

Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

April 26, 2010
1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: A. McDonough (Chair), R. Bérard, I. Blum, D. Bourne-Tyson, K. Darvesh, S. Drain, P. Glenister, L. Herrington, E. Hicks, J. Hollett, B. Jessop, N. Kayhani, M. Lyon, B. MacInnes, R. MacKay, J. MacLeod, M. MacMillan, J. Neilson, S. Perrott, I. Pottie, C. Schneider, J. Sharpe, G. Solomon, L. Steele, B. Taylor, J. Tucker-Johnston, D. Varga, P. Watts, R. Zuk

Regrets: R. Farmer, K. Kienapple, A. MacGillivray, L. Mann, R. Warne

Guests: Peter Mombourquette, Chelsea Stewart

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. MacLeod, seconded by I. Pottie to approve the agenda with Item 7.7.1 to follow Item 7.1.3 as both are confidential business. CARRIED

2. Approval of minutes

2.1 Approval of Minutes of March 8, 2010

Moved by D. Bourne-Tyson, seconded by B. Jessop to approve the minutes of March 8, 2010 with corrections to minor typographical and grammatical errors. CARRIED

2.2 Approval of Minutes of March 29, 2010

Moved by L. Steele, seconded by K. Darvesh to approve the minutes of March 29, 2010. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Revision of Senate By-law 14.3, Committee on Academic Policy and Planning

Moved by M. Lyon, seconded by J. Neilson that Senate approve the change to By-law 14.3 to ensure that one of the six elected faculty members on the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning also be a member of Senate, and that a second student representative be added to the membership of CAPP. CARRIED

M. MacMillan wanted to clarify if the intent of the revision was to have an alternate student representative or an on-going member of Senate. M. Lyon responded that the intent is to have a second student representative on CAPP who would vote if the primary student representative could not be present.

S. Drain commented that the second student representative does not have to be a senior level student which would allow for continuity on the committee.

4. President's Announcements

A. McDonough reported that an announcement regarding the new MSVU President will be made to the Mount Community tomorrow. She also reminded Senate of the upcoming town hall meeting for members of the Mount community to attend and provide feedback to the administration.

5. Question Period

There were no questions.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

7.1 Senate Executive

7.1.1 Conduct at meetings of Senate

A. McDonough apologized for not having a draft opening statement prepared for Senate, but did indicate that it is being worked on.

7.1.2 Notice of Motion: By-law 2.1 revision

This will be included on the next Senate agenda.

Moved by J. Neilson, seconded by B. Jessop that Senate move *in camera*. CARRIED

7.1.3 Senate Award for Service in University Governance

7.1.1 Professor Emeritus nominations

Moved by B. Jessop, seconded by I. Pottie that Senate move from *in camera*. CARRIED

7.2 Academic Appeals Committee

There was no report.

7.3 Academic Policy and Planning (CAPP)

7.3.1 Transfer Credit and Subsequent Graduate Degrees

Moved by M. Lyon, seconded by I. Blum that Senate approve the calendar addition on Transfer Credit and Subsequent Graduate Degrees. CARRIED

M. Lyon gave background on the graduate calendar change indicating the need to clarify the wording of policies in the graduate calendar.

S. Drain wondered if it was permitted to complete two degrees at the same time. M. Lyon clarified that students could only do one graduate degree at a time.

B. MacInnes pointed out that the clarification affects students who completed degrees at other institutions as well as at the Mount.

I. Blum noted that the policy does indicate that students who have completed a graduate degree could complete a subsequent graduate degree at the Mount.

7.3.2 Report on External Review of Business and Tourism

M. MacMillan pointed out that this is an information item. He noted that the recommendation included that the Business Department work with other departments to enhance communications and wanted to indicate that there are a number of departments, notably English, which the department could work with to enhance the communications portion of the Business degree.

M. Lyon noted that the department is moving forward on the recommendations made by CAPP and the reviewers.

R. Zuk wondered if the recommendations listed as numbers 24 and 25 regarding improvement of communication have been addressed. M. Lyon responded that it was hard to pin down what the reviewers were suggesting and noted CAPP's comment that faculty are already "engaged". K. Darvesh responded regarding space for the Business Department indicating that the Seton Annex is not an appropriate space and has been a challenge for faculty in the business department. A. McDonough discussed the Capital Campaign and its progress toward reaching its goal to start work on a new building which would provide a new space for the Business department.

