

Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

May 7, 2008
11:00 a.m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present: D. Woolcott (Chair), R. Bérard, I. Blum, D. Bourne-Tyson, B. Casey , P. Crouse, A. Davis, R. Farmer, M. Forrest , P. Glenister, J. Gordon, P. Gouthro, C. Hill, J. Jackson, J. Neilson, N. Peach, B. MacInnes, R. MacKay, J. MacLeod, A. McCalla, S. Mumm, M. Raven, J. Sawler, J. Sharpe, L. Steele, B. Taylor, P. Watts, R. Zuk.

Regrets: D. Bourne-Tyson, K. Dewar, R. Gechtman, K. Laurin, M. Lyon, S. Walsh, M. Whalen, A. Whitewood

Guests: J. Gaudet, R. McIsaac

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Gordon, seconded by M. Raven to approve the Agenda as circulated. CARRIED.

2. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2008—deferred

3. Business Arising from the Minutes
3.1 Service Award Task Force

R. Bérard reviewed the report that was circulated with the Senate package and discussed the rationale for the award as well as the nomination process. He then invited J. Gaudet to inform Senate on the Task Force progress.

J. Gaudet reported that the Task Force had met a number of times and considered the various awards offered by the University. It was discovered that there is no award specifically to recognize the significant contribution that faculty play in university governance. She also noted that this type of award would fit well with the objectives and goals of the new Strategic Plan. J. Gordon and S. Seager, who raised initial discussion of the award, were invited to meet with the Task Force and it became clear that there should be an award specifically for faculty members. The creation of this award would not preclude the inception of a different award for the university community as a whole.

Moved by R. Bérard, seconded by M. Forrest that Senate approve the establishment of a Senate Award for Service in Academic Governance with the amendments listed below. CARRIED.

Friendly amendments to the Senate Award for Service in University Governance:

Page 2, under Nomination Guidelines, line 1, delete “and the nominee” so that a nominee’s consent is no longer required.

Page 2, under Selection Criteria , add that the recommendations approved by Senate Executive will come to Senate for confirmation in a confidential session.

J. Gordon questioned whether the definition of “extraordinary contribution to university governance” might be broadened to include other activities of faculty that require extraordinary commitment of time and creativity which may fall outside of the definition of university governance. R. Bérard responded that there are awards that currently exist that would take in those types of contributions and that this award should not preclude faculty members from being eligible for other types of service awards. The focus of this award is to relate to long term service not only to the Senate but to any other intermediary bodies that report to Senate or deal with Senate.

J. McLeod asked if the Task Force had considered a creative name for the award and if it would be named for someone. R. Bérard pointed out that there was a University Naming Policy but at this time the Task Force had no name to suggest for the award.

M. Raven wondered if the Task Force discussed whether nominees would be required to provide supporting documents of their service beyond their *curriculum vitae*. R. Bérard noted that the Task Force thought that the nominators would be required to provide a rationale similar to that which is currently provided when nominating a candidate for an Honourary Degree.

I. Blum commented that, under the guidelines for either Honorary Degrees or the Research Excellence Award, nominees are not requested to consent. If some nominees, who for reasons of humility or shyness, might be reluctant to be considered for the award, it may be better procedurally to have Senate decide if the person is worthy of the Award and, if approved, offer the award with the nominee’s option to decline.

J. Gordon pointed out that Senate had recently passed changes to the Professor Emeritus policy relating to confidentiality. She cautioned Senate that she could see parallels to this process and that it could be awkward to have the nominee consent and then be turned down for the award during a vote.

I. Blum pointed out that Senate could proceed by amending the motion to address the procedural issues raised or by deferring the item, asking Senate Executive to come forward to Senate with specific criteria and procedural guidelines.

R. Zuk noted her reservation about the award as a gesture toward acknowledging a condition of overwork that exists on campus.

3.2 Revisions to By-law 14.4, CAPTPAA

Moved by J. Gordon, seconded by I. Blum that Senate approve the changes in By-Law 14.4 as circulated. CARRIED

J. Gordon briefly informed the Senate that the purpose of the revision to the By-Law was to bring CAPTAA in line with the URC in the Collective Agreement by increasing the number of serving members on the URC to four. The change also provides directions on how to find a replacement member should a member be unable to serve on a particular case.

3.3 Revisions to By-law 14.9, Student Affairs Committee

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by J. MacLeod that Senate approve the changes to By-Law 14.9 as proposed by the Student Affairs Committee. CARRIED.

3.4 Revisions to By-law 14.11, Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships Committee

Moved by B. MacInnes, seconded by P. Gouthro that Senate approve the changes to By-Law 14.11 as proposed by the Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships Committee. CARRIED.

B. MacInnes noted that these changes were made to update the new titles and to include the Academic Advisor on the Committee. The change will also bring the Associate Vice President of Enrolment and International onto the Committee.

4. President's Announcements

There were no announcements

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

There was no report.

7.2 Academic Appeals Committee

There was no report.

7.3 Academic Policy and Planning

There was no report.

7.4 Graduate Studies Program and Policy

There was no report.

7.5 Undergraduate Curriculum

There was no report.

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

There was no report.

7.7 Committee on Information Technology and Services

There was no report.

7.8 Library

There was no report.

