

Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

September 27, 2010
7:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: A. McDonough (Chair), R. Bérard, D. Bourne-Tyson, E. Church, K. Dewar, S. Drain, R. Farmer, C. French, P. Glenister, L. Herrington, E. Hicks, B. Jessop, N. Kayhani, K. Kienapple, B. MacInnes, R. MacKay, M. MacMillan, L. Mann, G. McGovern, D. Norris, S. Perrott, J. Sawler, C. Schneider, J. Sharpe, L. Steele, C. Stewart, B. Taylor, J. Tucker-Johnston, P. Watts, R. Zuk

Regrets: A. Davis, J. Hollett, A. MacGillivray, L. Neilsen

Guest: Kelly Gallant

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B. Jessop, seconded by L. Mann to approve the agenda with the change in order of Item 7.1.1, Parliamentarian, after Item 1, Item 9.1 and Item 9.2, Annual reports, immediately following Item 6, and Item 9.4 ahead of Item 9.3. CARRIED

2. Parliamentarian

Moved by M. MacMillan, seconded by L. Herrington that R. Bérard serve as Senate Parliamentarian. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of April 26, 2010 and May 10, 2010

Moved by P. Watts, seconded by G. McGovern to approve the minutes of April 26, 2010 with a correction to Item 7.4 so that the second sentence should conclude: “there is now a commitment of funding from government to date.” CARRIED

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by D. Bourne-Tyson to approve the minutes of May 10, 2010 as circulated. CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Conduct at Senate meetings

A. McDonough gave an overview of previous discussion on this item. It is recommended by Senate Executive that the statement be given at the beginning of each term of Senate. The statement will be read at the next meeting of Senate when Dr. Lumpkin is chairing.

5. President’s Announcements

A. McDonough recognized the time and effort given by the University Community in

discussing the report reviewing Nova Scotia universities by Dr. Tom O'Neill, and identifying errors and omissions regarding the Mount found in the report. She read a statement in response that was approved at the previous week's Board of Governors meeting, recognizing the input of the MSVU Faculty Association.

L. Mann indicated that there were some changes made to the draft report from the MSVU Faculty Association and acknowledged the contribution of Karen Blotnicky in addressing the report and its inaccuracies.

A. McDonough also recognized the leadership of the Mount's Students' Union in particular by L. Herrington during the students' meeting with the Minister of Education.

L. Mann questioned the numbers of full-time equivalents and wondered why the low numbers at MSVU were seen as a negative.

B. Jessop responded that the only explanation he had was that there was less opportunity for cost savings in faculty reductions.

K. Dewar wondered if A. McDonough, as past interim president, would be inclined to discuss the Mount in the community, along with past Board of Governor chairs.

A. McDonough indicated that she would be pleased to work with past Presidents and Board chairs in promoting the Mount. She is also continuing to work on the Capital Campaign until the goal for funding is reached.

A. McDonough discussed some of the recommendations in O'Neill's report indicating that there are a number of these recommendations that the Mount already has taken initiative on.

C. Schneider indicated that the MSVU Faculty Association supports students in the stand against tuition fee hikes.

L. Herrington thanked both the MSVU Faculty Association and A. McDonough for their continued support of students.

Moved by R. Zuk, seconded by B. Taylor that Senate support the resolution presented from the Board of Governors. CARRIED

6. Question Period

There were no additional questions.

7. New Business

7.1 Annual Reports of Senate Committees (for information)

- i. Academic Appeals
- ii. Academic Policy and Planning
- iii. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators
- iv. Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee
- v. Graduate Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards
- vi. Information Technology and Services
- vii. Library
- viii. Nominations
- ix. Research and Publications
- x. Senate Executive
- xi. Student Experience
- xii. Student Judicial
- xiii. Student Discipline Appeals
- xiv. Teaching and Learning
- xv. Writing Initiatives
- xvi. Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships
- xvii. Undergraduate Curriculum

xviii. University Research Ethics Board

7.2 Annual Report of Nancy's Chair in Women's Studies (for information)

There were no questions regarding the annual reports.

8. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

9. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

9.1 Senate Executive

9.1.1 Notice of end of term of ex officio voting member of Senate

A. McDonough noted that this item was for information to inform Senate of end of the term for Associate Vice-President Academic.

K. Dewar noted other editorial changes required under By-law 14.3, Committee on Academic Policy and Planning. He also noted that Senate By-laws should incorporate Lab instructors under By-law 1.1, Elected members.

