



Senate Meeting  
Rosaria Boardroom

Jan. 28, 2013  
7:30 p.m.

## MINUTES

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

Regrets: S. Badali, M. Chaffey, M. Forrest

### 1. Approval of Agenda

**Moved** by J. Hollett, seconded by M. Timm, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

### 2. Approval of Minutes of November 26, 2012 and December 10, 2012

**Moved** by P. Mombourquette, seconded by S. Kerr, to approve the minutes of November 26, 2012 as amended. CARRIED

**Moved** by M. Whalen, seconded by K. Kienapple, to approve the minutes of December 10, 2012 as amended. CARRIED

### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

#### 3.1. Notice of Motion: Revision to By-Law 3 Secretary of Senate

R. Lumpkin presented the changes to By-Law 3

**Moved** by E. Church, seconded by N. Kayhani, that Senate approve the Revision to By-Law 3. CARRIED

#### 3.2. Vision Statement Revision

R. Lumpkin gave a brief overview of the process surrounding the draft of the Strategic Plan Vision Statement. The ad hoc committee presented the following revised vision statement: “The Mount will be a model of social responsibility, cultural vitality and creative teaching and research. We will be a leader in graduating thoughtful and committed global citizens.”

**Moved** by M. Whalen, seconded by Z. Gallant, that Senate approve the revised Vision Statement. CARRIED as amended.

R. Farmer noted that an alternative shorter statement had been drafted by some faculty.

R. Zuk proposed the following as a friendly amendment to M. Whalen’s motion: **“The Mount will be a model of creative teaching and research that nurtures socially responsible global citizens.”**

M. Whalen stated that he was reluctant to accept or deny the amendment, noting that it was Senior Administration who would have to uphold the vision statement.

R. Lumpkin noted the importance of moving the strategic plan into action, but added that the vision statement did have to reflect the contents presented within the plan.

P. Mombourquette queried which one of the two statements best represents the strategic plan.

Many Senators, including the President, gave their opinion that the shorter vision statement, as presented by R. Zuk, best captured the Mount's new Strategic Plan.

M. Whalen agreed to the friendly amendment, which was met with no opposition from the floor.

#### 4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin gave a brief update on the current Provincial Government MOU, noting that there is no resolution on the funding formula, but that talks continue. No decision has been made on the proposals submitted for the Excellence and Innovation Fund. She then moved to the Project 2012 update, noting that funds raised now total \$11.6 million. She added that the focus over the next few weeks would be continued promotion of the Women's Wall of Honour. There will be an event on February 13 to thank all the volunteers. She mentioned a recent successful initiative, working with local Labour Unions, to raise funds to name the Institute for Women, Gender and Social Justice after Alexa McDonough.

She then extended congratulations and thanks to those who worked so hard on the Faculty Agreement and NSGEU contract. She noted that the two sections of IUOE are still in negotiations. To close R. Lumpkin read the heartfelt note of thanks from Margaret Fulton on being named President Emerita.

#### 5. Question Period

There were no questions.

#### 6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

##### 6.1. Senate Executive

R. Lumpkin reported to Senators that the deadline for the Senate Award for Governance has passed and no nominations were brought forward. She also noted that the December Senate meeting date has been reinstated and will be scheduled for 2013 and used if needed. She reported that E. Church had attended an AUCC session on effective Senates, and gave a brief overview of practices at other Universities. She highlighted the issue of liaison between Senate and the Board of Governors, and reported that the Senate-Board Liaison Committee had agreed to invite Senators to the Friday evening event during the Board's annual retreat, for a brief information exchange. She also proposed an annual self-assessment of Senate by its members. A questionnaire will be drafted and brought forward.

