

Senate Meeting
Rosaria Boardroom

November 28, 2005
7:30 p. m.

Minutes of Meeting

Present: S. Brown (Chair), R. Bérard, I. Blum, J. Britton, C. Brushett, K. Darvesh, A. Davis, R. Fisher, C. French, F. French, P. Glenister, J. Gordon, E. Hicks, C. Hill, N. Kayhani, B. King, M. Lyon, A. MacGillivray, R. MacKay, S. Medjuck, J. Mills, R. Morris, D. Plumb, M. Raven, J. Sharpe, L. Theriault, P. Watts, M. Whalen, D. Woolcott, R. Zuk

Regrets: K. Arbuckle, D. Bourne-Tyson, K. Blotnicky, B. Taylor, A. Whitewood

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by B. King to approve the agenda as circulated with the deletion of “Changes to existing program” under item 7.5.1.13 Public Relations. CARRIED.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 26, 2005

Moved by B. King, seconded by M. Lyon that the Minutes of the September 26, 2005 Senate Meeting be approved as circulated with the addition of the following sentence under item 8.2 Students’ Union: “C. Brushett expressed concern about use of the Turnitin.com service.” CARRIED.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Revision to By-law 14.5 Committee on Information Technology and Services (Notice of Motion given at September 26, 2005 Senate Meeting)

Moved by P. Watts, seconded by M. Raven that Senate approve the change in membership for the Committee on Information Technology and Services to reflect the creation of the Faculty of Education. CARRIED.

M. Raven observed that the way in which committee membership is structured makes it impossible for Librarians to participate. By way of example she noted that the Committee on Information Technology and Services impacts the library greatly, and it would be good for Librarians to have the opportunity to participate on that committee, and perhaps other committees as well. A. MacGillivray agreed to have this matter discussed by the Nominations Committee and then convey their views at the January 30, 2006 Senate Meeting.

4. President’s Announcements

S. Brown noted that with the current expectation of a federal election, it no longer seemed timely to comment as she had planned on the potential relevance to post-secondary education of the various items included in Minister Goodale’s economic update. She noted that the Campaign School for Women, which had been held last year in partnership with the Nova Scotia Advisory Council on the Status of Women, would occur again this coming weekend. She noted this event

is a good fit with the University's mission, was very successful last year, and attracted high quality presenters. She then noted that it was particularly noteworthy that in the latest Maclean's magazine survey of Canadian universities MSVU ranked second in the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Grants; and our commitment to personalized education and small classes comes out clearly in the ratings.

5. **Question Period**

In response to an inquiry S. Brown noted that she is personally committed to, and has been ready to sign, the international students agreement with the federal government for some time. She expressed her disappointment with the fact that the agreement has not yet been signed and noted any possibility of that will be set aside now with the election call.

6. **Unfinished Business**

Nothing was raised under this agenda item.

7. **Committee Reports (Standing and Ad hoc)**

7.1 **Senate Executive**

7.1.1 **Notice of Motion (Change to By-Law 12 Voting Procedures for Honorands)**

It was noted that this item will be on the Agenda for the December 5, 2005 Senate meeting.

7.2 **Academic Appeals Committee**

L. Theriault noted that there was nothing to report with no current appeals before the Academic Appeals Committee.

7.3 **Academic Policy and Planning**

7.3.1 **Academic Calendar dates for 2006-2007**

It was noted that the Academic Calendar dates for 2006-2007 have been vetted against the guidelines and approved by the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning. In response to an inquiry from a Senator, L. Theriault explained that in setting the calendar dates there is a requirement to insure a minimum standard of 12 instances of each teaching day during a term. It was explained the current guidelines state that Caritas Day is to be held, if possible, on a Wednesday. It was suggested that the significance of Caritas Day is an important legacy to keep alive.

7.3.2 **Report to MPHEC: Master of Arts Child & Youth Study (for information)**

D. Woolcott noted that the Master of Arts (Child & Youth Study) degree had been approved by MPHEC with conditions in 1998 and admitted its first students in the 1999-2000 academic year. This report will now be sent to MPHEC in response to their request for a full report after five years.

