

Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

January 31, 2011
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, B. MacInnes, R. MacKay, M. MacMillan, L. Mann, G. McGovern, P. Mombourquette, L. Neilsen, S. Perrott, R. Richards, J. Sawler, C. Schneider, J. Sharpe, L. Steele, C. Stewart, B. Taylor, A. Thurlow, J. Tucker-Johnston, P. Watts, R. Zuk

Regrets: D. Norris, K. Kienapple, A. MacGillivray

Guest: Kelly Gallant

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B. Jessop, seconded by K. Dewar to approve the agenda with the following changes: moving Item 8.1 to Item 6 and the addition of Item 10.2, Lab Instructor Membership on Senate and Senate Committees. CARRIED

2. 2.1 Approval of Minutes of November 29, 2010

Moved by D. Bourne-Tyson, seconded by G. McGovern to approve the minutes of November 29, 2010 with minor spelling corrections. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Revision of Award for Research Excellence Call for Nominations

L. Steele commented that there is no report at this time.

3.2 Senate Review of the Student Experience Committee

J. Hollett reported that a recommendation would be forthcoming at the next meeting of Senate.

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

J. Hollett reported that the Committee has had a couple of meetings, but need to find another faculty member to fill a seat on the Committee.

4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin showed a power point presentation as she discussed the Capital Campaign and newly formed Project 2012 campaign. She also discussed the Memorandum of Understanding development and discussions with the Hon. Marilyn More and Ms. Judith Ferguson. As well, she announced that Peter Glenister, Secretary of Senate, will be resigning from the position in June, 2011, after 16 years of service.

K. Dewar questioned if \$12 million was a realistic figure for the construction of the new building.
R. Lumpkin responded that meetings with the architect will discuss what are the practical possibilities available for that amount.

5. Question Period

M. MacMillan asked if there was a date set for the MOU agreement.

R. Lumpkin responded that inquiries to date indicate that budgets are being formed, but nothing has been heard from the government regarding a firm date.

6. Selection of Honorary Degree candidates

Moved by S. Drain, seconded by R. Zuk to move *in camera*. CARRIED

Moved by S. Perrott, seconded by L. Steele to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

7.1 Academic Policy and Planning (CAPP)

7.1.1 Report on Information Technology (for information)

E. Church reported that the documentation from CAPP was prepared by the Dean and Dr. R. Farmer.

R. Farmer commented progress is being made and timelines have been established in the report for moving forward.

7.2 Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee

7.2.1 Changes to Education courses: new names and descriptions

7.2.1.1 GCRD 6312, Curricular Topics in High School Mathematics

7.2.1.2 GLIT 6771, Issues in Language and Literacy Research and Practice

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by L. Neilsen that Senate approve the changes to GCRD 6312 and GLIT 6771. CARRIED

7.2.2 Changes to Education courses: new names and descriptions

7.2.2.1 GCRD 6301, Foundations of Curriculum Studies I

7.2.2.2 GCRD 6302, Foundations of Curriculum Studies II

7.2.2.3 GCRD 6317, Curriculum in Practice I

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by L. Herrington that Senate approve the changes to GCRD 6301, GCRD 6302, and GCRD 6317. CARRIED

7.2.3 Addition of new courses

7.2.3.1 GPRL6511/COMM4511, Health Communication: Theory & Practice

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by G. McGovern that Senate approve the addition of GPRL 6511/COMM 4511. CARRIED

7.2.3.2 GCRD6326/GEMS 6426, Learning Difficulties in School Mathematics

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by G. McGovern that Senate approve the addition of GCRD 6326/GEMS 6426. CARRIED

7.2.3.3 GCRD 6327/GEMS 6427, Interdisciplinary Study of School Mathematics

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by S. Drain that Senate approve the addition of GCRD 6327/GEMS 6427. CARRIED

S. Drain commented on the title of the course indicating that the description sounds more like the course should be titled School Mathematics across the Curriculum.

J. Sharpe responded that the course is focused on interdisciplinary research and looking at mathematics from the perspective of creative arts and language arts disciplines.

