

MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, C. Blayney, I. Blum, M. Bowen, E. Church, A. Cole, J. Corcoran, S. Drain, M. Eskritt, F.X. Eygun, J. Fraser-Arsenault, M.J. Harkins, T. Harrison, J. Hollett, A. Humble, K. Kienapple, S. King, J. MacLeod, L. Mann, J. Mills, P. Mombourquette, L. Steele, B. Taylor, P. Watts, P. Whyte

Regrets: M. Atwater, D. Bell, A. Brown, B. Burns, R. Gechtman, R. Green, B. Jessop, B. MacInnes, I. Pottie, M. Whalen

R. Lumpkin welcomed guests Derek Fisher (UREB Chair), and Jonathan Grant (incoming Student Senator)

R. Lumpkin thanked Student Senators for their service at Senate over the past year.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. J. Harkins, seconded by P. Whyte, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of March 27, 2015

Moved by J. Hollett, seconded by K. Kienapple, to approve the meeting minutes of March 27, 2015 as presented. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1. Proposed change to UREB Terms of Reference

Moved by P. Whyte, seconded A. Humble, that Senate approved the revised UREB Terms of Reference. CARRIED (1 opposed)

A. Cole offered a friendly amendment on page 8 under elected members: this item should read three members-at-large (not four members at large).

D. Fisher noted that the UREB has an open door policy and all faculty are welcome to discuss issues and concerns.

L. Mann expressed concern on the demand increased membership on the UREB would put on the faculty complement (over 10%) noting that this would impact other committee work.

D. Fisher responded that this year many UREB members are serving on other boards as well. He noted that a large membership is needed for expertise on the board and for diversification of the board to deal properly with the theoretical and scholarly aspects of research projects. He mentioned that the board had 279 reviews this year and the number of ethics applications continues to increase, while (up to this point) faculty membership on the board has remained the same over the past several years. The board is hoping to better manage the workload for those who do sit on the committee. Additional faculty members will lessen the workload of those on committee allowing more time for service on other committees.

P. Whyte asked what consideration has been made for those researchers with a 'hard' science background.

D. Fisher noted this item deals more with the conduct for research involving Human participants.

S. Drain confirmed that the elected members should read "10 full-time, tenured or probationary faculty members:" (not a *minimum* of ten); she then suggested the following amendment to allow for flexibility in staffing the committee. *This member shall be recruited following the same procedures as outlined for Community Members, but may be recruited either from the Mount Faculty complement or from the community at large.*

Both amendments were accepted.

4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin gave update on government relations. She gave a brief summary on the new Universities Accountability and Sustainability Bill and the 1% funding increase. She mentioned the government's declaration that there will be no more bail-outs for universities in financial difficulties, noting that financial accountability is still at the forefront.

P. Whyte asked about enrollment trends in 'at-risk' institutions.

R. Lumpkin responded noting that both Acadia and NSCAD had received special funding to meet their financial needs – they have undergone restructuring and belt-tightening and are reporting an increase in enrollment numbers. King's is reporting a recent drop in enrolment but they have not received additional/special funding. She added that the new bill requires more financial transparency. She then reported on the recent meeting held in Halifax of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) now rebranded as *Universities Canada*. She mentioned the Federal government's recent cut to grants for research funding and the Association of Atlantic Universities recent meeting with the federal government regarding funding for research in small universities. It was noted that a caucus within Universities Canada regarding the importance of a liberal arts education has been created and she mentioned that the University of Windsor will host a 'humanities' week this fall.

B. Taylor added that he attended a 'role of the arts' session at recent meeting of the Canadian Council of the Deans for Arts and Humanities and Social Science.

R. Lumpkin (noting that she will be out of province during the May Senate meeting) thanked all Senators for their role in academic governance this past year.

5. Question Period

P. Mombourquette asked if it would be possible to get a 'recruitment/prospects report' in the spring, noting that this data would be beneficial to departments' recruitment efforts (e.g. scheduling extra advising sessions, etc.). He noted that departmental new enrolment/ recruitment information was once available on DASH and he inquired if an update on the replacement for DASH could be given at the next Senate meeting.

R. Lumpkin responded that she would bring the 'recruitment/prospects report' item forward to Kelly Gallant and she noted that the DASH replacement update would be added to business arising on the next meeting agenda.

