

Senate Meeting  
Rosaria Boardroom

Sept. 24, 2012  
7:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, K. Blotnicky, S. Brigham, M. Chaffey, E. Church, A. Cole, P. Crouse, M. Das, R. Farmer, M. Forrest, J. Fraser-Arsenault, C. French, Z. Gallant, M.J. Harkins, T. Harrison, J. Hollett, B. Jessop, N. Kayhani, S. Kerr, K. Kienapple, B. MacInnes, J. MacLeod, P. Mombourquette, L. Neilsen, D. Norris, N. Penney, I. Pottie, K. Skinner, C. Slumkoski, B. Taylor, S. Walsh, P. Watts, M. Whalen, A. Zederayko, R. Zuk

Regrets: M. Timm

### 1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by P. Mombourquette, seconded by J. Hollett, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

### 2. Approval of Minutes of April 30, 2012 and May 7, 2012

**Moved** by K. Blotnicky, seconded by Z. Gallant, to approve the minutes of April 30, 2012 as amended. CARRIED

**Moved** by L. Neilsen, seconded by K. Kienapple, to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012 as circulated. CARRIED

### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

### 4. President's Announcements

#### 4.1. Conduct at Senate Meetings

R. Lumpkin read the statement on conduct as provided in the Senate Rules of Order.

R. Lumpkin gave an update on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiations with the Provincial Government. She spoke briefly of the Excellence and Innovation Fund and commented on the increased importance of bilateral agreements. She noted that the next meeting of the Partnership Council will take place September 27, 2012. She continued with a short update on Project 2012, noting that over \$9.4 million has been raised thus far.

She also spoke of the ongoing work with the Aboriginal Advisory Committee and confirmed that a Student Counsellor who is Aboriginal will be available on the Mount Campus two days per week and an Aboriginal Student gathering space will be established on campus in October of this year. She continued by saying that Dean Kienapple has secured funding for adapting the Child and Youth Study program to include Aboriginal content, and additional funding to support these types of initiatives is being pursued. In addition, the Mount will host a Conference regarding post-secondary education for Aboriginal Students next month. She concluded by mentioning that Jeff Hollett will present a report on enrolments at the next Senate meeting.

P. Mombourquette inquired as to the anticipated start date of construction of the Teaching and Learning Centre.

R. Lumpkin replied March 2013.

### 5. Question Period

No questions at this time.

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

6.1. Senate Executive

6.1.1. Notice of Motion: Change to Bylaw 7 (Parliamentarian)

R. Lumpkin presented the notice of motion: the addition to Bylaw 7 of

7.3 The term of the Parliamentarian shall normally be for three years, or until the end of the Appointee's term on Senate. The appointment is renewable.

6.1.2. Motion regarding the Institutes for Business Development, for Highway Safety, and for Professional Ethics

**Moved** by E. Church, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that the documents establishing the following (now defunct) institutes be rescinded: the Institute for Business Development, the Institute for Highway Safety and the Institute for Professional Ethics. CARRIED

6.1.3. Motion regarding Environmental Policy Statements—

**Moved** by B. Jessop, seconded by I. Pottie, that Senate rescind the Environmental Policy approved by Senate on January 27, 1992 and endorse the Environmental Policy Statement approved by the Board of Governors on November 23, 2011. CARRIED

R. Lumpkin remarked that the Senate had been in the vanguard of environmental awareness in passing its policy twenty years earlier, and the policy originating from the Board was more comprehensive and more up-to-date.

P. Watts suggested that the bullet point reading “The University will purchase ENERGY STAR rated appliances and computers, paper products from responsible foresters (SFI), reduce heating plant emissions and general purpose cleaning products certified as Ecologo” be restructured for clarity.

B. Jessop volunteered to take this suggestion back to the Board of Governors.

6.2. Academic Appeals

6.2.1. Change to the terms of reference (Notice of Motion)

N. Kayhani gave notice of motion to Senate regarding proposed changes to the terms of reference for the Academic Appeals Committee. She requested the removal from the proposal of the following sentence, “In a case where confusion arises over who is a regular faculty member and who is an alternate faculty member, the committee shall assign regular and alternate members by lot.” This amendment was accepted by Senators.