7.2.4 Deletion of Education courses

7.2.4.1 GLIT 6722, Issues in Language and Literacy Research

7.2.4.2 GLIT 6755, Research Seminar in Literary Education

7.2.4.3 GLIT 6781/2, Language and Literary Education I

7.2.4.4 GLIT 6790/1, Language and Literary Education II

7.2.4.5 GEMS 6463, Clinical Diagnosis and Remediation in Mathematics

7.2.4.6 GEMS 6464, Clinical Practicum in Mathematics

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by J. Hollett that Senate approve the deletion of GLIT 6722, GLIT 6755, GLIT 6781/2, GLIT 6790/1, GEMS 6463, GEM 6464. CARRIED

8.3 Undergraduate Curriculum

8.3.1 Course additions, changes, and deletions (for approval)

8.3.1.1 Biology course additions

8.3.1.1.1 BIOL 2300, Cells, Genes and Evolution (0.5 unit)

J. Sharpe indicated that Item 8.3.1.1.1 (originally Item 6.3.1.1.1) will be sent back to the committee as there is an error in the submission.

8.3.1.1.2 BIOL 3999, Biology Colloquium (0.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by G. McGovern that Senate approve the addition of BIOL 3999. CARRIED

R. Zuk questioned the use of the term “unanimous” and wondered if departments needed unanimous department approval or a majority vote for submission.

J. Sharpe indicated that there was a discussion at UCC to remove the wording of “unanimous” and he believes this is an old template that was used to submit this addition.

8.3.1.2 History new 1000-level requirements

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by K. Dewar that Senate approve the changes to the existing History program. CARRIED

8.3.1.3 Political/Canadian Studies Combined Major

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by M. MacMillan that Senate approve the Canadian Studies combined major. CARRIED

8.3.1.4 Psychology changes to existing program

8.3.1.4.1 Combined Major

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by B. Taylor that Senate approve the combined major in Psychology. CARRIED

8.3.1.4.2 Course deletion: PSYC 3320, Advanced methods in Developmental Psychology (0.5 unit)

8.3.1.4.3 Course deletion: PSYC3380, Health Psychology (0.5 unit)

8.3.1.4.4 Course deletion: PSYC 4415, Social Cognition (0.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by L. Herrington that Senate approve the deletion of PSYC 3320, PSYC 3380, and PSYC 4415. CARRIED

S. Drain wondered if all course deletions could be sent to Senate at one time or if a rationale could be included as to the extent of changes to the program.

S. Perrott responded that there are a number of changes coming as a result of the external review and the retirement of faculty who teach specific courses.

S. Drain wondered if there was a major shift taking place in focus of the department.

R. Lumpkin responded that procedures for bringing items to Senate do not require a rationale be included from a global perspective.

J. Sharpe indicated that UCC will sometimes delay sending forward changes if they feel additional items in preparation would warrant them coming to Senate as a package.

B. Taylor noted that these changes appear to be housekeeping items for the department arising from the external review.

S. Perrott responded that these are courses that have not been taught in a number of years.

P. Mombourquette wondered how often in the past five years these courses have been offered.

S. Perrott responded that at least one of the courses has only been offered once in 20 years.

R. Lumpkin asked that S. Perrott take back to the department the discussion at Senate.

8.3.2 Curriculum proposals (for information)

8.3.2.1 Psychology

8.3.2.1.1 Delete cross-listing: PSYC 3260/BIOL 3260

8.3.2.1.2 New prerequisite: PSYC 4410

8.3.2.1.3 New prerequisites: PSYC 2209

8.4 Teaching and Learning (SCOTL)

P. Watts reported that March 11 will be the first President's Visiting Lecture which was announced via email to the campus community. She also reported on the town hall meeting regarding the Institutional Learning Plan: Donovan Plumb outlined the goals, described the research teams and facilitated participation in the town hall. The name of the Institutional Learning Plan has been renamed to the Teaching and Learning Plan.

R. Bérard wondered how many attended the town hall meeting.

P. Watts indicated that there were 20-25 people in attendance.

8.5 Writing Initiatives

S. Drain reminded Senators of the Writing Initiatives Committee event which will focus on international students' written language. She encouraged Senators to attend even though the date to RSVP has passed.