J. Hollett added that a look at the recruitment numbers in January/February would be beneficial for departments organizing additional advising and recruitment efforts. He mentioned that the development for the DASH replacement is currently being worked on by IT. He added that 'Easy Recruit' is now capturing recruitment numbers.

P. Whyte spoke to the value of departments' attending various open campus and advising events.

S. King added that Becca Babcock has done a tremendous job in engaging students at the graduate recruitment level.

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

6.1. Senate Executive

6.1.1. Procedures for the Approval of the Graduation Lists

R. Lumpkin presented the procedure for the Approval of the Graduation Lists for information.

6.2. Academic Policy and Planning

6.2.1. Transfer credits for AP, IB and CEGEP

Moved by E. Church, seconded by P. Whyte, that Senate approve the policy on awarding transfer credits to applicants from AP, IB and CEGEP. CARRIED

6.2.2. Transfer Admissions Policy revisions

Moved by E. Church, seconded by J. Hollett, that Senate approve the transfer admissions policy revisions. CARRIED.

E. Church thanked the Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarship Committee for their work this year on a number of items.

6.2.3. Discontinuation of the Joint Honours program in Biology with Dalhousie

Moved by E. Church, seconded by B. Taylor, that Senate approve the discontinuation of the joint honours program in Biology with Dalhousie University. CARRIED

6.2.4. Report on the External Review of the Department of Chemistry and Physics

E. Church presented the report on the External Review of the Department of Chemistry and Physics for information.

In response to a question from L. Mann, E. Church provided the context for recommendation #12 regarding the dropping of CHEM 2402.

6.3. Undergraduate Curriculum

6.3.1. Applied Human Nutrition: Internship Education Program – Change in Admission Requirement

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by J. Fraser-Arsenault, that Senate approve the change in admission requirement in AHN: Internship Education Program CARRIED.

6.3.2. Business and Tourism

6.3.2.1. Deletion of THMT 2257: Legal Aspects of Tourism Services

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the deletion of THMT 2257: Legal Aspects of Tourism Services. CARRIED

6.3.2.2. BBA Tourism and Hospitality Management Concentration: change to existing program

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve BBA Tourism and Hospitality Management Concentration: change to existing program. CARRIED

6.3.2.3. TMHT Practica Route: Change in requirements

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by C. Blayney, that Senate approve TMHT Practica Route: Change in requirements. CARRIED

6.3.3. Communication Studies

6.3.3.1. New course COMM/WRIT 3512: Scientific Writing (0.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded I. Blum, that Senate approve the course COMM/WRIT 3512: Scientific Writing (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.3.2. Change to requirements and electives: BSc (Science Communication)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by M. Eskritt, that Senate approve the change to requirements and electives: BSc (Science Communication). CARRIED

6.3.4. History: Change to Honours Degree requirements

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by B. Taylor, that Senate approved the History: Change to Honours Degree requirements. CARRIED

6.3.5. Psychology

6.3.5.1. New course PSYC 2206 Drugs and Behavior (0.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by M. Eskritt, that Senate approve the new course PSYC 2206 Drugs and Behavior (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.5.2. New course PSYC 2270 Positive Psychology (0.5 unit)

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by M. Eskritt, that Senate approve the new course PSYC 2270 Positive Psychology (0.5 unit). CARRIED

6.3.6. Sociology/Anthropology

S. Badali presented an overview of the changes outlined in the Sociology/Anthropology program (changes to courses and content). He gave examples, and noted specific rationales and the process followed for some of the outlined changes.

6.3.6.1. Academic Calendar Program Listing Changes

6.3.6.2. New Courses

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by B. Taylor, that Senate approve the New Courses outlined in 6.3.6.2. CARRIED

P. Watts noted that SOAN 1502 is indicated as suitable for distance delivery, but its sister course SOAN1503 is not so indicated.

S. Badali noted this may have been an oversight.

P. Whyte questioned whether there would be wholesale changes in SOAN textbooks, and about the effect of the proposed changes on students currently in the program.

S. Badali noted that these changes will not be in effect until 2016, and students currently in the program have the choice to remain in the program outlined in the Academic Calendar corresponding with their year of enrollment.

J. Grant responded that there is currently a high turn-over of text books in the program; however, the text books required are normally relatively inexpensive.

