

Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

November 29, 2010
7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), R. Bérard, D. Bourne-Tyson, E. Church, K. Dewar, S. Drain, R. Farmer, C. French, P. Glenister, L. Herrington, E. Hicks, J. Hollett, B. Jessop, N. Kayhani, K. Kienapple, B. MacInnes, A. MacGillivray, R. MacKay, M. MacMillan, L. Mann, G. McGovern, P. Mombourquette, L. Neilsen, D. Norris, S. Perrott, J. Sawler, C. Schneider, J. Sharpe, L. Steele, C. Stewart, B. Taylor, J. Tucker-Johnston, P. Watts, R. Zuk

Regrets: A. Davis, R. Richards

Guest: Kelly Gallant

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Neilson, seconded by L. Steele to approve the agenda as circulated. CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of October 25, 2010

Moved by L. Herrington, seconded by P. Watts to approve the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Revision of Award for Research Excellence Call for Nominations

L. Steele indicated that this matter will be coming back to Senate at a future meeting.

3.2 Senate review of the Student Experience Committee

J. Hollett reported that the Review Committee had two meetings since the last meeting of Senate. D. Bourne-Tyson and C. Schneider have volunteered to sit on the Review Committee which is expecting to meet twice per month.

3.3 Task Force for revision of the Student Judicial Code and Handbook

R. Lumpkin reported on discussions at the Senate Executive meeting. A list of potential members for the Task Force has been forwarded to J. Hollett who is in the process of contacting those persons to gauge their willingness to serve on the Task Force.

4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin reported on the Memorandum of Understanding and negotiations with government regarding the next MOU; the written report that CONSUP will be submitting; her meeting with Tim O'Neill on November 5; the capital campaign; concluding with an update on Destination 2012. It was requested that a copy of her overhead presentation be submitted with the November 29 Senate minutes.

5. Question Period

L. Mann asked if the CONSUP written response to the Minister would be available to the University community.

R. Lumpkin responded that she could see no reason why it should not be made available.

K. Dewar discussed the advertising plan put out by the province that encompassed all universities in Nova Scotia. He wondered if there was any discussion about developing a further advertising strategy.

K. Gallant reported on the discussions and work that is still ongoing online. She will send K. Dewar a link to the website.

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

6.1 Senate Executive

6.1.1 Ratification of St. Joseph's Teachers' College, Kingston, Jamaica, Fall 2010 Graduation list (**confidential business**)

Moved by N. Kayhani, seconded by J. Sharpe to move *in camera*. CARRIED

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by R. Bérard that the graduates for the Bachelor of Education in association with St. Joseph's Teachers' College be approved. CARRIED

Moved by J. Hollett, seconded by S. Drain to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

6.1.2 Distribution of minutes of Senate Committee meetings

P. Glenister discussed the by-law for Senate committees indicating that the minutes of Senate Committees should be sent to the Senate Office and President's Office; sub-committees of Senate Committees file minutes with the Senate Committee to which they report. He requested that Chairs of Senate Committees send past and future minutes to the Senate Office and President's Office. Future correspondence will remind Chairs to send copies to these Offices.

6.1.3 Content of Senate agendas

R. Lumpkin discussed the plan for revisions to future agendas requesting Senate Committees to provide by the announced deadline a written report to the Senate Office or indicate that they will be giving an oral report at the Senate meeting. Subsequently, only those committees giving reports will be indicated on the Senate agenda.

6.1.4 Ratification of election of Senate representative on the Search Committee, Director of Information Technology and Services

Moved by L. Herrington, seconded by M. MacMillan to ratify the election of Robert Farmer as the Senate representative on the Search Committee, Director of Information Technology and Services. CARRIED

6.2 Academic Appeals Committee

B. MacInnes reported that the committee has heard one appeal and found in favor of the student. One appeal is scheduled for next week and one appeal has just been submitted.

6.3 Academic Policy and Planning

6.3.1 CAPP recommendation to Senate re: Discontinuing the Honours Program in Economics

Moved by E. Church, seconded by B. Taylor that Senate approve the discontinuation of the honours program in economics. CARRIED

E. Church gave background on the decision to discontinue noting that it comes out of the 2006 Departmental Review.

N. Kayhani expressed thanks to CAPP for their thorough letter and statement of facts regarding Economics and the Economics program. She asked if consideration was given to suspending admissions instead of discontinuation of the program.

E. Church responded that the focus was on strengthening the major.

M. MacMillan questioned page 3, in the last paragraph, to clarify that Senate was not voting for the recommendation in the document that a statement be added to the calendar indicating that students may need to take courses for the major at other universities.

