

SENATE MINUTES

APRIL 13, 1999

The regular meeting of Senate was held on Tuesday, April 13, 1999, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004.

88. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Simpson, Dr. K. Keough, Professor A. Fowler, Dean W. Blake, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. M. Whitmore (for Acting Dean W. Davidson), Mr. R. Ellis, Mr. W. Oakley (for Mr. W. Green), Dr. C. Higgs, Dean G. Kealey, Dr. B. Johnston (for Dean W. Ludlow), Dean T. Murphy, Dr. C. Orchard, Mr. L. O'Reilly, Dean T. Piper, Dean R. Seshadri, Professor H. Weir, Dr. A. Aboulazm, Dr. R. Adamec, Dr. J. Bear, Dr. S. Chandra, Dr. G. Clark, Professor M. Coyne, Dr. D. Craig, Mrs. C. Dutton, Dr. J. Evans, Dr. S. Ghazala, Professor K. Hestekin, Mr. D. Howse, Dr. H. Hulan, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. W. Locke, Dr. R. Lucas, Dr. M. Mulligan, Dr. V. Maxwell, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. R. Payne, Dr. H. Pike, Dr. N. Rich, Dr. V. Richardson, Dr. G. Sabin, Dr. S. Saha, Dr. D. Thompson, Dr. D. Treslan, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Dr. K. Vidyasankar, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. B. Watson, Mr. B. Whitelaw, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. S. Wolinetz, Dr. C. Wood, Ms. M. Mack, Ms. L. Borden, Mr. K. Dunne, Ms. K. McDonald, Ms. N. Oldford, Ms. N. Pike.

The President welcomed new graduate student senator, Ms. Marcia Mack and new undergraduate student senators, Ms. Leigh Borden, Mr. Keith Dunne and Ms. Nancy Oldford. He also welcomed Dr. Wayne Oakley and Dr. Robert Crocker who were invited to attend regarding the request for reinstatement of standard examinations for high school students, and Dr. David Graham who was invited to attend regarding the draft statement of University Principles and Goals.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. E. Dow, Dr. M. Volk, Dr. D. Tulett, Mr. D. Newton, Ms. D. Hardy.

90. MINUTES

The addendum to the minutes of the regular meeting held on February 9, 1999, minutes of the special meeting held on February 26, 1999, minutes of the regular meeting and special meeting held on March 9, 1999, were taken as read and confirmed, with the following exception:

Page 213, following the quotation from a letter from Mr. John O'Dea, it should be noted that Senate accepted the legal advice from Mr. O'Dea and no discussion ensued.

91. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SENATE

It was agreed by separate motion where necessary, that the report of the Executive Committee be approved as follows:

*Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

91.1 "Request for Approval of New Course" forms

A memorandum dated February 23, 1999 was received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies in response to a memorandum dated February 4, 1999 from the Executive Committee of Senate regarding the use of "Undergraduate Course Proposal Forms". The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies advised that a sub-committee has been struck to consider this matter and to bring forward recommendations for an appropriate form or format for submission of course proposals which will help to achieve uniformity.

This item was received for information.

91.2 Faculty of Education

Page 54, 1998-99 Calendar, following the heading G. Residence Requirements for First Degree insert new clause 2.c) to read as follows:

"c) Courses taken at Francophone universities as required under the Regulations for the French Immersion Option of the Degrees of Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Bachelor of Education (Elementary), are not subject to the requirements of Clause 2.a) above and Clause 2.d) below."

Renumber the current 2.c) as 2.d).

91.3 Public Examinations: Request for Reinstatement of Standard Examinations for High School Students

A memorandum dated March 19, 1999 was received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies requesting the reinstatement of standard examinations for high school students.

Dr. Treslan outlined the following history of events which led to this request:

In May, 1996, the University was advised by the Department of Education that Public Examinations would be cancelled for that year. In keeping with its mandate to propose standards for the admission of students to the University, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, at a meeting held on May 30, 1996, discussed the implications of the cancellation of Public Examinations and wrote to then Vice-President (Academic), Dr. Jaap Tuinman, to express its concern with the decision taken by the Department of Education. The Committee brought to Dr. Tuinman's attention:

- its concern with both the decision to cancel Public Examinations and the lack of notice given regarding that decision which resulted in the University having little or no opportunity to respond.

- its view that should Public Examinations be cancelled permanently, some mechanism would have to be established to ensure that a consistent and equitable University admission standard is maintained.

