that this position would assist in the College's long term process for the overall improvement of the facilities, and will provide the College with the best value for renovating and capital costs.

The Board discussed the original intent of Motion B:97/01/7 that the money be spent directly on improvement costs.

MOTION B:97/08/1: L. Foster/H. Middlestead

THAT the an additional \$50,000 be added to the 1997/98 budget for the Estimator position and that the original \$100,000 be dedicated to enhancements to the facilities.

Defeated

It was agreed to move the Estimator position into the base budget, adjusting the Facilities Department budget accordingly, and to leave the \$100,000 dedicated to College enhancements.

A discussion took place on the College's marketing strategy and the importance of creating a stronger presence in the community. Mr. McGeachie reported that the Market Driven Training Centre will be investigating establishing a specific marketing position. The Board requested the total amount that the College currently spends on marketing. This item will be discussed at the May 21, 1997 Administrative Affairs Committee. It was agreed that Ms. Rushton produce a financial statement that categorizes expenditure type for the entire College. This will be provided to the Board after final completion of the budget numbers.

Additional issues discussed included competition between the Students' Association and the College (this item has already been referred to management); clarification of the International Education operating budget; and Continuing Education tuition increases.

Additional information was requested on the Presidential Administration Operating Budget and the annual report of the Harassment Officer.

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MOTION B:97/08/2: G. Tsouras/B. Lavallee

THAT the Board of Governors approve the 1997/98 operating and ancillary budget as presented.

A recorded vote was requested:

In Favour: B. Bachalo; L. Foster; B. Lavallee; M. Mayer; H. Middlestead;
G. Tsouras; T. Whiteman

Against: C. Herda

MOTION:

Carried

Ms. Herda requested that a representative from the Board attend the next meeting of the Student Advisory Board to explain the 15% tuition increase. The Chair agreed to attend on the Board's behalf.

4. OTHER BUSINESS - NIL.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Ralph Bullock, Chair

Jennifer Tribula, Secretary