##### 6.2. Academic Policy and Planning

###### 6.2.1. Program Modification: Proposal for a BBA with a Strategic Human Resource Management Major

**Moved** by E. Church, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the Program Modification: Proposal for a BBA with a Strategic Human Resource Management Major.  
**CARRIED.**

###### 6.2.2. Academic Plan

E. Church asked what role Senate should play in the academic planning process. She noted that CAPP will continue to be the main body to oversee the academic plan and academic planning. She noted that she would be visiting each department over the next few months adding that each department has been asked to submit a brief

summary of their academic plan. She also intends to meet with students and with other units of the University community.

R. Farmer noted that he would like to see a bit more input from Senate adding that he would like an Academic Plan update at every Senate meeting.

E. Church responded that that she would take that back to CAPP.

### 6.3. Undergraduate Curriculum

6.3.1. Business and Tourism: change to existing program: addition of TMHT 3401 to Management stream

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that Senate approve the addition of TMHT 3401 to Management stream. CARRIED

6.3.2. Communication Studies

6.3.2.1. New courses

6.3.2.1.1. COMM 3022 Visual Design and Communication

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by Z. Gallant, that Senate approve the addition of COMM 3022 Visual Design and Communication. CARRIED.

6.3.2.1.2. PBRL 4109 Strategic Communication in the Not-for-Profit Sector

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by S. Kerr, that Senate approve the addition of PBRL 4109 Strategic Communication in the Not-for-Profit Sector. CARRIED

6.3.2.2. Course Deletions

6.3.2.2.1. PBRL 3022 Text-Based Media

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by Z. Gallant, that Senate approve the deletion of PBRL 3022 Text-Based Media. CARRIED

6.3.2.2.2. PBRL 4102 Public Relations in the Not-for-Profit Sector.

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by A. Zederayko, that Senate approve the deletion of PBRL 4102 Public Relations in the Not-for-Profit Sector. CARRIED

6.3.2.2.3. PBRL 4106 Public Relations and Fundraising

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by Z. Gallant, that Senate approve the deletion of PBRL 4106 Public Relations and Fundraising. CARRIED

6.3.3. Family Studies and Gerontology

6.3.3.1. Removal of content pertaining to Certificate in Gerontology and BAA in FSGN from the Undergraduate Calendar

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Norris, that Senate approve the removal of content pertaining to Certificate in Gerontology and BAA in FSGN from the Undergraduate Calendar. CARRIED

6.3.3.2. Course Deletions

6.3.3.2.1. FSGN 2200 - Humanistic Perspectives on Aging: An Overview (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Norris, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 2200 - Humanistic Perspectives on Aging: An Overview (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.2. FSGN 3311 - Religion, Gender and Sexualities (0.5 unit).

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Norris, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3311 - Religion, Gender and Sexualities (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.3. FSGN 3313 - Research Methods in Family Studies and Gerontology (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Norris, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3313 - Research Methods in Family Studies and Gerontology (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.4. FSGN 3316 - Personal and Family Finance (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Norris, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3316 - Personal and Family Finance (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.5. FSGN 3319 - Program Development (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Norris, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3319 - Program Development (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.6. FSGN 3320 - Community and Change (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Norris, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3320 - Community and Change (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.7. FSGN 3321 - Facility Management (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by S. Walsh, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3321 - Facility Management (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.8. FSGN 3328 - Communications Skills with the Elderly in Long-Term Care (0.5 unit). CARRIED

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by S. Kerr, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3328 - Communications Skills with the Elderly in Long-Term Care (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.9. FSGN 3341 - Legal Status of Women (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by S. Brigham, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3341 - Legal Status of Women (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.10. FSGN 3343 - Family Law (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by J. Hollett, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3343 - Family Law (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.11. FSGN 3350 - Practicum I (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by P. Crouse, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 3350 - Practicum I (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.12. FSGN 4434 - Social and Family Theories (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by Z. Gallant, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 4434 - Social and Family Theories (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2.13. FSGN 4450 - Practicum II (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by H. Mallette, that Senate approve the deletion of FSGN 4450 - Practicum II (0.5 unit). CARRIED.