9. Other Reports

9.1 Students' Union

9.1.1 Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) Day of Action, February 2, 2011

Moved by L. Herrington, seconded by J. Tucker-Johnston that Senate approve the motion that MSVU faculty are encouraged to allow students to attend the Day of Action on February 2, 2011 without academic penalty between the hours of 11:00 am and 4:00 pm on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 provided students make up missed work and identify themselves to their instructors.

CARRIED

L. Mann indicated that she would send this information out via the faculty listserve.

9.2 Destination 2012 Implementation

R. Farmer reported that a meeting is scheduled for early March.

10. New Business

Moved by L. Herrington, seconded by J. Tucker-Johnston to move *in camera* for the results of the Honorary Degree nominations balloting. **CARRIED**

Moved by J. Hollett, seconded by P. Watts to move from *in camera*. **CARRIED**

10.1 Revitalization of the Institute for the Study of Women (ISW) Charter

B. Taylor discussed input from the Women's Leadership Initiative, a committee created as a result of Destination 2012.

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by R. Zuk that Senate approve the objectives and organization of The Institute for Women, Gender and Social Justice. **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

D. Bourne-Tyson reported that the charter was 30 years old and needed some updating.

R. Zuk requested a friendly amendment to the final line of the document "Amendments to the Institute's objectives and organization will be made only by recommendation to Senate" to read: "Amendments to the Institute's objectives and organization will be made with the approval of Senate". She also suggested that the Art Gallery be consulted about being included in the list at the end of the second paragraph.

L. Herrington wondered if the Students' Union would elect students to sit on that committee.

D. Bourne-Tyson responded that the Students' Union would be responsible for electing students to the committee.

S. Drain commented that the background seems dated and perhaps there should be an introduction to the document if information is being used from the original document. She also questioned the membership of the committee and how someone would become a member of the committee. She also indicated that the term contract employee should be changed to read: CUPE faculty.

J. Sharpe suggested that the committee bring the document back with clearer terms of reference.

M. MacMillan suggested that wording regarding steering committee membership be changed to “selected by” therefore leaving the way candidates are chosen up to the individual components.

B. Taylor indicated that the comments from Senators could be accommodated in the document.

S. Drain suggested that Senate approve the name, mission and vision with the expectation that a second phase of the document be brought to the next Senate meeting.

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by R. Zuk that Senate approve the name, mission and vision and the Women’s Leadership Initiative Committee to bring back the background and governance document to come forward to the next meeting of Senate. CARRIED

10.2 Lab Instructor Membership on Senate and Senate Committee

K. Dewar discussed the current wording of Senate By-law 1.1, Membership, and expressed concern that a call for nominations has gone out without the addition of lab instructors.

P. Glenister indicated that this amendment had been referred to the Nominations Committee to propose a motion to change the by-law.

K. Dewar suggested that a bylaw amendment could be considered without notice of motion if a motion to do so were passed unanimously. R. Lumpkin suggested Senate consider this suggestion.

M. MacMillan discussed the normal procedure for bringing forth motions to Senate, indicating that this matter could be sent to Senate Executive

K. Dewar responded that the second call for nominations has gone out and he feels that having Senate Executive make a determination on this by-law change would cause the amendment to be further delayed to the disadvantage of the Laboratory Instructors than having Senate vote on the matter at this meeting.

Moved by J. Hollett, seconded by L. Herrington that Senate consider the proposed amendment to By-law 1.1 without a notice of motion. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by K. Dewar, seconded by S. Drain that Senate By-law 1.1, under the definition of faculty, be amended to include full-time Laboratory Instructors. CARRIED

11. Items for Communication

Honorary Degree nominees to the President’s Office

Graduate Studies course changes in the Calendar

Undergraduate Studies course changes in the Calendar

Day of Action announcement by the Academic Vice-President

Redrafting of revisions to the Institute for Women, Gender and Social Justice charter by the Women’s Leadership Initiative

Inclusion of Laboratory Instructors for faculty-elected positions by the Nominations Committee

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Black