

Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

April 24, 2006
7:30 p.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present: S. Brown (Chair), K. Arbuckle, R. Bérard, D. Bourne-Tyson, K. Blotnicky, I. Blum, K. Darvesh, R. Fisher, P. Glenister, C. Hill, B. King, M. Lyon, R. MacKay, S. Medjuck, J. Mills, D. Plumb, J. Sharpe, B. Taylor, L. Theriault, P. Watts, A. Whitewood, D. Woolcott, R. Zuk

Regrets: J. Britton, C. Brushett, A. Davis, C. French, F. French, J. Gordon, E. Hicks, N. Kayhani, A. MacGillivray, R. Morris, M. Raven, M. Whalen

Guests: M. Landreville, K. Manning, L. Nash, R. West

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by B. King, seconded by S. Medjuck that the agenda be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 6, 2006

Moved by D. Bourne-Tyson, seconded by P. Watts that the Minutes of the March 6, 2006 Senate Meeting be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

3. Business Arising

3.1 Nominations Committee report regarding participation by Librarians on Senate Standing Committees (from November 28, 2005 Senate Meeting)

S. Brown noted that Senate Executive has now received the Nominations Committee report regarding participation by Librarians on Senate Standing Committees. The report will be on the agenda for the May 5, 2006 Senate Meeting.

4. President's Announcements

S. Brown recalled that she had previously commented on the challenges of keeping the post-secondary education agenda before the federal government. She noted that the recent Speech from the Throne identified five priorities none of which included post-secondary education, but there is some optimism that with continuing lobbying post-secondary education will find a place in the next round of priorities.

S. Brown commented that she recently participated in two consultations, one being on the nexus among teaching and learning and research which included discussions about exposing students to research in a meaningful way. The other consultation was with the Millennium Scholarship Foundation to discuss how universities might work with other partners to enhance accessibility, particularly for under-represented groups.

She then noted that a number of universities are refusing to participate in the Maclean's Survey of Graduate Satisfaction so, at this point, it is unclear whether or not the survey will be done.

She concluded her remarks by acknowledging the presence of Kerri Manning, Lloyd Nash, and Ryan West as guests at the meeting. Effective May 1, 2006 they will begin their term as student representatives on Senate.

5. Question Period

No questions were raised.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

7.1 Senate Executive

7.1.1 Revised CAPTPAA Procedures & Criteria document

I. Blum noted that the revised CAPTPAA Procedures & Criteria document maintains the original intention of ensuring that a common standard for rank, tenure, and permanence be maintained and applied across the university for both faculty and administrators holding academic rank. He noted that the assessment process parallels the Collective Agreement and involves departmental, faculty and university stages of consideration. He observed that the major changes being proposed are stylistic and procedural. Stylistic changes include a reordering of the clauses into common thematic categories, and the addition of a table of contents.

D. Woolcott noted her appreciation not only for the table of contents but the clarity of the document and commended the sub-committee for their efforts. S. Brown thanked the sub-committee comprising I. Blum, F. Harrington and S. Martin for successfully undertaking such a large task.

Moved by I. Blum, seconded by R. Zuk that Senate approve the revised procedures and criteria for awarding academic appointments as stated in the document dated March 30, 2006 which was distributed to Senators in advance of the meeting. **CARRIED.**

7.1.2 Notice of Motion Proposed revisions to By-law 14.4 Terms of Reference for CAPTPAA

The proposed revisions to By-law 14.4 Terms of Reference for CAPTPAA will be on the agenda for the May 5, 2006 Senate Meeting.

7.2 Academic Appeals Committee

L. Theriault noted that two student appeals are still before the committee.

7.3 Academic Policy and Planning

D. Woolcott announced that the MPHEC has recently approved the proposed MA/MPR degree.

7.3.1 Academic Plan Update (for information)

D. Woolcott noted that the Academic Plan Update is an item routinely brought to Senate on an annual basis for information. She noted the current update contains information regarding academic staffing projections, a revised schedule for the review of academic programs, and the review schedule for academic support units.

7.4 Graduate Studies

M. Lyon noted that the Graduate Studies Committee continues to meet regularly but had nothing to bring forward at this time.

7.5 Undergraduate Curriculum

7.5.1 Curriculum Proposals (for approval)

7.5.1.1 Chemistry/Physics – Change to existing program : Addition of one half unit in mathematics, statistics or computer science to the list of requirements for the Advanced Major (20 unit) Chemistry degree

K. Darvesh observed that the proposed change brings the program more in line with the Canadian Society for Chemistry (CSC) accreditation guidelines.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by K. Darvesh that Senate approve the addition of one-half unit in mathematics, statistics or computer science to the list of requirements for the Advanced Major (20 unit) Chemistry degree. CARRIED.