9.1.2 Ratification of election of member to and Chair of the Academic Appeals Committee

Moved by L. Herrington, seconded by L. Steele that Jonathan Roberts be ratified as an elected member and Chair of the Academic Appeals Committee. CARRIED

9.1.3 Ratification of anticipated Nominations Committee member term

Moved by M. MacMillan, seconded by C. Stewart that Robert Bérard replace Mary Jane Harkins on the Nominations Committee, effective August 23, 2010. CARRIED

9.2 Academic Appeals Committee

B. MacInnis reported that the committee has met once but no decision has been made on the current appeal.

9.3 Academic Policy and Planning

9.3.1 Revisions to Senate Policy and Procedures for the Discontinuation of Academic Programs

E. Church gave an overview of the revisions to the Senate policy.

K. Dewar wondered why the requirement for a written response has been removed. S. Drain asked how the response would be submitted if it is not in writing.

E. Church indicated that requiring a written report could be added to the policy.

N. Kayhani wondered what the time line was for CAPP to bring a recommendation to Senate after the external review.

B. Taylor responded that the timeline is covered under another policy dealing with external reviews.

J. Sawler wondered if consideration was given to an opportune time for departments and programs to act on recommendations of an external review before a motion for discontinuation is brought to Senate.

B. Taylor responded that external reviews do not recommend discontinuations; this is a decision of CAPP to bring forward to Senate.

R. Farmer questioned the timing of feedback from stakeholders to be included in CAPP's report.

E. Church suggested an amendment to change "other stakeholders" to "stakeholders".

N. Kayhani asked for clarification of the stakeholders; would other programs affected by the discontinuation be consulted?

S. Drain suggested adding the description of stakeholders to the principles section of the policy.

Moved by E. Church, seconded by K. Kienapple that Senate approve the revised Senate Policy and Procedures for the Discontinuation of Academic Programs.

Moved by M. MacMillan, seconded by R. Farmer to refer the Policy back to CAPP for revision noting the comments made in the preceding discussion. CARRIED

9.3.2 Recommendation re: Discontinuing the Major in Religious Studies

B. Taylor gave background on the external review of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. The review indicated that the three faculty members had strong teaching and research capacity, as well the courses offered in Religious Studies were strong, but the program as a whole was not covering the field adequately.

S. Perrott expressed concern over the loss of humanities and felt it made the university less viable.

B. Taylor responded that this is not a budgetary matter, but is a matter of providing a sound program; a Religious Studies minor will be continued.

N. Kayhani noted that without a major in the program it would be impossible to offer a combined major with another program.

B. Taylor noted that cognate departments could not agree on a 6-unit combined major.

L. Mann expressed that Senate needs to be cautious in discontinuing a program based on personality issues; once a program is discontinued it is hard to reinstate.

J. Sawler indicated that it is problematic to discontinue a program based on personality conflicts within the department.

R. Zuk commented that the program is another victim of attrition. Several programs have been allowed to dwindle.

R. Farmer noted that there is no report from the departments in CAPP's report.

B. Taylor noted that the departments did not submit a report.

C. Schneider suggested that hiring new faculty for the program might offer new input into the program.

N. Kayhani wondered if a program has no major is it eligible to offer a combined major.

J. Sharpe responded that without a major it has to be sent to MPHEC.

K. Dewar wondered if there was any consideration given to suspending enrollment in the program, and if there are any mechanisms to impose recommendations on the department.

B. Taylor noted that he is currently acting as Chair of the department.

S. Perrott noted that this decision is more than just about the program.

G. McGovern noted that there have been a number of discontinuations and that in light in of the O'Neill report the university should be giving more consideration to strengthening programs rather than discontinuing.

B. Jessop noted the importance of strong programs and the opportunity for strengthening is offered through external reviews.

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by K. Kienapple that Senate approve the discontinuation of the major in Religious Studies. CARRIED

N. Kayhani, R. Zuk, L. Mann, J. Sawler, S. Perrott, and G. McGovern wanted to note their opposition to this motion.

9.3.3 Report on the Peace and Conflict Studies Review (for information)

B. Taylor noted that students are still moving through the program.
M. MacMillan thanked the Dean for indicating that there were currently 15 majors in the program, but wondered how many students declared a minor in the program.
B. Taylor responded that it is too hard to track minors as students do not normally declare a minor until graduation.
M. MacMillan noted that it is ironic that we received the Peaceful Schools designation at a time that the Peace and Conflict program was not being developed.
S. Drain asked for clarification on the second and third recommendations regarding a Peace and Conflict Studies minor.
E. Church responded that the Deans' are looking for a department that would be interested in reviewing the program, consequently, the two recommendations are meant to go together.
C. Schneider wondered if there was a department identified that will take responsibility for the minor.
E. Church responded that departments have been approached and it is an ongoing process at this point.
M. MacMillan noted that one of the issues is adding responsibility to another program and that there should also be a commitment to expanding the faculty complement.