E. Church responded that this is to indicate to students that they are not able to take all courses for the major at MSVU and may have to go to another institution to complete the program.

M. MacMillan responded that there are a number of small programs where the same text could be added but that directed studies could be used as well as other options. He also indicated that the program content in the calendar is generated by the department.

S. Drain noted that on the top of page 4 that this statement will be added to the calendar. She wanted to note that calendar descriptions come through curriculum committees and not Senate recommendations. She wondered if this was a policy change or if it was particular to this department.

E. Church suggested that this piece of the package be brought back to CAPP and that Senate still vote on the CAPP recommendation.

J. Sawler commented that, as the department's resources are focused on teaching students who are not Economics students, faculty resources are reduced for majors or honours students. He also commented that courses offered to fulfill requirements in other programs strengthen the Economics program as well.

L. Herrington noted that having the statement regarding taking courses at other institutions is beneficial to students when entering a program.

6.4 Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee

6.4.1 Curriculum proposal (for information)

Graduate Education new calendar name and description: GFDD 6515, Critical Theory and Education

K. Kienapple noted that this was a matter for information being brought to Senate.

L. Steele noted that this seems like a radical change to the course description and suggested that it be submitted as a new course.

K. Kienapple responded that the intent was to remove the limitations by naming those persons whose ideas will be discussed.

S. Drain commented that it does present as a new course as it would become much more of a topics course and has the potential to be on the works on one person now that the topics have been narrowed.

R. Zuk questioned the format used, noting that an instructor, Andrea English, is named in the course description.

K. Kienapple responded that her name is there as the creator of the proposal. He noted that he is willing to take the proposal back to the department to be submitted as a new course.

S. Drain suggested that it come back using the same format as the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee template.

6.5 Graduate Studies Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards Committee

K. Kienapple reported that the Committee has submitted names for candidates and alternates for the Research Masters Competition. Last week the Committee received news from SSHRC that last year's alternate, Chantel Rideout from the English Department, received a scholarship, and she is now pursuing a Master's degree in English.

6.6 Undergraduate Curriculum

6.6.1 Curriculum proposals

6.6.1.1 Chemistry changes to existing program: Combined Major(20 units)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by S. Drain that Senate approve the changes to the combined major. CARRIED

6.6.1.2 Communication Studies changes to existing program

6.6.1.2.1 New course: COMM4511/GPRL5511, Health Communication: Theory and Practice (.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by E. Hicks that Senate approve the new course COMM4511. CARRIED

6.6.1.2.2 Deleted course: PBRL4104, Public relations in health-related Organizations (.5 unit)
Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by S. Drain that Senate approve the deletion of PBRL 4104.
CARRIED

6.6.1.3 Cultural Studies changes to existing program: Combined Major (20 units)
Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by S. Perrot that Senate approve the changes to the combined major in Cultural Studies CARRIED

6.6.1.4 Economics changes to existing program

6.6.1.4.1 New course: ECON3308, Economics of Health Care (.5 unit)

6.6.1.4.2 New course: ECON3550, Environmental Economics (.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by N. Kayhani that Senate approve the new courses ECON3308 and ECON3550. CARRIED

6.6.1.4.3 Combined Major (20 units)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by N. Kayhani that the combined major in Economics be approved. CARRIED

6.6.1.5 English changes to existing program: Combined Major(20 units)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by G. McGovern that Senate approve the changes to the combined major in English. CARRIED

6.6.1.6 History changes to existing program

6.6.1.6.1 Combined Major (20 units)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by K. Dewar that Senate approve the combined major in History. CARRIED

6.6.1.6.2 New course: HIST1130, World History (1 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by K. Dewar that Senate approve the new course HIST 1130. CARRIED

6.6.1.7 Mathematics and Computer Science changes to existing program

6.6.1.7.1 New course: MATH3303, Intermediate Applied Statistics I (.5 unit)

6.6.1.7.2 New course: MATH3304, Intermediate Applied Statistics II (.5 unit)

6.6.1.7.3 Deleted course: MATH3302, Intermediate Applied Statistics (1 unit)

6.6.1.7.4 New course: MATH3407, Theory of Probability I (.5 unit)

6.6.1.7.5 New course: MATH3408, Theory of Probability II (.5 unit)

6.6.1.7.6 Deleted course: MATH3406, Theory of Probability (1 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by A. MacGillivray that Senate approve the addition of MATH 3303, 3304, 3407, and 3408. CARRIED

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by A. MacGillivray that Senate approve the deletion of MATH 3302 and 3406 CARRIED

6.6.1.7.7 Combined Major (20 units)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by G. McGovern that Senate approve the combined major in Mathematics. CARRIED

6.6.1.8 Modern Languages changes to existing program: Combined Major (20 units)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by L. Steele that Senate approve the changes to the combined major in French. CARRIED

6.6.1.9 Political and Canadian Studies new course: POLS/PHIL2210, Theories of Human Nature (.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by M. MacMillan that Senate approve the new course POLS/PHIL 2210. CARRIED

K. Dewar noted that this is a cross-listed course but there is no documentation from the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department. He wondered if an unresolved structural anomaly in the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department accounts for the lack of response of information coming from the Department.