7.4 **Graduate Studies**

M. Lyon indicated the Graduate Studies Committee is scheduled to meet next week.

7.5 **Undergraduate Curriculum**

7.5.1 **Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals (for approval)**

7.5.1.1. **Applied Human Nutrition**

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by M. Lyon that the changes proposed to Nutrition, Dietetics, Integrated Internship Education and Honours Programs be approved. CARRIED.

7.5.1.2 **Biology**

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by R. MacKay that the addition of a new course, BIOL 1114 Human Development and Genetics (half unit), be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by R. MacKay that the addition of a new course, BIOL 3314 Evolutionary Biology (half unit), be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by R. MacKay that deletion of courses BIOL 1112 Science for Society (half unit) and BIOL 2201 Physiology of Development (half unit) be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by R. MacKay that the changes to existing programs as described on page 44 of the material for this meeting be approved. CARRIED.

7.5.1.3 Child & Youth Study

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by C. French that the deletion of courses CHYS 2207 Methods of Teaching Young Children (1.0 unit) and CHYS 2252 Practicum : Elementary (0.5 unit) be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by C. French that the addition of a new course CHYS 2208 Guiding young children's learning, development and behaviour (half unit) be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by C. French that the addition of the following new courses be approved: CHYS 2209 Issues in Early Childhood Care and Education (half unit); CHYS 4422 Early Intervention: Theory and practice (half unit); and CHYS 4423 Psychosocial care of children, youth and families in health care settings (half unit). CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by C. French that FSGN 3327 Interpersonal Communication Skills be cross-listed with CHYS (FSGN 3327/CHYS 3327). CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by C. French that the changes to the existing program as described on pages 60-62 of the material for this meeting be approved. CARRIED with R. Bérard dissenting with respect to the change to History and English requirements for BAA (CYS).

7.5.1.4 Cultural Studies

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by L. Theriault that the proposed corrections to the academic calendar under Cultural Studies (CULS) on page 125 of the material for this meeting be approved. CARRIED.

7.5.1.5 Economics

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by N. Kayhani that the following changes to the existing program be approved: Delete ECON 2240 Mathematical Analysis for Economics and Business from the list of requirements for major (15 units), Advanced Major (20 units) and the Honours Degree in economics; add MATH 2208 Introduction to Probability and Statistics I, and MATH 2209 Introduction to Probability and Statistics II to the list of requirements for major (15 units), Advanced Major (20 units) and the Honours Degree in Economics; add ECON 4408 Directed Study or Research to the list of requirements for the Honours Degree in Economics. CARRIED.

7.5.1.6 Education

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by R. Bérard that the following courses be deleted: EDUC 2100 Portfolio Development (half unit) and EDUC 5391 Reflective Practice and Practicum in the Secondary Schools (two units). CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Sharpe that the following new courses be approved: UNIV 2100 Portfolio Development (half unit); EDUC 5329 Advanced Studies in Philosophy of Education (half unit); EDUC 5392 Principles and Practices in Secondary Education (half unit); EDUC 5393 Field Experience in Secondary Education (1.5 unit). CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by R. Bérard that the following changes to the existing program be approved: Require all Year 1 B.Ed. Elementary students to complete 0.5 unit of EDUC 5321 Philosophy of Education; and amend the B.Ed. Secondary program to allow greater flexibility of course choice to Year 2 students by allowing alternatives to the current requirement for EDUC 5326 Advanced Educational Foundations. CARRIED.

7.5.1.7 History

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by M. Lyon that the addition of a new course, HIST 3389 The World since 1945, be approved. CARRIED.

7.5.1.8 Information Technology & Mathematics/Computer Studies

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by I. Blum that the deletion of INTE/CMPS 2260 Internet Technology (half unit) be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Mills that the addition of new courses: INTE/CMPS 2263 Introduction of Web Design and Development (half unit) and INTE/CMPS 3363 Advanced Web Design and Development (half unit) be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by I. Blum that the proposed changes to the Computer Studies Minor requiring students to take CMPS 1155 and deleting the suggested minors section be approved. CARRIED.