6.3.4. History (for approval)

6.3.4.1. New courses

6.3.4.1.1. HIST 2251 - Plagues and Peoples: A World History of Epidemics (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by A. Zederayko, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 2251 - Plagues and Peoples: A World History of Epidemics (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.4.1.2. HIST 2289 - The World in the Postwar Era (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by C. Slumkoski, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 2289 - The World in the Postwar Era (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.4.1.3. HIST 3314 - Witches, Witch-Hunters and Scholars in Early Modern Europe (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by Z. Gallant, that Senate approve the addition of Witches, Witch-Hunters and Scholars in Early Modern Europe (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.4.1.4. HIST 3341 - From Slavery to Freedom: The Afro-North American Experience from Colonial Times to 1865. (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by S. Brigham, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 3341 - From Slavery to Freedom: The Afro-North American Experience from Colonial Times to 1865. (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.4.1.5. HIST 3342 - From Slave to Citizen: The Afro-North American Freedom Struggle in the Modern Era. (0.5 unit)

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by C. Slumkoski, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 3342 - From Slave to Citizen: The Afro-North American Freedom Struggle in the Modern Era. (0.5 unit)

6.3.4.2. Course Deletions

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by C. Slumkoski, that Senate approve the deletion of HIST 3389, 2227, 2228, 2240, 3313, and 3345. CARRIED

6.3.4.2.1. HIST 3389 - The World Since 1945 (0.5 unit) —

6.3.4.2.2. HIST 2227 - The Origins of Canadian Political Culture, 1760-1849 (0.5 unit)

6.3.4.2.3. HIST 2228 - The Canadian Culture of Politics, 1849-1918 (0.5 unit)

6.3.4.2.4. HIST 2240 - Revolution in North America (0.5 unit)

6.3.4.2.5. HIST 3313 - Culture, Society and Belief in Early Modern Europe (0.5 unit)

6.3.4.2.6. HIST 3345 - Afro-North American History (1.0 unit)

6.3.4.3. Changes to existing program: Changes to the list of courses offered in the areas of European History, North American History, and World History.

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by C. Slumkoski, that Senate approve the changes to the list of courses offered in the areas of European History, North American History, and World History. CARRIED

6.3.5. Modern Languages

6.3.5.1. Changes to existing program

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by Z. Gallant, that Senate approve the changes to existing program in Modern Languages, as presented on the agenda as items 6.3.5.1.1 to 6.3.5.1.5. CARRIED

6.3.5.1.1. Major (20 unit degree)

6.3.5.1.2. Major in French with a Year in France

6.3.5.1.3. Major in French with a Year in Québec

6.3.5.1.4. Combined Major (20 unit degree)

6.3.5.1.5. Concentration

6.3.6. Curriculum Changes

K. Kienapple presented the curriculum changes in Family Studies and Gerontology and Modern Languages for information.

6.3.6.1. Family Studies and Gerontology

6.3.6.1.1. Remove cross-listing and exclusion: THMT 3321/FSGN 3321

6.3.6.1.2. Delete pre-requisite: FSGN 2315

6.3.6.1.3. Remove cross-listing: FSGN 3311/RELS 3311; FSGN 3320/SOAN 3320; FSGN 3341/WOMS 3341

6.3.6.2. Modern Languages

6.3.6.2.1. New course number, new exclusion: FREN 2203

6.3.6.2.2. New course number, new pre-requisites, new exclusion: FREN 2204; FREN 4403; FREN 4404; FREN 4408; FREN 4409

6.3.6.2.3. New pre-requisites: FREN 3310; FREN 3312; FREN 3313; FREN 3316; FREN 3317; FREN 3325; FREN 3397; FREN 3398; FREN 3399