M. Bowen expressed concern regarding the deletion of SOAN 3350/3351 which is currently cross-listed with EDUC.

S. Badali responded that they will continue as EDUC courses.

- 6.3.6.2.1. SOAN 1502 - Introduction to Culture & Society I - Questioning Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.2. SOAN 1503 - Introduction to Culture & Society II: Social Issues (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.3. SOAN 2510 - Foundations of Social Research (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.4. SOAN 2520 - Family, Marriage and Kinship (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.5. SOAN 2530 - Canadian Social Policy (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.6. SOAN 2531 - Making a Living (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.7. SOAN 2540 - Power, Inequality & Social Justice (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.8. SOAN 2550 - Diversity & Identity (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.9. SOAN 2560 - Becoming- Social: Self and Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.10. SOAN/WOMS 2570 - Gender & Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.11. SOAN 2580 - Deviance (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.12. SOAN 3501 - Social Theory & Issues (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.13. SOAN 3511 - Qualitative Approaches (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.14. SOAN 3512 - Quantitative Approaches (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.15. SOAN/POLS 3531 - Politics & Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.16. SOAN 3532 - Conflict, Power & Violence (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.17. SOAN 3533 - Critical Perspectives on Globalization (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.18. SOAN 3541 - Resistance, Rebellion, and Revolution (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.19. SOAN 3542 - Sustainable Communities and Social Change (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.20. SOAN/FSGN 3551 - Aging (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.21. SOAN 3552 - Health & Illness (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.22. SOAN 3553 - Ethnic Diasporas (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.23. SOAN 3561 - Schooling (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.24. SOAN/WOMS 3572 - Sex and Sexualities (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.25. SOAN/WOMS 3573 - Men and Masculinities (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.26. SOAN 3581 - Crime (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.27. SOAN 3582 - Law and Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.28. SOAN 3591/3592 - Selected Topics in SOAN (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.29. SOAN 3651 - Indigenous Peoples in a Settler State: Canadian Context (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.30. SOAN 3652 - Indigenous Peoples in a Settler State: Atlantic Canada (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.31. SOAN 4590 - Senior Seminar (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.32. SOAN 4591 - Reading Course in Sociology & Anthropology (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.33. SOAN 4593/4594 - Directed Study (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.2.34. SOAN 4599 - Honours Thesis (1.0 unit)

6.3.6.3. Deletion of Courses

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the deletion of courses listed under 6.3.6.3. **CARRIED**

- 6.3.6.3.1. SOAN 1101 - Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology (1.0 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.2. SOAN 1102 - Introduction to Anthropology (0.5 unit)

- 6.3.6.3.3. SOAN 1103 - Introduction to Sociology (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.4. SOAN 2101 - Human Evolution (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.5. SOAN 2102 - Prehistoric Societies (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.6. SOAN 2202 - Work in Society and Culture (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.7. SOAN 2203 - Global Human Issues (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.8. SOAN 2208/FSGN 2208 - Cross-Cultural Study of Aging (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.9. SOAN 2218 - Canadian Social Policy (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.10. SOAN 2219/FSGN 2219 - Sociology of Aging (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.11. SOAN 2221 - The Family in Comparative Perspective (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.12. SOAN 2222 - The Family Life Cycle (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.13. SOAN 2230 - Canadian Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.14. SOAN 2231 - Society and Culture in Atlantic Canada (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.15. SOAN 2265 - Sociology of Women (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.16. SOAN 2266 - Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Women (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.17. SOAN 2281/LING 2281 - Language and Culture (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.18. SOAN 2300 - Deviance (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.19. SOAN 3302 - Global Transformations (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.20. SOAN 3303 - Race & Ethnic Relations: Basic Concepts (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.21. SOAN 3306 - Race & Ethnic Relations: Minority Groups and Social Structure (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.22. SOAN 3307/POLS 3307 - Politics & Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.23. SOAN 3308 - Inequality and Social Protest in Contemporary Societies (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.24. SOAN 3311 - Aboriginal People in Canada: Traditional Cultures (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.25. SOAN 3312 - Aboriginal People in Canada: Contemporary Issues (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.26. SOAN 3313 - Research Methods I: Introduction to Social Research (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.27. SOAN 3314 - Research Methods II: Quantitative Approaches (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.28. SOAN 3320 - Community and Change (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.29. SOAN 3325 - Religion in Contemporary Societies (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.30. SOAN 3326 - Religion in Comparative Perspective (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.31. SOAN 3332 - Sociology of Crime (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.32. SOAN 3333 - Criminal Justice in Canada (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.33. SOAN 3340 - Socialization in Early Life (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.34. SOAN 3341 - Socialization in Adulthood (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.35. SOAN 3350/EDUC 5425 - School and Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.36. SOAN 3351/EDUC 5426 - The School As A Social System (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.37. SOAN 3360 - Organizations in Society (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.38. SOAN 3370 - The Anthropology of War and Aggression (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.39. SOAN 3376 - Representing Culture in Text, Photography, & Film (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.40. SOAN 3380/3381 - Selected Topics in Sociology & Anthropology (0.5 unit)