9.3.4 Report on the Bachelor of Education Review (for information)

E. Church noted that these recommendations came from the 2009 external review and reviewed the main recommendations coming from the external review.
M. MacMillan questioned the absence of information from the report regarding summary numbers.
J. Sharpe responded that over half of the Education faculty will be teaching in the new program.

9.4 Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee

9.4.1 Course name, Calendar description change: GEDU 6100, Experimental Research Methods

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by E. Church that Senate approve the name change to GEDU 6100. CARRIED

9.4.2 Education course proposals

- 9.4.2.1 GEDU 9001, Foundations of Educational Inquiry
- 9.4.2.2 GEDU 9002, Methodological Perspectives on Educational Research
- 9.4.2.3 GEDU 9003, Doctoral Seminar: Contemporary Educational Theory
- 9.4.2.4 GEDU 9004, Focused Educational Studies
- 9.4.2.5 GEDU 9005, Advanced Research Seminar: Focus on Methods
- 9.4.2.6 GEDU 9006/9007, Special Topics Educational Studies
- 9.4.2.7 GEDU 9008/9009, Independent Study
- 9.4.2.8 GEDU 9010, Comprehensive Examination: Research/Scholarly Portfolio
- 9.4.2.9 GEDU 9100, Dissertation

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by C. Schneider that Senate approve the course proposals for GEDU 9001, 9002, 9003, 9004, 9005, 9006/9007, 9008/9009, 9010, 9100. CARRIED

K. Kienapple noted that the calendar descriptions will be ready for approval at the next Senate meeting.

P. Watts wondered if there would be a distance component to the courses.

J. Sharpe responded that the fall/winter courses involve distance education to link courses among the three campuses.

9.5 Graduate Studies Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards Committee
The Committee has not met yet this year.

9.6 Undergraduate Curriculum
The Committee has met once and will be meeting again on October 1.

9.7 Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators (CAPTPAA)
The Committee has not met yet this year.

9.8 Committee on Information Technology and Services
The Committee has not met yet this year.

9.9 Library
The Committee has met once this year but has nothing to report at this time.

9.9.1 Open Access Policy
As this was included in the Committee's Annual report, it will be discussed for approval at the next meeting of Senate.

9.10 Nominations

9.10.1 Nominations for Senate Committee Vacancies

Moved by R. Bérard, seconded by L. Mann that Senate elect the following faculty members to the respective committees for the indicated terms. CARRIED

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
Academic Appeals	Dr. Sandi Findlay	July 1,2010	June 30, 2013
Undergraduate Curriculum	Prof. Ann MacGillivray	July 1,2010	June 30, 2013
Library	Prof. Elizabeth Hicks	July 1,2010	June 30, 2013
Teaching and Learning	Prof. Patricia Parsons	July 1,2010	June 30, 2013
Graduate Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards	Dr. Misty Rossiter	July 1,2010	June 30, 2013
University Research Ethics Board	Dr. Daniel Lagace-Seguín	July 1,2010	June 30, 2013

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
Senate Nominations Committee	Dr. Robert Bérard	September 27, 2010	June 30, 2013
Academic Appeals	Prof. Ned Kelleher	Upon election	June 30, 2013
Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee	Dr. Carmel French	Upon election	June 30, 2013
Senate Library Committee	Dr. Hong Wang	January 1, 2011	June 30, 2013
Research and Publications	Dr. Deborah Norris	January 1,	June 30, 2013

Committee		2011	
Student Judicial Committee	Dr. Karen Blotnicky	Upon election	June 30, 2013
Senate Judicial Committee and Student Discipline Appeals Committee (Alternate)	Prof. Michael Whalen	January 1, 2011	June 30, 2013

9.10.2 Notice of Motion: Revisions to Senate By-law 10.3, Nominations and Elections by Faculty Members

9.10.3 Procedures of the Senate Nominations Committee (for information)

9.11 Research and Publications

9.11.1 Revision of Award for Research Excellence Call for Nominations

Moved by J. Sharpe, seconded by L. Herrington that Senate approve the revisions to the Call for Nominations: Award for Research Excellence.

S. Drain noted that the proposed revision indicates that photographs of recipients will no longer be posted in a common area on campus.

D. Bourne-Tyson responded that this comes from a discussion with Paul Rhyno that there is limited space.

R. Farmer noted that Destination 2012 recommends publicity for award winners.

C. Schneider indicated that nominations should remain open to all faculty to nominate for the Research Excellence award.

K. Kienapple responded that faculty who would like to make recommendations are welcome to bring them forward.

M. MacMillan suggested that faculty involvement remain, that the posting of photographs be retained, and that the role of Deans be an addition.