7.5.1.9 Mathematics and Computer Studies

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by I. Blum that the proposed changing of all references of “Computer Studies” to “Computer Science” be approved. CARRIED.

7.5.1.10 Modern Languages

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by A. MacGillivray that the following courses be deleted: LING 2251 The Nature of Language (0.5 unit) and LING 2252 The Analysis of Language (0.5 unit). CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by M. Raven that the following new courses be approved: LING 1151 The Nature of Language (half unit) and LING 1152 The Analysis of Language (half unit). CARRIED.

7.5.1.11 Political/Canadian Studies

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by C. Brushett that the proposed change in the Public Policy Program internship from optional to required, increasing its duration to four months, be approved. CARRIED.

It was noted that a report regarding this program change should, in due course, come to Senate.

7.5.1.12 Psychology

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Gordon that the proposed change to accept a unit of psychology credit as meeting the social science requirement in the core baccalaureate programs be approved. CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Gordon that the addition of the following new course be approved: PSYC 3312 Contemporary Research Problems in Psychology (half unit). CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Gordon that the following course be deleted: PSYC 2210 Contemporary Research Problems in Psychology ((half unit). CARRIED.

7.5.1.13 Public Relations

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by M. Lyon that the following course be deleted: PBRL 4012 Text-based Media: Theory & Practice (half unit) CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by B. King that the following new course be approved: PBRL 3022 Text-based Media: Theory & Practice (half unit). CARRIED.

7.5.1.14 Sociology/Anthropology

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Gordon that the following courses be deleted: SOAN 1100 Introductory Sociology (one unit); SOAN 2100 Comparative Societies (one unit); SOAN 3366 Society and Culture in Atlantic Canada (half unit); SOAN 3330 Deviance (half unit) and SOAN 3300 Ethnography (half unit). CARRIED.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Gordon that the following new courses be approved: SOAN 1101 Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology (one unit); SOAN 2231 Society and Culture in Atlantic Canada (half unit); SOAN 2300 Deviance (half unit); SOAN 2400 Introduction to Sociological and Anthropological Theory ((half unit); SOAN 3376 Representing Culture in Text, Photography and Film (half unit). CARRIED with one abstention.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. Gordon that the changes to existing program as described on pages 186-187 of the material for this meeting be approved. CARRIED.

7.5.2 Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals (for information)

7.5.2.1 Changes to existing courses

- 7.5.2.1.1 Biology: BIOL 2205 Human Anatomy and Physiology; BIOL 2206 Human Anatomy and Physiology; BIOL 3330 Flora of Nova Scotia
- 7.5.2.1.2 Child & Youth Study: CHYS 2251 Practicum I: Preschool; CHYS 3312 Play, Recreation and Development; CHYS 3351 Practicum II; CHYS 3352 Practicum III; CHYS 3370 Professional Training and Development; CHYS 4451 Practicum IV
- 7.5.2.1.3 Education: Amendments to Admission requirements
- 7.5.2.1.4 English: ENGL 2220 Writing to Influence; PBRL 3012 Persuasive Public Relations Writing (Public Relations Proposal received from the English Department); ENGL 3305 Studies in Children's Literature I; ENGL 3306 Studies in Children and Literature
- 7.5.2.1.5 Information Technology & Mathematics Computer Studies: Change to existing program/change to program requirement: INTE/CMPS 2263 to replace INTO 2260
- 7.5.2.1.6 Modern Languages: FREN 2205 Practical French III; FREN 2206 Practical French IV; LING 3311 Language Development; New Calendar descriptions
- 7.5.2.1.7 Public Relations: Change to existing programs and change to existing courses PBRL 2015 AV Communications; PBRL 2205 Voice and Speech
- 7.5.2.1.8 Sociology/Anthropology: SOAN 2202 Work in Society and Culture, SOAN 2203 Global Human Issues, SOAN 2208 (and FSGN 2208) Cross-Cultural Studies of Aging, SOAN 2221 The Family in Comparative Perspective, SOAN 2222 The Family Life Cycle, SOAN 2230 Canadian Society, SOAN 2266 Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women, SOAN 2281 Language and Culture, SOAN 3302 Global Transformations, SOAN 3303 Race & Ethnic Relations: Basic Concepts, SOAN 3307 Politics and Society, SOAN 3308 Inequality and Social Protest in Contemporary Societies, SOAN 3311 Canada's Aboriginal Peoples: Traditional Cultures; SOAN 3312 Canada's Aboriginal Peoples: Contemporary Issues, SOAN 3313 New Course name: Research Methods I: General Issues and Qualitative Approaches; SOAN 3314 New Course name: Research Methods II: Quantitative Approaches, SOAN 3320 (and FSGN 3320) Community and Change, SOAN 3325 Religion in Contemporary Societies, SOAN 3326 Religion in Comparative Perspective, SOAN 3370 The Anthropology of War and Aggression, SOAN 3380 and SOAN 3381 New Course name: Selected Topics in Sociology/Anthropology, SOAN 3382 Area Studies, SOAN 4414 Selected perspectives in Sociological Theory, SOAN 4415 Selected Perspectives in Anthropological Theory.