- 6.3.6.3.41. SOAN 3382 - Area Studies (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.42. SOAN 4405 - Reading Course in Sociology/Anthropology (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.43. SOAN 4411/4412 - Directed Study (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.44. SOAN 4416 - Contemporary Social Theory (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.45. SOAN 4490 - Senior Seminar (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.6.3.46. SOAN 4499 - Honours Thesis (1.0 unit)

6.3.7. Changes for Information

S. Badali presented the items listed under 6.3.7. for information.

- 6.3.7.1. Business and Tourism
 - 6.3.7.1.1. Change in Prerequisites: BUSI 4440; BUSI 4410/THMT 4410; BUSI 4415
- 6.3.7.2. Child and Youth Study
 - 6.3.7.2.1. Change in Prerequisites and/or Calendar Description: CHYS 2211; CHYS 3301
- 6.3.7.3. Philosophy/Religious Studies
 - 6.3.7.3.1. Removal of Cross-listing BUSI/PHIL/RELS 2250
- 6.3.7.4. Political/Canadian Studies and Philosophy
 - 6.3.7.4.1. Change in Course Name and Calendar Description: POLS/PHIL 3314

6.4. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators

6.4.1. Nominations for the honour of Professor Emeritus (**Confidential Business**)

Moved by E. Church, seconded by T. Harrison, to move *in camera*. CARRIED

Moved by J. Corcoran, seconded by P. Watts, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

Moved by P. Watts, seconded by T. Harrison, to move *in camera*. CARRIED

The positive result of the vote by secret ballot was reported.

Moved by L. Steele, seconded by J. Hollett, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

6.5. Library (for information)

T. Harrison presented the Senate Library Committee Report for information.

7. Other Reports

7.1. Board of Governors

L. Mann reported on the recent Board of Governors meeting. She mentioned the approval of the annual budget and the report on the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

E. Church reported that the NSSE results will be presented at the next Senate meeting.

7.2. Students' Union

P. Whyte expressed concern and disappointment on the recent provincial budget announcement and its impact on students. He reviewed the cuts and adjustments to student assistance and funding through the bursary program. He also reported on exam de-stress events for students and the transition of the incoming Student Union Executive Representatives

7.3. Mount 2017: Making a Difference

R. Lumpkin gave a brief report on Mount 2017: Making a Difference.

She offered congratulations to Dr. Chérif Matta, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Physics and Dr. Gavin Kernaghan, Associate Professor, Biology, on their recent NSERC discovery grants.

She also reported on the recent student academic success events including the Academic Awards Ceremony.

8. Items for Communication

Senate approved the following:

- Minutes of March 27, 2015
- Changes to the By-Laws regarding the Terms of Reference of the University Research Ethics Board

- A revised policy for transfer credits for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and CEGEP (effective September 2015: see the Calendar)
- Revisions to the Transfer Admissions Policy (effective September 2015: see the Calendar)
- Discontinuation of the Joint Honours Program in Biology with Dalhousie University
- Undergraduate Curriculum changes, including a complete overhaul of the program in Sociology and Anthropology, to come into effect in 2016.
- Three nominations for the honour of emeritus status

Senate received for information

- Procedures for the Approval of the Graduation Lists
- CAPP's Report on the External Review of the Department of Chemistry and Physics
- Minor undergraduate curriculum changes
- A report from the Senate Library Committee

9. Adjournment

Moved by M. Bowen, seconded by P. Whyte, that the meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**