

MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, D. Bell, C. Blayney, I. Blum, B. Burns, E. Church, A. Cole, J. Corcoran, S. Drain, M. Eskritt, F.X. Eygun, J. Fraser-Arsenault, R. Gechtman, R. Green, T. Harrison, A. Humble, B. Jessop, K. Kienapple, S. King, B. MacInnes, J. MacLeod, L. Mann, J. Mills, P. Mombourquette, I. Pottie, L. Steele, B. Taylor, M. Whalen

Regrets: M. Atwater, M. Bowen, A. Brown, M.J. Harkins, J. Hollett, P. Watts, P. Whyte

R. Lumpkin welcomed new Senator D. Bell.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by R. Green, seconded by L. Steele, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2015

Moved by B. Burns, seconded by M. Whalen, to approve the meeting minutes of January 30, 2015 as presented. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1. Delegation of the Graduation List

Moved by E. Church, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that the approval of the Graduation List be delegated to Senate Executive. CARRIED

3.2. Research Plan (deferred to March 27, 2015)

4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin informed Senators that a conversation on a safe and respectful campus is scheduled to take place Thursday, March 19th, 12-1:30PM. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. She then reported on the P-12 Education review, noting that this issue is of particular interest to the Faculty of Education. Under review are the standards for teaching preparation, the redesign of teacher education programs to ensure that training and students meet those standards, and the accreditation of Faculties of Education in the province. She noted that she, as steering committee co-chair, and S. Badali, as Dean of the Faculty of Education, attended the first meeting of the steering committee.

She then reported on two meetings with the Advisory Council on the Status of Women regarding the Mount's possible role as a central hub of identification and promotion of research in the status of women, particularly on the topic of violence of women. Discussions are still in progress, including the involvement of the Alexa McDonough Institute.

She gave a brief update on government relations, adding that there has been no indication of funding at this point, but a ½ to 1 % increase is a possibility.

5. Question Period

No questions arose.

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

6.1. Senate Executive

6.1.1. An additional May meeting of Senate: NOTICE OF MOTION

R. Lumpkin brought forward the notice of motion regarding an additional May meeting of Senate on the fourth Friday in May.

R. Green noted that congress normally begins its meetings the last weekend in May, suggesting that the meeting be scheduled for the third Friday in May

R. Gechtman suggested the meeting be moved to a different time slot, perhaps earlier in the week.

E. Church suggested a review of upcoming Congress dates and a subsequent amendment to the motion.

Upon consideration of this feedback it was determined that this item will be brought back to Senate Executive for review and amendment.

6.1.2. Proposed changes to By-Law 12: Voting Procedures for Honorands: NOTICE OF MOTION

R. Lumpkin presented the notice of motion regarding By-law 12: Voting Procedures for Honorands.

6.2. Academic Policy and Planning

6.2.1. Interuniversity Linguistics Program (for approval)

Moved by E. Church, seconded by F.X. Eygun, that Senate approve the discontinuation of the University's participation in the Halifax Interuniversity Program in Linguistics and retire the course designation LING. **CARRIED.**

E. Church presented the rationale regarding the motion.

6.2.2. Academic Program Review Schedule (for information)

E. Church presented the Academic Program Review Schedule for information.

6.3. Undergraduate Curriculum

6.3.1. Cultural Studies (for approval)

6.3.1.1. Addition of new courses

6.3.1.1.1. CULS 1105: Art in Halifax Now (.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by B. Taylor, that Senate approve the addition of CULS 1105: Art in Halifax Now. **CARRIED.**

P. Mombourquette questioned why comments from the Distance Learning Department were missing from the curriculum proposals, especially since distance offerings are identified as important in the Academic Plan. He noted that in the past UCC had returned proposals to his department when this component was missing.

S. Badali responded to P. Mombourquette's concerns, noting that if a course has an online dimension feedback from DLCE would be needed. These courses are on-campus offerings.

B. Taylor responded that he could not recall an item being returned for this reason when it did not have an online aspect.

S. Badali noted that the UCC does not have the authority to require distance delivery.

B. Taylor added that the agenda for the upcoming Chairs meeting includes distance offerings. He noted that a decline in distance course offerings has been identified and will be discussed.