It was acknowledged that the undergraduate curriculum proposals were for information only and that there were no major changes. The President inquired if there was anything contained in the material that should be discussed further; nothing was singled out.

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

D. Woolcott noted CAPTPAA has met twice since the last meeting of Senate.

7.7 Committee on Information Technology and Services

There was no report.

7.8 Library

F. French noted that the Library Committee had recently held a meeting with Department Coordinators to discuss a variety of issues including allocations about which there will be a university wide consultation. He noted that the new integrated system will be up and running in January, 2006.

7.9 Nominations

7.9.1 Notification of election of Chair

Notification of the re-election of Prof. Ann MacGillivray as Chair of the Senate Nominations Committee for 2005-2006 was received.

7.9.2 Election results – CRCSC

Notification of the election results for an Arts and Science representative on the Canada Research Chairs Selection Committee was received with Dr. Reginald Stuart being declared elected.

7.9.3 Recommendations for Standing Committees

Moved by A. MacGillivray, seconded by I. Blum that the following recommendations for the Standing Committees of Senate be approved:

Committee	Individual Recommended	Term Begins	Term Ends
Academic Appeals Committee	Denise Nevo	When elected	June 30, 2008
Graduate Studies Committee	Donna Varga	When elected	June 30, 2006
Committee on Information Technology and Services	Denise Nevo	When elected	June 30, 2008
	Kim Kienapple	When elected	June 30, 2008
	Donovan Plumb	When elected	June 30, 2008
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	Katherine Side	When elected	June 30, 2008
University Research Ethics Board	Suzanne Seager	When elected	June 30, 2008
Writing Initiatives Committee	Susan Walsh	When elected	June 30, 2008
	Denyse Rodrigues	When elected	June 30, 2008

CARRIED.

7.10 Research and Publications

A. Davis noted that they had the first round of internal grant adjudications in late October. No decisions have been made, and they are preparing to review the next group of applications. He observed that the committee is discovering colleagues need to be more sufficiently acquainted with the rules and procedures which the Research Office has been communicating broadly.

7.11 Student Affairs

C. Hill noted that the committee has begun working very productively with the Student Life Committee to address many agenda items. They will be holding focus group sessions in January and from them will develop a new agenda to work further with the Student Life Committee.

7.12 **Committee on Teaching and Learning**

B. King reported that SCOTL supports MSVU becoming a member of the Society for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education in order to enhance opportunities for faculty members to apply for some prestigious teaching awards. He noted that Dr. Susan Drain is expected to be a workshop facilitator at a retreat next year of the Association of Atlantic Universities. It is also hoped that we will be sending two recent Teaching Award candidates to the regional competition of the Association of Atlantic Universities.

7.13 **Writing Initiatives**

B. King reported on a Writing Roundtable on November 2, which was quite successful with very commendable student participation. Another session called “The Red Pen Syndrome” will be held in January, 2006.

