



Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

March 25, 2013
7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

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

Regrets: M. Das, B. Jessop, D. Norris, C. Slumkoski, B. Taylor, M. Timm, A. Zederayko

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by L. Mann, seconded by K. Kienapple, to approve the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of February 25, 2013.

Moved by P. Crouse, seconded by T. Harrison, to approve the minutes of February 25, 2013 as presented. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1. Changes to By-Laws 9.9, 15.3.6, 15.6.2 Annual Reports

Moved by E. Church, seconded by M. Forrest that Senate approve the changes to By-Laws 9.9, 15.3.6, 15.6.2. CARRIED.

3.2. Changes to By-Law 14.2 Terms of Reference for Academic Appeals Committee

Moved by N. Kayhani, seconded by K. Blotnicky that Senate approve the changes to the terms of reference for the Academic Appeals Committee. CARRIED

3.3. Communication with Senators

R. Lumpkin reviewed the issue and added that as a result of the discussion held during the February meeting, Senators' email addresses will be added to the Senate website.

4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin reported that the Government will announce the Excellence and Innovation Grant outcomes over the next few days and the information will be shared with the Mount community.

MOU talks with the Government continue; the next meeting is scheduled for April 25th and 26th. She added that the University Board Chairs have been invited to the evening session on April 25th.

She noted the resignation of the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education, Marilyn Moore, who has been replaced by Frank Corbett.

She then reviewed the implications for universities of the recent federal budget, noting in particular some restoration of funding to the granting councils, a paid internship program, and funding for scholarships for aboriginal students.

The President briefly reviewed notable recent events on campus and drew attention to the groundbreaking ceremony for the McCain Centre to take place on April 9th.

To applause from Senators, she noted that Senator Meagan Chaffey is the recipient of this year's Patricia Butler Prize.

5. Question Period

None

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

6.1. Senate Executive

6.1.1. Notice of Motion: Addition of ByLaws 14.14 and 14.15

R. Lumpkin brought forward and reviewed the Notice of Motion: Addition of ByLaws 14.14 and 14.15. and the revisions to the Non-Academic Discipline Policy. As these two documents are interdependent, it was agreed that they will be presented together for approval at the April 2013 meeting.

6.1.2. Revisions to Non-Academic Discipline Policy

6.2. Academic Appeals Committee Procedural changes for information

N. Kayhani reviewed the Academic Appeals Committee Procedural changes document. In response to a question from R. Farmer, B. MacInnes replied that the change would be made to the University calendar.

6.3. Academic Policy and Planning

6.3.1. Adjunct Professor Policy

Moved by E. Church, seconded by M. Forrest, that Senate approve the Adjunct Professor Policy. CARRIED

E. Church presented and reviewed the updated Adjunct Professor Policy.

R. Farmer asked if an Adjunct Professor would be eligible for reimbursement under the chit system.

E. Church responded no, as Adjunct Professors are not part of any collective agreement.

6.3.2. Visiting Professor Policy

Moved by E. Church, seconded by S. Brigham that Senate approve the Visiting Professor Policy. CARRIED

E. Church presented and reviewed the updated Visiting Professor Policy

6.3.3. Academic Standing (Graduate Studies) Policy—*page 63*

Moved by E. Church, seconded by S. Kerr that Senate approve the Academic Standing (Graduate Studies) Policy. CARRIED

E. Church presented and reviewed the Academic Standing Policy.

6.3.4. Examination Procedures

E. Church gave a brief oral report regarding current examination procedures. She noted that the current system is not working as well as it should and asked for Senators' input on how best to move forward. She reported that at Dalhousie and Saint Mary's faculty print and distribute their own exams. To move forward, she then presented two options: Option 1 – The Registrar's Office will prepare the schedule for the examination period; all Faculty will print and distribute their own exams.

Option 2 – The Registrar's Office will prepare the schedule for the examination period and print and distribute examinations that are submitted by the deadline (five

days prior to the date of the examination.) If examinations are not submitted by the deadline, faculty will be responsible for printing and distributing their examinations. B. MacInnes noted that once the deadline has been missed, the Registrar's Office will notify faculty that they will be responsible for the printing and distribution of their own exams.

In the ensuing discussion, Senators sought clarification on several points related to faculty's printing of their own papers. For convenience and security, the use of the campus Print Shop is highly recommended for duplication of exam papers.

P. Mombourquette noted that the exam policy was developed at least in part to deal with the issue of exam papers that were not ready for the exam, and asked if this concern remained.