Moved by M. MacMillan, seconded by C. Schneider to refer the document back to the Committee. CARRIED

9.11.2 Residual Funds Grant documents: Application Guidelines and Application Form (for information)

9.12 Student Experience

9.12.1 Senate review of Student Experience Committee

For discussion at the next meeting of Senate.

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

For discussion at the next meeting of Senate.

9.13 Committee on Teaching and Learning

P. Watts indicated that the committee will be meeting October 21.

9.14 Writing Initiatives

P. Watts reported that the Committee met on September 1 and is planning a Celebrating Writing week for November 15-19, 2010. On Tuesday, November 16 there will be a writing conference with Sheree Fitch as the guest speaker.

9.15 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

The Committee will be meeting on October 15.

9.16 University Research Ethics Board

9.16.1 Revision to Policies and Procedures: Ethics review of research Involving Humans: Section 7, Departmental Policies (for information)

L. Mann noted an inconsistency in the revision. Article 7.5.1.2 refers to projects done in a course; faculty cannot approve this research as that must be done by the Department Research Ethics Board. Item 7.5.4 refers to research projects done as part of co-op terms, practica, and internships which can be approved by faculty.

S. Perrott responded as a former chair of the URB. He noted that the process can be expedited through the University Research Ethics Board and requested clarification for the next meeting of Senate. P. Glenister will make the inquiry on behalf of Senate, with consultation with S. Perrott.

L. Mann asked if the process can be defined for consistency within departments.

S. Drain indicated that her department would likely remove the opportunity for human subjects used in research as the process has become so cumbersome.

10. Other Reports

10.1 Board of Governors

L. Mann reported that there was discussion around Dr. O'Neill's report. She also reported on the new approached being taken on the Capital Campaign.

10.2 Students' Union

L. Herrington reported that the campaign for Cystic Fibrosis campaign is at \$16,000. She expects that Ryan Richards will be elected as the Education Representative on Senate. She also reported on her meeting with the Education Minister and was given the opportunity to voice the Mount student community's concerns over Dr. O'Neill's documents. There will be a town hall meeting for students on October 13 and all are welcome.

10.3 Destination 2012

There was no report.

11.1 Selection of Honorary Degree candidates

Moved by B. Jessop, seconded by R. Bérard to move *in camera*. CARRIED

11.2 Fall 2010 Graduation List

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

Certificate in Accounting	K. Kienapple/E. Hicks
Certificate in Business Administration	K. Kienapple/S. Perrott
Certificate in Information Technology	K. Kienapple/R. Farmer
Certificate in Marketing	K. Kienapple/E. Hicks
Certificate in Proficiency in French	B. Taylor/G. McGovern
Diploma in Business Administration	K. Kienapple/E. Hicks
Degree of Bachelor of Arts	B. Taylor/R. Zuk
Degree Bachelor of Arts (Advanced Major)	B. Taylor /M. MacMillan
Advanced Major Certificate in Arts	B. Taylor /S. Perrott

Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Child & Youth Study)	K. Kienapple/C. French
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Arts (Information Technology)	K. Kienapple/R. Farmer
Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration	K. Kienapple/E. Hicks
Degree of Bachelor of Public Relations (Cooperative Education Route)	K. Kienapple/D. Bourne-Tyson
Degree of Bachelor of Science	K. Taylor /R. MacKay
Honours Certificate in Science (Biology)	B. Taylor/R. MacKay
Degree of Bachelor of Science Applied Human Nutrition	K. Kienapple/L. Mann
Degree of Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management	K. Kienapple/E. Hicks
Degree of Bachelor of Education	J. Sharpe/R. Bérard
Degree of Bachelor of Education in Association with Nova Scotia Teachers College	J. Sharpe/R. Bérard
Degree of Master of Applied Human Nutrition	K. Kienapple/L. Mann
Degree of Master of Education	J. Sharpe/C. Schneider
Degree of Master of Education in Curriculum Studies: Teaching English as a Second Language in Association with Saint Mary's University	J. Sharpe/E. Church
Degree of Master of Public Relations	K. Kienapple/P. Watts
Degree of Master of Arts in Education	J. Sharpe/C. Schneider
Degree of Master of Arts in Public Relations	K. Kienapple/S. Drain
Degree of Master of Arts in School Psychology	J. Sharpe/S. Perrott

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by B. Jessop 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 L. Herrington, seconded by B. Jessop to move from *in camera*.

12. Other business

K. Dewar's request that Senate express its thanks to the interim President, Alexa McDonough, for her 15 months of service was granted with a round of applause." CARRIED

13. Items for Communication

Graduate calendar course changes; Religious Studies major discontinuation; Senate Committee elections

14. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Black