

FACULTY BOARD, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES

Minutes of Meeting February 3, 2000

Room B-139 Botterell Hall, 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Faculty Board Chair, Dr. J. Duffin, with some 55 members present.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved** by Dr. R. Birtwhistle and **seconded** by Mr. Davies, that the agenda be approved with the addition of two items: 4(b) tribute to Dr. A. Froese and 8(c) Notice of Motion on fees.

**CARRIED**

3. **Minutes of the Last Regular Meeting of December 2, 1999**

**Moved** by Dr. S. Pang, **seconded** by Dr. G. Flynn, that the minutes of the December 2, 1999 meeting of Faculty Board be approved.

**CARRIED**

4. **Tributes**

- b) Ms. Virginia Parker, Dr. D. Forsdyke read a tribute to Ms. Virginia Parker former Chief Librarian, Health Sciences Bracken Library
- b) Dr. Arthur Froese, Dr. K. Oyewumi read a tribute to Dr. Arthur Froese, Department of Psychiatry.

These tributes will be forwarded to the families.

5. **Introduction of New Faculty**

- Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology; Dr. J. Jeffrey, introduced Dr. Graeme Smith.
- Department of Ophthalmology; Dr. A. Cruess, introduced Dr. Sanjay Sharma.
- Department of Paediatrics; Dr. K. Dow introduced Drs. Robert Connelly and Ellen Tsai.
- Department of Surgery; Dr. P. Brown; introduced Drs. Minto Jain, Fred Watkins and Andrew Hamilton.

Dr. J. Duffin welcomed the new faculty to Faculty Board and Queen's University.

## 6. Business Arising

### a) Tuition Fee for Medical Students: Motion to Freeze

Dr. J. Duffin ruled that as this motion had been debated at length at the December meeting of Board, debate would be limited to 15 minutes.

**Moved** by Mr. S. Chitte and **Seconded** by Mr. T. Davies that the following motion which was tabled at the December meeting of Board be brought forward.

“Whereas in the 18 months since deregulation of tuition in Ontario, medical school tuition at Queen’s has increased 125%. Whereas little has been done to study the consequences of this dramatic increase. Be it resolved that the Faculty of Health Sciences recommends a freeze on medical school tuition for two years in order to study the effects tuition deregulation has had on student demographics, student debt loads, the university’s financial aid system, and the quality of education. Be it resolved further that the Faculty of Health Sciences create a committee to study and report on the above effects.”

**CARRIED**

Ms. M. Sardesai, reviewed the key elements of the background to the motion.

- Tuition fees for medical students had increased by 200% in the past five years.
- Students at graduation have an increased debt load and the debt load is affecting career choices.
- The accreditation report commented on the potential adverse effect of increasing fees on the ability of Queen’s to attract a diverse group of students.
- High tuition fees may affect the demographics of the applicants to Queen’s University.

These observations and concerns prompted the students to ask Faculty Board to support a 2 year freeze on tuition fees, thereby permitting a detailed study of the impact of increasing fees on student demographics, student debt loads, the University’s financial system and the quality of education.

Ms. M. Sardesai, reported that a task force for studying the implications of increasing fees has been formed.

**Moved** by Mr. T. Davies and **Seconded** by Mr. S. Chitte that the motion be amended as follows the “two years” be amended to “one year” and “that the increases approved by the Ontario Government for the non deregulated components of the university be allowed.”

- In response to a question Ms. M. Sardesai stated that the one year freeze would apply to all classes, including the incoming class of September 2000.
- Concern was raised over the implementation of the freeze on the Clinical Education Centre. Dr. C. Chapler responded that there will be one time funding for the Clinical Education Centre.

- Dr. J. Jeffrey, inquired as to the implication of the freeze on the resources of the Faculty of Health Sciences and does the issue need to be decided tonight.
- Mr. T. Davies replied that the decision should be made tonight, as the Board of Trustees meets March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Faculty Board meets on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The amendment to the motion to freeze fees one year, acknowledges that the long-term implications, of a more extensive tuition freeze, on the budget of the Faculty of Health Sciences are not known.
- Dr. C. Chapler, in response to a question, indicated that the one year tuition freeze would have the result that the base budget would remain at the current level.

The Chair called for the vote on the amendment to the original motion.

The amendment to the motion,  
Discussion of the motion as amended.

**CARRIED**

Mr. James Worrall summarized the students perspective on the motion. The intent of the motion is to allow time to study the impact of increasing fees on the students and their educational experience.

Dr. A. Cruess commented that any increase in revenue from increased fees should be transferred to the Faculty of Health Sciences.

The Chair called for the vote on the motion as amended.

**CARRIED**

b) Report of the Research Advisory Committee – CIHR

- Dr. G. Flynn, reported on the list of potential CIHR institutes forwarded by Queen's to the interim governing council of CIHR. The list is attached to these minutes.
- The interim governing council has received 40 nominees for presidents, a list of 6 will be forwarded to the Minister of Health.
- Four hundred nominees were received for positions on the governing council. Forty will be submitted to the Minister.
- In Mid February a workshop, aimed at identifying the potential problems for CIHR, will be held.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, MRC will be holding a gala celebration. Queen's will be represented.

7) Dean's Report

- McKendry Report

In the absence of Dean Walker, Dr. R. Birtwhistle reported on the highlights of the McKendry report.

The key elements are:

- Physician Workforce Planning
- Increase Physician Supply
  - Repatriate Canadian Medical School Graduates
  - Increase International Medical Graduate Program (IMG) from 24 to 36
  - Community sponsored IMGs
- Increase Undergraduate Enrolment
- Establish a rural Medical School in Thunder Bay and Sudbury
- Postgraduate Education
  - Increase entry Family Medicine Residency positions for Thunder Bay and Sudbury from 24 to 30
  - Increase PGY3 positions from 4 to 10
  - Increase re-entry positions from 25 to 40
- Explore effective use of Nurse practitioners in provision of care in a team setting

Several members of Board expressed concern over the limited data on which the report appears to be based.

- Basic Science Departments Reorganization

Dr. C. Chapler reported that the task force examining the organization of the Basic Science departments will be reporting in the next few days.

## 8. New Business

### a) Family Medicine Centre for Studies in Primary Care

Dr. M. Godwin, presented the highlights of the proposal. A summary of the proposal was circulated with the agenda.

**Moved** by Dr. R. Wilson and **Seconded** by Dr. M. Godwin that Faculty Board approve and recommend to Senate the establishment of the Family Medicine Centre for studies in primary care.

#### Discussion

In response to a question, Dr. M. Godwin reassured Board that the aim of the Centre is to create a “networking system.” The membership is not limited to Family Medicine, but anyone who is interested in primary care is encouraged to participate.

The motion

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### b) Report from the Nominating Committee

Dr. W. Racz, reported to Board that the Nominating Committee would be seeking nominations for vacancies on Boards’ Committees. He encouraged members of Board to forward the names of potential nominees.

c) Notice of Motion

Be it resolved that the Faculty of Health Sciences recommends:

The yearly tuition costs of a four year Queen's University Undergraduate Medical Degree be made available to accepted applicants prior to their registration in year 1.

**Moved** by Mr. S. Chitte and **Seconded** by Mr. T. Davies.

Faculty Board adjourned on a unanimous motion.

W.J. Racz  
Secretary  
Faculty Board