6.3. Academic Policy and Planning

6.3.1. New Program BA Major in Communication Studies

**Moved** by E. Church, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that Senate approve the BA Major in Communication Studies. CARRIED – 3 opposed

R. Zuk expressed concern that the English department had responded with suggestions regarding the BA Major in Communication Studies; however, the report reflected that the department had not responded.

E. Church noted that the report would be amended to show that the English Department had responded. She noted that she would have to go back to the department to inquire about the missing recommendations.

N. Kayhani expressed concern regarding the objectives of the program, noting economic references without economics being included in the course content.

E. Church responded that it was her understanding that economic content will be imbedded within the courses offered; the intention is not to teach economic theory.

J. MacLeod added that POLS 2203 (Introduction to Public Policy and the Public Interest) is jointly offered with the Economics Department and makes similar references to economic content.

N. Kayhani expressed further concern that the objectives as stated might be construed as false advertisement, and she suggested that an Economics course be added to the program requirements or the word economic be deleted.

E. Church responded saying that both CAPP and UCC thought the objectives were being met in the curriculum and at this point she would not suggest taking it back.

C. Slumkoski commented that the program is not about economics, but about the communication of the socioeconomic constructs of discourse.

S. Badali concurred with E. Church saying that the curriculum is not economics dependent, economics being a lens, rather than content associated with the discipline of economics.

P. Crouse asked for clarification on the difference between Public Relations degree and the Communication degree.

E. Church responded that the Public Relations program is a professional program, and the Communication Studies program is a Liberal arts program.

K. Kienapple further explained that the Public Relations program is an accredited program the graduates of which are recognized for their professional abilities within the public relations field. Communication Studies is a liberal arts approach to the whole issue of communication and how communication in its various forms influences our society. It is part of a move away from the practical and professional aspects of public relations into the broader context of communication as a field of study.

B. Taylor added that the new degree adheres to the fundamental structure of the BA program.

R. Zuk noted that all other BA majors have some flexibility in the core, whereas the major in this program consists entirely of specified courses.

B. Taylor concurred, but pointed out that the number of COMM courses offered by the department is limited. However, like other BA with a major programs, the COMM program has 8 units in the major and 12 other units for students to explore other disciplines.

R. Farmer asked if all the courses listed are current courses.

K. Kienapple responded yes.

K. Blotnicky questioned the faculty requirements.

K. Kienapple responded that current faculty are sufficient to begin the process. This may change with enrolment further down the road.

#### 6.3.2 External Review Department of Modern Languages (for information)

E. Church brought forward the External Review of the Department of Modern Languages for information.

#### 6.4. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

##### 6.4.1. Course Revisions GCRD 6320/6321 Global Issues and Education I/II (for approval)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by S. Badali, that Senate accept the course revisions in GCRD 6320/6321 Global Issues and Education I/II. CARRIED

#### 6.5. Nominations

##### 6.5.1. Nominations to University Research Ethics Board and Writing Initiatives Committee

**Moved** by P. Crouse, seconded by C. Slumkoski, that Senate elect the following faculty members to the respective committees for the indicated terms. CARRIED

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
University Research Ethics Board	Prof. Derek Fisher	When Elected	June 30, 2015
Writing Initiatives	Prof. Joyce Kennedy	When Elected	June 30, 2015

#### 6.6. Teaching and Learning

P. Watts reported that the Teaching and Learning committee will meet for the first time this term on September 25 and that the first order of business will be to elect a new Chair. She also noted that there is still opportunity to provide feedback to the Teaching and Learning plan on-line.

#### 6.7. Writing Initiatives

P. Watts reported that the Writing Initiatives committee will meet for the second time on September 26. She mentioned the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrating Writing Week to be held November 12 -16, 2012. She encouraged Senators to forward event ideas to the committee.