B. MacInnes noted that this is always a concern; however, since compliance with the exam policy has not been good, another approach is being taken.

Z. Gallant asked whether faculty suffer any consequences if their exam papers are not ready for the scheduled time. B. MacInnes responded that the exam is rescheduled, noting that this is hard on both faculty and students.

R. Farmer noted that a missing exam paper is not always the faculty member's fault.

M. Whalen observed that effectively there is no way to discipline a faculty member;

R. Zuk responded that discipline is not precluded.

I. Pottie added that neither option will solve the problem of a Faculty member not showing up with the exam during the scheduled period.

P. Watts noted that exams will need to reach Distance Learning in an appropriate time frame.

A number of Senators expressed support for Option 2, especially as a convenience for departments with large classes and multiple sections.

E. Church thanked Senators for their input, and noted this information will go back to CAPP.

In response to a question from N. Kayhani regarding valid medical excuses for missed exams, B. MacInnes noted that faculty do not have the right to ask students for more medical detail about a medical note. She added that the Registrar's office endeavors to alert faculty as soon as possible when a student misses an exam for medical reasons.

6.4. Undergraduate Curriculum

6.4.1. English Addition of New Courses

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by M. Chaffey, that Senate approve the addition of the new English courses listed 6.4.1.1 to 6.4.1.9. CARRIED

6.4.1.1. ENGL 2202 Introduction to Critical Methods

6.4.1.2. ENGL 2242 Themes in Women's Writing

6.4.1.3. ENGL 4415 Studies in Children's Literature

6.4.1.4. ENGL 4427 Studies in Victorian Culture

6.4.1.5. ENGL 4446 Studies in Contemporary Culture

6.4.1.6. ENGL 4454 Studies in Postcolonial Literature and Theory

6.4.1.7. ENGL 4454 Studies in Medievalism

6.4.1.8. ENGL 4476 Studies in Medieval Culture

6.4.1.9. ENGL 4480 Studies in Literature and Film

6.4.2. English Deletion of Courses

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the deletion of the courses listed 6.4.2.1 to 6.4.2.9. CARRIED

6.4.2.1. ENGL 2240 Women's Literary Tradition I

- 6.4.2.2. ENGL 2241 Women's Literary Tradition II
- 6.4.2.3. ENGL 2255 Postcolonial Literature I: Colonies of Intervention
- 6.4.2.4. ENGL 2256 Postcolonial Literature II: Settler/Invader Colonies
- 6.4.2.5. ENGL 3306 Studies in Children and Literature
- 6.4.2.6. ENGL 3328 Studies in Victorian Culture
- 6.4.2.7. ENGL 3348 Studies in Contemporary Culture
- 6.4.2.8. ENGL 3375 Studies in Medieval Culture
- 6.4.2.9. ENGL 3380 Literature and Film
- 6.4.3. English Changes to Existing Program
 - 6.4.3.1. Changes to requirements for the Major
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the changes to requirements for the Major. CARRIED
 - 6.4.3.2. Changes to requirements for the Combined Major
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the changes to the requirements for the Combined Major. CARRIED
 - 6.4.3.3. Changes to requirements for the Honours Degree
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the changes to requirements for the Honours Degree. CARRIED
 - 6.4.3.4. Writing Minor, addition of a description to the Academic Calendar
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the Writing Minor, addition of a description to the Academic Calendar. CARRIED
 - 6.4.3.5. Changes to the Prerequisites for the University Study of English
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the changes to the prerequisites for the University Study of English. CARRIED
- 6.4.4. Psychology Addition of New Courses
 - 6.4.4.1. PSYC 4402 Directed Research
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by J. Hollett, that Senate approve the addition of PSYC 4402 Directed Research. CARRIED
 - 6.4.4.2. PSYC 4430 Current Issues in Psychology
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that Senate approve the addition of PSYC 4430 Current Issues in Psychology. CARRIED
- 6.4.5. Changes to Existing Courses
 - S. Badali presented the items under 6.4.5. for information.
 - 6.4.5.1. Chemistry/Physics
 - 6.4.5.1.1. CHEM 1003 Chemistry of Everyday Life
 - 6.4.5.2. Communication Studies
 - 6.4.5.2.1. PBRL 101 Foundations of Public Relations
 - 6.4.5.3. English
 - 6.4.5.3.1. ENGL 1170 Introduction to Literature: Reading Literature
 - 6.4.5.3.2. ENGL 1171 Introduction to Literature: Historical Perspectives
 - 6.4.5.3.3. ENGL 2210 Shakespeare
 - 6.4.5.3.4. ENGL 2205 Literature for Children and Young Adults
 - 6.4.5.3.5. ENGL 2216 Introduction to Drama
 - 6.4.5.3.6. ENGL 2262 Fantasy and Science Fiction
 - 6.4.5.3.7. ENGL 3300 Eighteenth-Century Literature
 - 6.4.5.3.8. ENGL 3305 Studies in Children's Literature
 - 6.4.5.3.9. ENGL 3313 Modern and Contemporary Drama
 - 6.4.5.3.10. ENGL 3327 Studies in Victorian Literature
 - 6.4.5.3.11. WRIT 3331 Advanced Studies in Writing I