7.9 Nominations
 7.9.1 Results of elections

Moved by P. Crouse, seconded by I. Blum that Senate elected the nominees listed in the table to the respective committees for the indicated terms. **CARRIED.**

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
Senate Executive	Dr. Susan Drain	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
	Dr. Nargess Kayhani	January 1, 2009	June 30, 2011
	Prof. Ann MacGillivray	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
Graduate Studies Program & Policy	Dr. Teresa Glanville	January 1, 2009	June 30, 2011
Undergraduate Curriculum	Prof. Elizabeth Hicks	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
	Dr. Donna Varga	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
Information Technology and Services	Dr. Randall Fisher	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
	Dr. Roni Gechtman	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
Library	Dr. Mallika Das	January 1, 2009	June 30, 2011
Research & Publications	Dr. Aine Humble	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
Writing Initiatives	Prof. Misty Rossiter	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
Undergraduate Admissions & Scholarships	Dr. Adriana Benzaquen	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
	Dr. Theresa Glanville	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
Graduate Scholarships, Assistantships & Awards	Dr. DeNel Rehberg Sedo	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
Nancy's Chair	Dr. Reina Green	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011
	Dr. Marnina Gonick	July 1, 2008	June 30, 2011

Moved by P. Crouse, seconded by M. Forrest that Dr. Robert Bérard be appointed Chair of the student Judicial Committee and that Dr. German Avila -Sakar be appointed Chair of the Student Discipline appeals Committee. **CARRIED.**

7.10 Research and Publications
 There was no report.

7.11 Student Affairs
 There was no report.

7.12 Committee on Teaching and Learning
 There was no report.

7.13 Writing Initiatives
 There was no report.

7.14 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships
 There was no report.

7.15 Graduate Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards
 There was no report.

7.16 University Research Ethics Board
 There was no report.

8. Other Reports
8.1 Students' Union

There was no report.

8.2 Destination 2012 Implementation Committee

There was no report.

9. New Business

9.1 Spring 2008 Graduate list

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by A. McCalla that Senate move *in camera* to approve the Spring 2008 Graduate List. CARRIED.

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

Certificate in Accounting	S. Mumm / J. McLeod
Certificate in Business Administration	S. Mumm / M. Forrest
Certificate in Information Technology	S. Mumm / P. Crouse
Certificate in Marketing	S. Mumm / L. Steele
Certificate of Proficiency in French	S. Mumm / L. Steele
Advanced Certificate of Proficiency in French	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Certificate in Tourism and Hospitality Management	S. Mumm / P. Watts
Diploma in Business Administration	S. Mumm / M. Forrest
Diploma in Information Technology and Computer Studies	S. Mumm / P. Crouse
Diploma in tourism and Hospitality Management	S. Mumm / P. Watts
Degree of Bachelor of Arts	S. Mumm / R. Zuk
Degree of Interdisciplinary Bachelor of Arts (Peace and Conflict Studies)	S. Mumm / A. McCalla
Degree of Bachelor of Arts Co-operative Education Route With Integrated Major (History/Information Technology)	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Advanced Major)	S. Mumm / B. Taylor
Advanced Major Certificate in Arts	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Honours)	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Honours Certificate in Arts (History)	S. Mumm / B. Taylor
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Arts (Child and Youth Study)	S. Mumm / B. MacInnes
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Arts (Child and Youth Study) in Association with Bermuda College	S. Mumm / R. Bérard
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Arts (Child and Youth Study) Honours	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Honours Certificate in Applied Arts (Child and Youth Study)	S. Mumm / P. Gouthro
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Arts (Family Studies and Gerontology)	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Degree of Bachelor of Applied Arts (Information Technology) (Co-operative Education Route)	S. Mumm / R. Farmer
Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration in association with Bermuda College	S. Mumm / P. Watts
Degree of Bachelor of Business Administration in association with the University of St. Martin	S. Mumm / P. Watts
Degree of Bachelor of Public Relations	S. Mumm / B. MacInnes

Degree of Bachelor of Science	S. Mumm / I. Blum
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Advanced Major)	S. Mumm / I. Blum
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours)	S. Mumm / I. Blum
Degree of Bachelor of Science (Honours) given jointly by MSVU and Dalhousie	S. Mumm / I. Blum
Honours Certificate in Science given jointly by MSVU and Dalhousie (Chemistry)	S. Mumm / I. Blum
Degree of Bachelor of Science Applied Human Nutrition	S. Mumm / I. Blum
Degree of Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management	S. Mumm / P. Watts
Degree of Bachelor of Education	J. Sharpe / R. Bérard
Degree of Bachelor of Education in Association with the Nova Scotia Teachers College	J. Sharpe / R. Bérard
Degree of Bachelor of Education in Association with St. Joseph's Teachers College	J. Sharpe / R. Bérard
Degree of Master of Applied Human Nutrition	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Degree of Master of Science Applied Human Nutrition	S. Mumm / I. Blum
Degree of Master of Education	J. Sharpe / P. Gouthro
Degree of Master of Education in Curriculum Studies: Teaching English as a Second Language in Association with Saint Mary's University	J. Sharpe / M. Forrest
Degree of Master of Arts in Education	J. Sharpe / M. Forrest
Degree of Master of Arts in Family Studies and Gerontology	S. Mumm / J. Gordon
Degree of Master of Arts in School Psychology	J. Sharpe / C. Hill

Moved by S. Mumm, seconded by P. Gouthro 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 R. Bérard, seconded by M. Forrest that Senate move from *in camera* session. CARRIED

10. Items for Communication

As this was the last meeting for B. Casey, J. Gordon, R. MacKay, M. Raven, B. Taylor and R. Zuk, D. Woolcott thanked them for their contributions to the important work of Senate.

11. Adjournment

Moved by P. Gouthro at 11.45 a.m. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherrie Vanderaa
Recording Secretary