6.3.6.2.4. New pre-requisites, new description: FREN 3324

#### 6.3.7. Changes to Guidelines

K. Kienapple presented the Changes to Guidelines to Existing Courses and Existing Programs for information.

6.3.7.1. Guidelines for Changes to Existing Courses

6.3.7.2. Guidelines for Changes to Existing Programs

#### 6.4. Student Experience

##### 6.4.1. Student Workload Balance (J. Hollett)

J. Hollett gave a presentation on ‘Distributing Student Workload: Grading Policies’. He provided data from the National Survey of Student Engagement in 2011. The survey compared the Mount with peer groups across Canada. It outlined items such as the number of students who attend campus events and activities, who provide care for dependents at home, who are employed on and off campus, or spend more than six hours commuting to class. He noted also that 24% of students in the Maritimes work full time while studying, and that this percentage is much higher than it was in 1999, or than it is outside the Maritimes. The survey findings show the pressures our students are under. He spoke of the concerns brought forward by student Senators regarding workload. He pointed out that, unlike other universities, the Mount has only one policy regarding student work load, to the effect that “No tests or examinations worth more than 20% of the course grade shall be held in the last two weeks of classes in the Fall/Winter semesters.”

The underlying concern is that students report that more than 50% of their final grade depends on work evaluated after the end of classes, and that formative evaluation and feedback could be better managed.

Z. Gallant presented the document that was originally sent by the Students’ Union to J. Hollett, Associate VP Student Experience, highlighting the following issues:

- The uneven distribution of work throughout the term
- The desirability of having assignment instructions included in the syllabus
- The difficulty of managing group projects
- Inappropriate scheduling of exams and due dates
- The value of required review periods for those students who are writing exams
- The importance of monitoring the implementation of policies

Senators discussed the issue, noting the benefit of the creation of a best practice, policy or guideline to address student concerns. B. MacInnes noted that current policy states that “The student must have received at least one mark and/or evaluation in each course prior to the examination period in each semester”. Senate referred the matter to the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning for further discussion and recommendations.

#### 6.5. Writing Initiatives

P. Watts reminded Senators of the WIC event about Writing Resources On-Line.. She noted this would be an informal brown bag lunch event in Seton 404 and coffee will be served.

#### 6.6. Nominations

**Moved** by P. Crouse, seconded by S. Brigham, that Senate elect the following faculty member to the Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee for the indicated term.

CARRIED

Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee	Geneviève Boulet	When Elected	June 30, 2015
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## 7. Other Reports

### Board of Governors

R. Zuk reported that the Board of Governors met once via conference call to approve the Strategic Plan, and the nomination for President Emerita. She noted that they meet again at the end of February.

### 7.1. Students' Union

Z. Gallant reported on the President's Street Team, a promotions initiative; new hours for Vinnie's Pub; and a new communications/social media plan. He reported that work continues on updating internal job descriptions, as well as the Union's Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies. Other accomplishments include a successful "Mr. Mount" event, the construction of a hub for ratified societies on the website, the completion of three years' worth of yearbooks, the hiring of a disability services person, two talking circles at the Indigenous Student Centre, and a successful Frost Fest. Forthcoming events include participation in the "Let's Talk" day for Mental Health, and the Body Project, offered in conjunction with the Diversity Centre. Z. Gallant concluded by thanking the Faculty Association for their generous donation, the first of a series of semi-annual donations of \$250, towards the Students' Union Food Bank.

### 7.2. Strategic Planning

R. Lumpkin noted that she will take the vision statement to the Board of Governors for approval at their next meeting. She thanked M. Whalen and all those involved in creating the new vision statement. She noted that some work remains to be completed, in establishing timelines and measures for charting progress.

S. Drain asked if the Strategic Plan has been named.

R. Lumpkin replied no, but suggestions were welcome.

## 8. New Business

No new business.

## 9. Items for Communication

- Approval by Senate of the new Strategic Plan Vision statement
- Revision to By-Law 3 – Re: functions of the Secretary of Senate
- Program Modification: Proposal for a BBA with a Strategic Human resource management Major on its way to MPHEC
- New course additions, deletions and modifications from UCC
- Communicate to SCOTL regarding recommendations for student workload and grading practices.

## 10. Adjournment

Moved by A. Zederayko, seconded by J. MacLeod, that the meeting be adjourned.