7.5.1.2 History – Addition of new course HIST 3338 Canadian-American Relations: Advanced Study (half unit)

P. Watts inquired about the possibility of this course being offering through distance education and was encouraged to pursue this with the instructor.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by B. Taylor that Senate approve the addition of HIST 3338 Canadian-American Relations: Advanced Study (half unit). CARRIED.

7.6 Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators (CAPTPAA)

7.6.1 Recommendations for the Granting of Emeritus Status (Confidential Business)

Moved by D. Plumb, seconded by R. Fisher to move into confidential session to conduct the balloting for the Granting of Emeritus Status. CARRIED.

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by K. Blotnicky to move out of confidential session after the balloting for the Granting of Emeritus Status. CARRIED

S. Brown reminded Senators that the vote results were to be kept confidential until she has an opportunity to reach all of the individuals whose appointments would be formally announced during convocation.

7.7 Committee on Information Technology and Services

D. Plumb noted the committee has met, and one item of interest is the refit of computers on campus which he described as good news.

7.8 Library

D. Bourne-Tyson noted that the Library Committee had nothing to report at this time.

7.9 Nominations

I. Blum indicated that recommendations regarding serving on Senate Standing Committees should be ready for the May 5, 2006 Senate Meeting. The Results of Winter 2006 Elections for vacancies on Senate, Committee on Academic Policy and Planning, Nominations, University Review Committee and the Board of Governors are noted below. All appointments were by acclamation.

Committee	Individual Elected	Term begins	Term ends
Senate	Prof. Barbara Casey	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Prof. Paula Crouse	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Patricia Gouthro	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Jeffrey MacLeod	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Helen Mallette	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Arthur McCalla	Immediately	June 30, 2009
	Dr. James Sawler	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Prof. Marlene Ruck Simmonds	Jan. 1, 2007	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Suzanne Seager	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Larry Steele	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
Academic Policy and Planning	Dr. Donovan Plumb	Jan. 1, 2007	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Anne MacLeave	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
Nominations	Prof. Paula Crouse	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Anne MacLeave	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Michael MacMillan	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
University Review	Dr. Mary Delaney	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
	Dr. Sue McGregor	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2009
Board of Governors	Prof. Ann MacGillivray	July 1, 2006	June 30, 2008

7.10 Research and Publications

There was no report.

7.11 Student Affairs

C. Hill noted that the Student Affairs Committee continues to meet to consider changes to the student judicial system and the Student Life Committee has developed an agenda for the coming year.

7.12 Committee on Teaching and Learning

B. King said the major activity at the moment is planning for Faculty Day 2006 to be held on August 31st. It is expected the day will be constructive and forward looking with issues being discussed in that context.

7.13 Writing Initiatives

B. King noted that a graduate student will be undertaking some writing related research for the committee which it sees as an opportunity for some substantive research conclusions.

7.14 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

L. Theriault distributed and then reviewed information regarding offers as of April 21, 2006 for the 2006-07 Academic Year Entrance Scholarship Program. She drew attention to the President's Scholarships which have been raised to \$9,000.00 and are renewable. She noted the total amount of offers is up by 20%; and up to \$60,000 of the total scholarship fund has been offered to international students.

K. Arbuckle commented that increases in the scholarship awards, and support for international students is extremely encouraging.

7.15 University Research Ethics Board

There was no report.

8. Other Reports

8.1 Board of Governors

R. Bérard reported that the Board recently heard a presentation from Claire Morris, President of the AUCC, during which she offered an assessment of the higher education priorities of the federal government and offered suggestions about how universities might respond to them. Following that the Board had a session led by D. Woolcott on the Board's "governance score card" to assess various targets, measures and results that assist with the evaluation of the University's performance. A. Whitewood also led a session regarding risk management examining the likelihood and potential impact of a range of strategic risks identified with the university and identifying the responsibilities of different Board committees in reporting and discussing those risk factors.

8.2 Students' Union

K. Arbuckle noted the Students' Union focus now is on the transition and training process with a largely new team coming together as of May 1, 2006. She noted that they had held their annual visioning session earlier in the day which was a good starting point for the process.

9. New Business

D. Woolcott requested permission from S. Brown to extend the meeting for a short while so that Senators could – prior to the more formal university wide celebration for the President on June 23 - informally acknowledge the President at her last meeting as Chair of Senate, and express their gratitude for all that she has contributed as a Member of Senate for 14 years, the last ten of which have been as Chair of Senate. The President graciously consented to the request. K. Arbuckle then spoke on behalf of the students, B. Taylor on behalf of the faculty and M. Lyon on behalf of the administration. The President then responded with her thanks and generously noted the tremendous service and support given by many gathered at the table now and in the past.

10. Items for Communication

The Secretary of Senate will write to individuals who have been acclaimed to serve on Senate and various committees.

11. Adjournment

Moved by K. Arbuckle, seconded by K. Darvesh, that the meeting adjourn at 8:45.p.m.
CARRIED.