- 6.4.5.3.12. WRIT 3332 Advanced Studies in Writing II
- 6.4.5.3.13. ENGL 3352 Nineteenth-Century American Literature
- 6.4.5.3.14. ENGL 3354 Issues in Modern Canadian Literature and Theory
- 6.4.5.3.15. ENGL 3355 Sixteenth-Century Literature
- 6.4.5.3.16. ENGL 3356 Seventeenth-Century Literature
- 6.4.5.3.17. ENGL 3364 Elizabethan and Jacobean Drama
- 6.4.5.3.18. ENGL 3376 Studies in Medieval Literature
- 6.4.5.3.19. ENGL 4408 Critical Theory
- 6.4.5.4. Mathematics and Computer Science
 - 6.4.5.4.1. MATH 1130 Finite Mathematics
 - 6.4.5.4.2. MATH 2207 Introduction to Mathematical Statistics

6.5. Library

I. Pottie reported that Margaret Norrie McCain Centre construction offices are now established and are located in the back Blue Zone of the Library. Students will continue to have access to a quiet comfortable seating area and large working tables have been moved to the current space. He announced the addition of two new Library staff members Corinne Gilroy, Library Assistant and Reserves and Alex Hanam, Part-time Backup Evening and Weekend Circulation Supervisor. He also reported that Roger Gillis began his new role in January as the Liaison Librarian for the departments and programs in the humanities. He continued by mentioning the Student Library Award winners Teresa Workman and Emad Talisman. He also noted that the Library will engage in a brief survey over the next few weeks to gather end-of-term feedback from students, faculty, staff, alumni and other community members. He concluded by giving a brief overview of the Research Unplugged – BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) session, and the Library iPads for Loan initiative.

6.6. Writing Initiatives

P. Watts gave a brief overview of the WIC sponsored session, “Telling Tales Out of School,” noting that this information will be shared in an upcoming edition of the Bright Ideas Bulletin. She also reported that the Writing Initiatives Committee, in cooperation with the Library and the Research Office, will present a Celebrating Publishing week in October.

7. Other Reports

7.1. Board of Governors

R. Zuk reported on the Board’s unanimous approval of the construction of the Margaret Norrie McCain Centre.

7.2. Students’ Union

Z. Gallant reported on the recent Government round table meetings, adding that the next meeting is scheduled for June. He mentioned that, for the first time, online voting was used for the Student Union Elections. Although there was only a small increase in voter participation, the new process is a step in the right direction. He continued by reporting that Tyler Bechard was elected as Vice President Student Life, Joey Leblanc was elected Vice President Communications and he (Zach Gallant) will remain as President for a second term. Vice President Advocacy remains vacant at present. He reviewed recent and upcoming activities.

7.3. Strategic Planning

R. Lumpkin gave a brief report on Strategic Planning noting that the Board of Governors unanimously approved the vision statement, “The Mount will be a model of creative teaching and research that nurtures socially responsible global citizens.” She also noted that the plan has been named “Mount 2017: Making a Difference.” Action and Completion Dates are currently being assigned. Updates will follow.

8. New Business

None

9. Items for Communication

- Changes to By-Laws 9.9, 15.3.6, 15.6.2 Annual Reports
- Changes to By-Law 14.2 Terms of Reference for Academic Appeals Committee
- Academic Appeals Committee Procedural changes
- Adjunct Professor Policy
- Visiting Professor Policy
- Academic Standing (Graduate Studies) Policy
- Curriculum items for approval and information will be sent for communication to the Registrar’s Office
- Senator’s emails will be added to the Senate website.

10. Adjournment

Moved by J. MacLeod, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that the meeting be adjourned.