7.4 Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee

J. Sharpe announced that the Ph.D. program in Education has been approved by the Senates of the Mount, St. F. X. and Acadia, as well as by MPHEC. Although there is assurance that the government is supportive of the program, there is now a commitment of funding from government to date.

S. Drain wondered when students would be admitted. J. Sharpe responded that July 2011 would be the start date of the new Ph.D. program.

D. Varga wondered if this can be announced publicly. J. Sharpe asked that no formal announcement be made until forms from all the universities have been submitted, but Senators can informally discuss the approval of the Ph.D. in Education.

C. Schneider noted the leadership of Dr. Sue McGregor in the development of the program.

7.5 Graduate Studies Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards Committee

There was no report.

7.6 Undergraduate Curriculum

7.6.1 Course/program changes

7.6.1.1 Communication Studies new course: COMM 3017, Ethics in Public Communication (0.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by S. Drain that Senate approve the addition of COMM 3017, Ethics in Public Communication. CARRIED

7.6.1.2 Philosophy/Religious Studies new course: RELS 2225, Myths, visions, possessions (0.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by J. Neilson that Senate approve the addition of RELS 2225, Myths, visions, possessions. CARRIED

S. Drain asked for clarification on the name of the course and wondered what might be the rationale. J. Sharpe responded that the Committee had been informed that this represented the new way of looking at indigenous religions.

7.6.1.3 Political/Canadian Studies

7.6.1.3.1 Addition of new courses

7.6.1.3.1.1 CANA 4000, Seminar on Canada (0.5 unit)

7.6.1.3.1.2 CANA 4002, Directed Study (0.5 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by J. Hollett that Senate approve the addition of CANA 4000, Seminar on Canada and CANA 4002, Directed Study. CARRIED

G. Solomon wondered if approving these courses would make it more difficult for students to acquire a degree in Canadian Studies. M. MacMillan responded that there is a lengthy list of courses in the program to take and it is anticipated that there would be additional courses in the future. He also noted a correction on page 62: "Directed Studies" should read "Directed Study".

7.6.1.3.2 Deletion of courses

7.6.1.3.1.1 CANA 4400, Canadian Studies Seminar (1.0 unit)

7.6.1.3.1.2 CANA 4402, Canadian Studies Directed Study (1.0 unit)

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by M. MacMillan that Senate approve the deletion of CANA 4400, Canadian Studies Seminar and CANA 4402, Canadian Studies Directed Study. CARRIED

7.6.1.3.3 Program changes: 20 unit major required courses

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by M. MacMillan that Senate approve the change on page 63 of the Senate package which is required with the changes in courses. CARRIED

7.6.2 Course changes (for information)

7.6.2.1 Biology BIOL 3322 calendar description

7.6.2.2 Education EDUC 5432, EDUC 5331, EDUC 5333 prerequisites

7.6.2.3 Philosophy/Religious Studies RELS 1020, RELS 1030 calendar descriptions

J. Sharpe noted that the changes being made to the calendar descriptions were for Senate's information.

7.7 Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators (CAPTPAA)

There was no report.

7.8 Information Technology and Services

There was no report.

7.9 Library

There was no report.

7.10 Nominations

I. Blum reported on the work of the Nominations Committee. He anticipates a difficult year for the Committee since the low complement of faculty that is eligible to sit on committees has been further depleted by a number of early retirements. There are 28 positions to fill and 19 have been filled to date. There are still 9 positions available on the following committees: Academic Appeals, Graduate Studies Program and Policy, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Library, Research and Publication and Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning.

7.11 Research and Publications

There was no report.

7.12 Student Experience

There was no report.

7.13 Teaching and Learning (SCOTL)

There was no report.

7.14 Writing Initiatives (WIC)

There was no report.

7.15 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

There was no report.

7.16 University Research Ethics Board

There was no report.

8. Other Reports

8.1 Students' Union

J. Neilson reported that transition of the new Students' Union executive has begun.

A. McDonough acknowledged the appreciation of Senate for the commitment and involvement of Geoff Solomon and Jeremy Neilson during their time representing students on Senate.

8.2 Destination 2012 Implementation

There was no report.

8.3 Joint Board-Senate Liaison

There was no report.

8.4 Administrative Search Committees

M. Lyon reported that an appointment of the Associate VP Academic and Research will be made soon after the announcement of the new President.

The candidates for VP Academic have been selected. There will be a communication to the university community indicating the open meeting schedule.

K. Darvesh reported that recommendations for the Deans positions have been sent to the President.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Items for Communication

11. Adjournment

Moved by J. MacLeod to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Black