6.3.1.1.2. CULS 3305: Subcultures (.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded B. Burns, that Senate approve the addition of CULS 3305: Subcultures. CARRIED

6.3.1.2. Deletion of courses (for approval)

6.3.1.2.1. CULS 1102 and 1103: Art History I and II

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Green, that Senate approve the deletion of CULS 1102 and 1103: Art History I and II. CARRIED

6.3.1.3. Changes to Calendar entry for Major, Combined Major, Concentration and Minor: listed courses

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by L. Steele, that Senate approve the Changes to Calendar entry for the CULS Major, Combined Major, Concentration and Minor: listed courses. CARRIED

6.3.2. History

6.3.2.1. Addition of New Courses (for approval)

6.3.2.1.1. HIST 1102: The West and the World: From the Middle Ages to the Enlightenment (.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Gechtman, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 1102. CARRIED

6.3.2.1.2. HIST 1103: The West and the World: From the French Revolution to the Modern Day (.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by J. Corcoran, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 1103. CARRIED

6.3.2.1.3. HIST 2211: Explorers, Artists and Reformers: Renaissance and Reformation Europe (.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Gechtman, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 2211. CARRIED

6.3.2.1.4. HIST/RELS 2237: American Religious History: From Covenant to Cults (.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Gechtman, that Senate approve the addition of HIST 2237. CARRIED

6.3.2.1.5. HIST 3315: The French Revolution and Napoleon

6.3.2.1.6. HIST 3365: The Story of Early Africa: Yams, Germs, and Steel

6.3.2.1.7. HIST 3366: The Story of Modern Africa: Slave Trade to African Union (.5 unit)

6.3.2.1.8. HIST/POLS 2216: Allies and Anti-Americanism: A History of Canadian-American Relations (.5 unit)

6.3.2.1.9. HIST 3323: History of Indigenous Women in Canada (.5 unit)

6.3.2.1.10. HIST 3320 Selected Topics in North American History (.5 unit)

6.3.2.1.11. HIST 3328: Inventing the Past: Public History in Atlantic Canada (.5 unit)

6.3.2.1.12. HIST 2255: A History of Food from Gatherers to Gourmands (.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Gechtman, that Senate approve items 6.3.2.1.5 – 6.3.2.1.12. CARRIED

6.3.2.2. Deletion of Courses (for approval)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Gechtman, that Senate approve items 6.3.2.2.1 – 6.3.2.2.9. CARRIED

- 6.3.2.2.1. HIST 1101: The West and the World from Feudalism to Globalism (1 unit)
- 6.3.2.2.2. HIST 2203: Europe from the Renaissance to the Scientific Revolution (I unit)
- 6.3.2.2.3. HIST 3312: Centuries of Change: Western Europe in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries (.5 unit)
- 6.3.2.2.4. HIST 2206: Social History of European Women from the Classical World to the Reformation (.5 unit)
- 6.3.2.2.5. HIST 2217: Canadian-American Relations: The Formative History (.5 unit)
- 6.3.2.2.6. HIST 3352: War and the USA in Modern Times (.5 unit)
- 6.3.2.2.7. HIST/POLS 2218: Canadian-American Relations: Continental Nations
- 6.3.2.2.8. HIST 3325, 3326, and 3327: Selected Topics in History of Atlantic Canada (.5 unit, .5 unit, 1 unit)
- 6.3.2.2.9. HIST 3338: Canadian-American Relations: Advanced Study
- 6.3.2.3. Change to Calendar Description: Updates list of courses offered in the areas of European, North American and World History

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by B. Burns, that Senate approve the Change to Calendar Description: Updates list of courses offered in the areas of European, North American and World History. CARRIED

- 6.3.3. Course changes (for information)
 - 6.3.3.1.1. HIST 2202: new title and description
 - 6.3.3.1.2. HIST 2207: new title and description
 - 6.3.3.1.3. HIST 1120: new description
 - 6.3.3.1.4. HIST 2230: : new title and description
 - 6.3.3.1.5. HIST 2231: new title and description

S. Badali presented 6.3.3.1.1. – 6.3.3.1.5. for information.

6.4. Writing Initiatives (P.Watts)

S. Drain reported that in the student creative writing competition previously held in the fall in conjunction with Celebrating Writing Week is currently in progress. She asked Senators to encourage students to enter. She noted that other events will be happening and March and April.

