

MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, P. Barry, K. Blotnicky, E. Church, J. Corcoran, S. Drain, M. Eskritt, F.X. Eygun, J. Fraser-Arsenault, R. Farmer, R. Gechtman, J. Grant, R. Green, M.J. Harkins, T. Harrison, B. Jessop, K. Kienapple, G. MacDonald, J. MacLeod, P. Mombourquette, E. Murray, N. Selim, B. Taylor, P. Watts, M. Whalen

Regrets: C. Blayney, M. Bowen, A. Humble, S. King, B. MacInnes, J. Mills, M. O'Neill, I. Pottie, J. Sawler, L. Steele

R. Lumpkin welcomed the new Student Senators.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by P. Barry, seconded by R. Green, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of September 25, 2015

Moved by P. Watts, seconded by M. Eskritt, to approve the meeting minutes of September 25, 2015 as presented. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1. By-Law Change regarding the title of Associate Vice President (Research)

Moved by G. MacDonald, seconded by B. Jessop, that Senate approve the deletion of the words "Academic and" from the relevant ex-officio title in the bylaws. CARRIED

3.2. By-Law Change regarding the Terms of Reference of the Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by E. Church, that Senate approve the By-Law change regarding the terms of reference of the Graduate Studies Program and the Policy Committee. CARRIED

J. Grant asked for clarification.

K. Kienapple responded that the change brings the policy in line with the current practice.

4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin mentioned "Time of Trouble", the opera about the Sisters of Charity and their struggle with the bishop in the nineteenth century. She also mentioned the upcoming Board of Governors retreat, which will include presentations on the Co-op Program and technology in the classroom. She reminded Senators of the reception event planned for Senate and BOG members on Nov. 20th before the Multicultural night dinner (a formal invitation will follow). She concluded by mentioning the success of the fourth annual Research Remixed event held on October 15th.

5. Question Period

R. Green mentioned that she understood that the undergraduate scholarship recommendation tick boxes will be removed from web-advisor grade reports, and that scholarships will henceforward be determined on GPA only. She expressed concern, mentioning that this change would disadvantage students in some programs.

M. Whalen responded that this item is a small part of the changes to the scholarship program intended in part to provide better scholarship support for in-course students. He added that the tick box recommendations were not well used by faculty, and these changes will now go to CAPP and then forward to Senate for approval. M. Whalen added that the Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships Committee had reviewed grades and determined that students in particular programs were not disadvantaged.

B. Taylor noted that the Dean's Office had just received a grade distribution report that indicated discrepancies across departments.

R. Lumpkin added that quite a bit of data will be need to be included when this item comes to Senate for approval.

J. Grant asked about the provincial provision for tuition adjustments.

R. Lumpkin responded that the first discussion of this item will be held at the BOG retreat tomorrow.

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

6.1. Senate Executive

6.1.1. Announcement of Senate Master List approval

R. Lumpkin reported that 411 names have been approved for Fall 2015 convocation, while 23 were added to the enabling list.

6.2. Academic Policy and Planning

6.2.1. Policy on Independent and Directed Studies

Moved by E. Church, seconded by B. Taylor, that Senate approve the Policy and Procedures for Independent and Directed Study courses. **CARRIED**

6.3. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

6.3.1. Program Revision MEd (Curriculum Studies) Supporting Learners with Diverse Needs and Exceptionalities

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by M.J. Harkins, that Senate approve the Program Revision MEd (Curriculum Studies) Supporting Learners with Diverse Needs and Exceptionalities.

CARRIED

6.4. Nominations

6.4.1. Slate of Nominations for current vacancies

Moved by J. MacLeod, seconded by G. MacDonald that Senate elect the following faculty members to the respective committees for the indicated terms. **CARRIED**

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
University Research Ethics Board	Dr Hazel MacRae	Upon confirmation	30 June 2018
University Research Ethics Board	Dr Deborah Norris	Upon election	30 June 2018

7. Other Reports

7.1. Board of Governors

No report.

7.2. Students' Union

J. Corcoran reported on the SRC elections and SRC training. He noted that some representatives were still missing (mature student / education faculty / BOG / transfer student reps) but these may be added by appointment.

J. Grant gave an update on the tutor database; he added that the Students' Union may be reaching out to Department Chairs for recommendations for additional tutors.

R. Lumpkin inquired about leadership training.

J. Corcoran responded that that the leadership training went really well.

E. Church asked about student voter turnout for the recent federal election.

J. Grant responded that while they didn't have an exact number of students that voted the majority of students were happy with the process and not a lot of problems were encountered. He noted that this was a cross campus effort in association with the Canadian Federation of Students.

J. Corcoran added that a substantial amount of under age students were interested in, and followed the process.

- 7.3. Mount 2017: Making a Difference A copy of the President's September Report to the Board is available on the Senate SharePoint site.

R. Lumpkin noted that the September report to the board has been posted on SharePoint, and highlighted several items in the document. She noted that a year's look at action items and what's been accomplished will be posted to SharePoint prior to the next meeting.

8. New Business

8.1. Nominations for Honorary Degrees CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Moved by B. Jessop, seconded by K. Blotnicky, to move *in camera*. CARRIED

Moved by K. Blotnicky, seconded by P. Mombourquette, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

Moved by M. Whalen, seconded by T. Harrison, to move *in camera*. CARRIED

The result of the vote by secret ballot was reported. Three nominations were reviewed and three were approved.

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by N. Selim, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

9. Items for Communication

Senate approved the following:

- Minutes of September 25, 2015
- Change to the terms of reference for the Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee*
- Change to the Bylaws regarding the correct title of the Associate Vice President, Research*
- New policy on Independent and Directed Studies*
- Program Revision: MEd (Curriculum Studies) Supporting Learners with Diverse Needs and Exceptionalities
- Three nominations for honorary degrees

Senate elected Dr. Hazel MacRae and Dr. Deborah Norris to the University Research Ethics Board.

Senate received for information

- a report from Senate Executive regarding the approval of the Senate Master List of Graduands for Fall Convocation

10. Adjournment

Moved by G. MacDonald, seconded by M. Whalen, that Senate be adjourned.