R. Lumpkin added that the Mount was well represented during Word on the Street. She extended accolades to both alumna, Crystal Vaughn, and Faculty member/Senator, Lorri Neilsen Glenn, who read at the event.

#### 6.8. University Research Ethics Board

6.8.1.Changes to the Research Ethics Compliance Policy (for approval)  
**Moved** by A. Cole seconded by C. Slumkoski, that Senate approve changes to the Research Ethics Compliance Policy. CARRIED

A. Cole presented a brief overview and the rationale for the proposed changes.

6.8.2.Changes to Standard Operating Procedures (for information)

A. Cole presented the standard operating procedures for information.

6.8.2.1. Full Committee Reviews

6.8.2.2. Standard Application for Research Ethics Clearance

6.9. Nancy's Chair Committee

B. Taylor reported that there was a vacancy on the Nancy's Chair Committee due to sabbaticals within the Women's Studies Department. It was recommended by the former Chair of the Women's Studies Department, Dr. Meredith Ralston, that Dr. Tammy Findlay be named instead. Dr. Findlay was approached and indicated that she would accept the position, if offered. Dean Taylor asked for the consent of Senate to name Dr. Findlay as a substitute.

R. Lumpkin called for objections – none were voiced.

7. Other Reports

7.1. Board of Governors

R. Lumpkin gave a brief report from the Board of Governors. She noted the approval of the Financial Statements as well as the fact that the Board is moving to the use of a consent agenda. She went on to say that Sheila Brown will be installed as the first President Emerita at Fall Convocation. The Board also approved three new board members: Donald Julien, Shannon MacDonald, and Corrine Sparks. She also reported that, following up from the discussion of the new Non-Academic Discipline Policy on March 26, 2012 that the Board had formally delegated authority over non-academic student discipline to Senate.

7.2. Students' Union

Z. Gallant reported on another successful Frosh week. He spoke of the increased level of training for frosh leaders, noting that alcohol awareness was a key issue. He noted the large turnout of off-campus and international students and reported that \$5000 was raised for Shinerama. He commented that the Crow's Nest is looking much better and more welcoming for students, in part because of the recent addition of new furniture. Student Councillors have been elected: First Year Rep – Alyssa Roy, Graduate Rep – Alexis Zederayko, Mature Rep – Natasha Penney, Education Rep – Katie Skinner, Arts Rep – Devan Rector, and SRC Speaker – Andrew Fleming, as well as SRC Secretary – Jess Wells. Marketing and Branding initiatives are ongoing, and Kayla King has been hired as the new Marketing Manager. He noted the success of the Utext service and shared upcoming events which include the "I'm feeling" campaign for mental health awareness and the Hallowe'en haunted house.

7.3. Strategic Planning

R. Lumpkin gave a brief update on the Strategic Plan, noting that work had continued on several drafts throughout the summer months. After consulting with Senators it was agreed that a current draft of the Strategic Plan will be circulated early in October and discussions of the draft will be held during the regular Senate meeting times in October and November.

8. New Business

8.1. Fall 2012 Graduation List (Confidential Business)

**Moved** by B. Jessop, seconded by Z. Gallant, to move in camera. CARRIED

Senate approved the following degrees, diplomas, and certificates as follows:

**Faculty of Arts and Science**

Certificate of Proficiency in French

B. Taylor/M. Forrest

Degree of Bachelor of Arts

B. Taylor/N. Kayhani

Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours)	B. Taylor/C. Slumkoski
Degree of Bachelor of Science	B. Taylor/I. Pottie
Degree of Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts (Peace and Conflict Studies)	B. Taylor/M. Das
<b>Faculty of Education</b>	
Degree of Bachelor of Education	S. Badali/S. Brigham
Degree of Master of Arts in Education	S. Badali/J. Hollett
Degree of Master of Education	S. Badali/S. Kerr
Degree of Master of Education in Curriculum Studies: Teaching English as a Second Language in Association with Saint Mary's University	S. Badali/S. Walsh
<b>Faculty of Professional Studies</b>	
Certificate in Accounting	K. Kienapple/K. Blotnicky
Certificate in Business Administration	K. Kienapple/M. Whalen
Certificate in Information Technology	K. Kienapple/P. Crouse
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Arts (Information Technology) Co-operative Education Route	K. Kienapple/P. Crouse
Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Study)	K. Kienapple/C. French
Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Study) in Association with Bermuda College	K. Kienapple/C. French
Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration	K. Kienapple/M. Das
Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration In Association with Bermuda College	K. Kienapple/P. Watts
Degree of Bachelor of Public Relations (Co-operative Education Route)	K. Kienapple/S. Walsh
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Science Communication)	K. Kienapple/M. Whalen
Degree of Bachelor of Science Applied Human Nutrition	K. Kienapple/Z. Gallant
Degree of Bachelor of Science Applied Human Nutrition (Honours)	K. Kienapple/J. Fraser Arsenault
Degree of Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management	K. Kienapple/K. Blotnicky
Degree of Master of Applied Human Nutrition	K. Kienapple/J. Fraser Arsenault
Degree of Master of Arts in Family Studies And Gerontology	K. Kienapple/J. Hollett
Degree of Master of Public Relations	K. Kienapple/Z. Gallant

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate permit the Registrar to add an individual's name if the requirements are completed prior to the Convocation ceremony and, further, to adjust any student's distinction status if so warranted. CARRIED

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

## 8.2. Annual Reports of Senate Committees (for information)

R. Lumpkin introduced the committee reports and instructed Senators to forward any minor edits directly to the Committee Chairs.

### 8.2.1. Academic Appeals

P. Crouse asked for clarification on suggestions for changes to the regulations for the Academic Appeals Committee.

E. Church and K. Kienapple provided clarification.

P. Mombourquette expressed concern relating to Appendix A – 1B “In the past, the Chair had exercised discretion in whether an appeal should be accept or not,” noting that this is contradictory to the Academic Calendar.

B. MacInnes responded that this issue had happened only once to her knowledge, and the Committee stepped forward to remind the Chair that recommendations are made from the Committee as a whole, not from the Chair only.

8.2.2. Academic Policy and Planning

8.2.3. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators

8.2.4. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

8.2.5. Graduate Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards

8.2.6. Information Technology and Services

8.2.7. Library

8.2.8. Nominations

8.2.9. Research and Publications

8.2.10. Senate Executive

8.2.11. Student Experience

J. Hollett spoke briefly about the Student Experience report. He noted that he would like to hold a discussion at Senate on how student workload might be organized throughout the academic term to reduce student stress.

R. Lumpkin offered that perhaps K. Campbell might be able to undertake some research over the next few months to investigate workload models at other universities.

8.2.12. Student Judicial

8.2.13. Student Discipline Appeals

8.2.14. Teaching and Learning

8.2.15. Writing Initiatives

8.2.16. Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

8.2.17. Undergraduate Curriculum

8.2.18. University Research Ethics Board

8.3. Annual Report of Nancy’s Chair Committee (for information)

## 9. Items for Communication

- Repeal of the documents establishing the now defunct Institutes for Business Development, for Highway Safety, and for Professional Ethics
- Repealed the Senate Environmental Policy and endorsed the Board Environmental Policy Statement
- Approved the new BA Major in Communication Studies
- Approved course revisions to GCRD 6320/6321 Global Issues and Education
- Elected Professor Derek Fisher to the UREB and Professor Joyce Kennedy to WIC
- Approved changes to the Research Ethics Compliance Policy
- Received for information changes to Standard Operating Procedures (from UREB)
- Approved the fall graduation list
- Received the annual reports of standing committees and Nancy’s Chair

## 10. Adjournment

**Moved** by J. MacLeod, seconded by S. Brigham, that the meeting be adjourned