7.14 **Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships**

L. Theriault noted that the Bursary sub-committee is meeting this week and next to review all of the in-course bursary applications and determine how the awards will be disbursed. She also noted that the Scholars’ Lunch on November 4th was a success with more than 200 people in attendance.

7.15 **University Research Ethics Board**

7.15.1 UREB Notice of Motion: Amendment to By-law 14.12

This proposed amendment to By-Law 14.12 will be voted upon at the December 5, 2005 Senate Meeting.

7.15.2 UREB Revisions to MSVU’s Policies and Procedures Ethics Review of Research Involving Humans and related forms

It was agreed to wait to consider this item until the December 5, 2005 Senate Meeting.

8. **Other Reports**

8.1 Board of Governors

N. Kayhani noted that at the November 16, 2005 Board of Governors meeting D. Woolcott gave an Enrolment Report. Other topics at the meeting were a report on the Presidential Search and reports from various sub-committees of the Board. She noted the Board will meet again on November 29, 2005.

8.2 Students’ Union

C. Brushett noted that the Students’ Union is currently holding a U-pass referendum. The Students’ Union hosted the first ever East Coast Campus Idol competition in November. The Students’ Union has also been cooperating with CAPP to gather information from the University community regarding the usage of Turnitin.com at MSVU; CAPP is expected to report on their findings early next year.

9. **New Business**

9.1 Annual Reports of Senate Committees

i. Academic Appeals Committee

Moved by L. Theriault, seconded by M. Raven that the Annual Report of the Academic Appeals Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

ii. Academic Policy and Planning

Moved by D. Woolcott, seconded by J. Sharpe that the Annual Report of the Academic Policy and Planning Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- iii. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators (CAPTPAA)

Moved by D. Woolcott, seconded by J. Gordon that the Annual Report of CAPTPAA be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- iv. Graduate Studies

Moved by M. Lyon, seconded by L. Theriault that the Annual Report of the Graduate Studies Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- v. Information Technology and Services

Moved by I. Blum, seconded by D. Plumb that the Annual Report of the Information Technology and Services Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- vi. Library

Moved by F. French, seconded by M. Raven that the Annual Report of the Library Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- vii. Nominations

Moved by A. MacGillivray, seconded by I. Blum that the Annual Report of the Nominations Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- viii. Research and Publications

Moved by A. Davis, seconded by K. Darvesh that the Annual Report of the Research and Publications Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- ix. Senate Executive

Moved by I. Blum, seconded by B. King that the Annual Report of Senate Executive be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- x. Student Affairs

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by J. Mills that the Annual Report of the Student Affairs Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- xi. Student Discipline Appeals

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by J. Gordon that the Annual Report of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- xii. Student Judicial

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by A. MacGillivray that the Annual Report of the Student Judicial Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- xiii. Teaching and Learning

Moved by P. Watts, seconded by A. MacGillivray that the Annual Report of the Teaching and Learning Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- xiv. Writing Initiatives

Moved by A. MacGillivray, seconded by B. King that the Annual Report of the Writing Initiatives Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- xv. Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

Moved by L. Theriault, seconded by J. Gordon that the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- xvi. Undergraduate Curriculum

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by L. Theriault that the Annual Report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee be received as submitted. CARRIED.

- xvii. University Research Ethics Board

Moved by C. French, seconded by A. Davis that the Annual Report of the University Research Ethics Board be received as submitted. CARRIED.

9.2 Selection of Honorary Degree Candidates (Confidential Business)

Moved by D. Woolcott, seconded by K. Darvesh that Senate move into confidential session to receive the results of the balloting for Honorary Degree Candidates. CARRIED.

Moved by A. Davis, seconded by F. French that Senate move out of confidential session.
CARRIED.

10. Items for Communication

Most of the approved items will be communicated in the Calendar. The Master of Arts Child & Youth Study Report will be sent to MPHEC, and the Secretary of Senate will write to the individuals appointed to Standing Committees.

11. Adjournment

Moved by A. Davis, seconded by A. MacGillivray that Senate adjourn at 9:40 p.m. CARRIED.