B. Taylor responded that it is a matter on ongoing consultation with the individuals involved and he is reluctant to put a timeline on a resolution.

M. MacMillan noted that Prof. Schellenberg was the author of the proposal which did originate with the Philosophy and Religious Studies Department.

6.6.1.10 Sociology/Anthropology changes to existing program: Combined Major (20 units)
Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by E. Hicks that Senate approve changes to the combined major in Sociology/Anthropology. CARRIED

6.6.1.11 Women Studies changes to existing program: Combined Major (20 units)
Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by E. Church that Senate approve changes to the combined changes in Women's Studies. CARRIED

6.6.2 Curriculum proposals: changes to existing courses: new prerequisites, new exclusions, new names, new descriptions (for information)

6.6.2.1 Biology BIOL4499, Honours Thesis

6.6.2.2 Business and Tourism BUSI4430, Marketing research; THMT3312, Research Methods Seminar; THMT1116, Introduction of Food Service Management; THMT2216, Planning and Management of Food Service Operations; THMT3317, Beverage Management; THMT4411, Current Issues in Food Beverage and Catering Management

6.6.2.3 Chemistry CHEM2301/PHYS2301, Chemical Thermodynamics

6.6.2.4 Economics ECON2206, Economic Problems and Policies

6.6.2.5 History HIST3391, Historical Methodology

6.6.2.6 Mathematics and Computer Science, MATH2225, Mathematical Proof; MATH3311, Analysis I; MATH3312, Analysis II; MATH2208, Introduction to Statistics I; MATH2209, Introduction to Statistics II

J. Sharpe stated that these are changes to existing courses, noting that the Committee considers whether the intent of the course has changed; the Committee found the changes did not change the original intent of the course.

S. Drain noted that THMT 1106 should read Introduction to Food Service Management.

J. Sharpe responded that he would take this back to the Committee.

M. MacMillan indicated that it would be helpful to have the new description in its entirety, accompanying the old description, when presenting to Senate.

J. Sharpe responded that the strikeout is intended to indicate what has changed in the description.

6.7 Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators (CAPTPAA)

There was no report.

6.8 Committee on Information Technology and Services

R. Farmer reported that the committee met on November 19 and received a presentation on the new student portal which is coming in the New Year. There was also a verbal report from IT&S on initiatives to expand on campus wireless and security features, and documents were distributed to show plans for expansion of IT&S over the next year.

6.9 Library

There was no report.

6.10 Nominations

R. Bérard reported that Meg Raven was elected for the vacancy on CAPP. The balloting for the vacancy on Senate closes today at 4 pm.

6.11 Research and Publications

L. Steele reported that the Committee met and approved a number of proposals.

6.12 Student Experience

There was no report.

6.13 Committee on Teaching and Learning

P. Watts reported that the Committee reviewed plans for the year, the Institutional Learning Plan being the largest. They are also working on the hosting of the AAU teaching showcase for the fall of 2011. They will also be adjudicating applications for the President's Lecture Series. A group of members of SCOTL have met and divided the responsibilities for the Institutional Learning Plan; they are looking for representation from across the institution to serve on working groups.

6.14 Writing Initiatives

S. Drain reported that the Committee is meeting to evaluate the activities that were organized during Celebrating Writing Week. She expressed thanks to those who attended or participated in the event.

6.15 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

There was no report.

6.16 University Research Ethics Board

There was no report.

R. Lumpkin noted that this is N. Kayhani's last Senate meeting before her sabbatical leave. She thanked Nargess for her time on Senate and Senate Executive.

7. Other Reports

7.1 Board of Governors

R. Bérard reported on presentations given to the Board. There was approval of a Code of Conduct for those not governed by rules for students or the faculty association.

7.2 Students' Union

L. Herrington reported on her meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students. Toy drive donations for Christmas Daddies can be dropped off at the Students' Union.

7.3 Destination 2012

There was no report.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Items for Communication

Senate Executive items to go to Committees.

CAPP has an item to review regarding the Economics major.

Undergraduate curriculum calendar changes.

Graduate Studies will review an item to be reconsidered by the Committee.

Undergraduate Curriculum will note the missing hyphens in their documents.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Black