6.5. University Research Ethics Board

L. Mann expressed strong concerns regarding the UREB procedures, especially the forms themselves, the review of these forms and the lengthy approval process.

A. Cole responded that she is very much in agreement that these procedures should facilitate and not constrain researchers, especially student researchers. She noted that UREB and DREB relationship may be a bit of an obstacle and is a priority are to be addressed. She added that it was important to encourage students to think about the role of ethics in scholarship. She suggested inviting the Chair of UREB to Senate (if deemed helpful and appropriate).

R. Gechtman noted that he too felt a discussion is needed; however, he suggested that it should extend beyond Senate to the academic departments for a wider debate.

B. Taylor suggested that perhaps this item should be brought forward at the next Chairs meeting to enable departments to bring forward their comments and concerns.

K. Kienapple agreed, suggesting that the Chairs first be encouraged to bring this item to their departments for faculty input.

S. Badali concurred with proceeding as K. Kienapple and B. Taylor suggested.

R. Lumpkin asked the Deans to bring this issue to their Chairs and Departments for input and suggestions on how to best proceed.

With respect to the notion, A. Cole noted that the UREB has had difficulty getting quorum for meetings. She noted that different disciplines have different perspectives, and these perspectives must be represented.

Senators engaged in a lengthy discussion of the ethics approval process.

P. Mombourquette expressed his concerns, noting that some faculty in his department have expressed frustration with the approval process and hesitate to participate in research involving human participants; he noted a move towards research using secondary data. R. Gechtman and J. MacLeod gave first-hand accounts from their departments regarding concerns surrounding the ethics approval process. R. Green noted that her department does not permit students to do research involving human participants. L. Mann noted that she had removed primary research from one of her courses completely because of the onerous form and approval process.

Senators continued to discuss the process, noting that quorum isn't necessary for file review, but it does impact policy. Senators also discussed UREB training and orientation, Tri-Council policy, accountability and research standards across disciplines.

6.5.1. Proposed change to Terms of Reference (for approval) NOTICE OF MOTION

L. Mann expressed serious concern regarding the impact of increasing the number of committee members. She noted, that the approximately ten percent of the available faculty complement would be serving on the UREB in any year; those faculty would be unavailable for any other university service because of the UREB workload.

6.5.2. Changes to Form 001: Standard Application for Research Ethics Clearance (for information)

It was agreed that the Chair of the UREB be present when the motion is brought forward at the March meeting. A. Cole will invite D. Fisher. R. Lumpkin asked that the Deans consult with Chairs and Faculty to allow for input from all departments.

7. Other Reports

7.1. Board of Governors

L. Mann reported on the recent Board of Governors meeting, noting that reports on enrollment campus planning, finances and the strategic plan were given. She mentioned that the Board made a decision to work towards becoming more transparent in its operations. She also mentioned an excellent presentation on food security by Patty Williams and Katie Cvitkovitch.

7.2. Students' Union

J. Corcoran (reporting for P. Whyte), thanked Senate for granting academic amnesty for the recent February 4th Day of Action, noting good student participation at the event. He also updated Senate on the upcoming Students' Union Elections and the Annual General Meeting.

7.3. Mount 2017: Making a Difference

R. Lumpkin gave a brief status update on the implementation report that had been recently distributed to Senators. She noted that the most recent President's report on this item will be available at the March meeting.

8. Items for Communication

Senate approved the following:

- Minutes of January 30, 2015
- Changes to the By-Laws to delegate the approval of the graduation lists to Senate Executive
- The addition and deletion of courses in Cultural Studies, and associated calendar changes
- The addition and deletion of courses in History, and associated calendar changes
- The discontinuation of the University's participation in the Interuniversity Program in Linguistics, and the retirement of the designation LING

Senate received for information

- a notice of motion regarding the addition of a regular May meeting of Senate
- a notice of motion regarding changes to voting procedures for honorands
- a notice of motion regarding changes to the terms of reference of the UREB
- minor changes to existing courses in History
- the updated Academic Program Review Schedule
- changes to UREB Form 1: Standard Application for Research Ethics Clearance.

9. Adjournment

Moved by B. Burns, seconded by J. Corcoran, that the meeting be adjourned 3:44PM.
CARRIED