Subsequently, in October 1996, the then Minister of Education (Roger Grimes) announced that Public Examinations would be discontinued and that high school students would be evaluated in accordance with the student evaluation policy of each school board. In a news release at that time, Mr. Grimes advised that Newfoundland and Labrador had become a member of the Atlantic Provinces Education Foundation (APEF) in 1995 and was involved in the development of common curriculum and common testing in the core areas of Mathematics, the Sciences, and Language Arts, leaving

open the possibility of common examinations in the future. During the transition period leading to common testing in Atlantic Canada in core subject areas, students would be evaluated by their teachers.

Concerned with the impact that the cancellation of Public Examinations would have on the University's admission criteria, the Committee considered and discussed relevant reports prepared by Mr. Tony Goudie, Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning (CIAP), and Dr. Robert Crocker, Faculty of Education, and then, in March 1998, struck a subcommittee to undertake a review of the pertinent information and to bring back to the Committee arguments that could be used by the University to persuade the Provincial Government to reinstate these examinations.

The Report of the Subcommittee which was received and considered by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies was endorsed for transmission to Senate. The Report sets out arguments for the reinstatement of Public Examinations which are supported by the research undertaken by CIAP and by Dr. Crocker.

Following an examination of the Report of the Subcommittee appointed to examine this issue and an examination of other relevant documents, and after considerable discussion, it was moved by Dr. Treslan, seconded by Dr. Aboulazm and carried that the following motion be forwarded to the Department of Education:

That Memorial University, through its Senate, request that the Provincial Government proceed immediately to reinstate standard Public Examinations for graduating high school students.

During discussion of this item, it was also suggested that the College of the North Atlantic and/or the Council on Higher Education be made aware of this motion.

91.4 Request for Early Admission: Memorandum dated March 11, 1999 from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics

A memorandum dated March 19, 1999 was received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies advising that consideration had been given to a proposal from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics that "students who have been

provisionally admitted to Memorial University for the Fall Semester 1999 and who obtain a score on the Math Skills Inventory (MSI) acceptable to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics be granted early admission to MUN and be permitted to register for Mathematics 1090 in the Summer Session 1999, and similarly in years following."

Following consideration of this proposal and comments from the Undergraduate Studies Committees of the Faculties of Arts and Science, the Committee agreed that offering Mathematics 1090 in the Summer Session 1999 to the above-noted cohort of students would benefit those students.

However, the Committee felt that permitting provisionally accepted students to register for Mathematics 1090 was a more appropriate strategy than granting early admission. Further, the Committee was not willing to grant approval for such registration beyond the Summer Session 1999. The proposal was therefore revised as follows and approved for transmission to Senate:

"Students who have been provisionally admitted to Memorial University for the Fall Semester 1999 and who obtain a score on the Math Skills Inventory (MSI) acceptable to the Department of Mathematics and Statistics be permitted to register for Mathematics 1090 in the Summer Session 1999."

It was moved by Dr. Treslan, seconded by Dr. Kealey and carried that the above-noted proposal be approved.

91.5 Regulation Y. Regulations for Continuance and Re-admission, Clause 10

Page 60-61, 1998-99 Calendar, following the heading Y. Regulations for Continuance and Re-admission, Clause 10 amend the definition for Unprofessional Conduct to read as follows:

"Unprofessional Conduct. That conduct which involves a breach of the duties required by professional ethics."

*Report of the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies

Revisions to the Constitution and By Laws of Academic Council, School of Graduate Studies

A memorandum dated March 17, 1999 was received from the School of Graduate Studies forwarding revisions to the Constitution and By Laws of Academic Council, School of Graduate Studies.

It was moved by Dean Kealey, seconded by Dean Murphy and carried that the proposed amendments to the By-Laws and Constitution for the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies be approved for submission to the Board of Regents, subject to the retention of the Vice-President (Research and International Relations) as an ex officio member of the Academic Council.

It was also agreed to recommend that, should the Board approve these amendments, a second motion is necessary by the Board dissolving the existing Academic Council on August 31, 1999 and authorizing the new Council to take office on September 1, 1999.

Draft Statement of University Principles and Goals

Dr. Simpson presented the revised Draft Statement of University Principles and Goals which is based on submissions from academic units, discussions in General Assemblies, individual communications and suggestions made by Senators during an initial discussion of the document at the March 9, 1999 meeting. He advised that the ten goals identified in the Statement will be developed into proposed strategies for action following discussions at the University Forum to be held in May. Because this project is ongoing, the Draft Statement is not all-inclusive and there are other matters for consideration, e.g. developing techniques for improving undergraduate recruitment and the involvement of Memorial Alumni in this process; increasing graduate enrollment and examining international questions. He emphasized that this is a preliminary document and the goals included in the Statement may not be the final ones following the University Forum. It is proposed to make each of the goals included in the Statement the subject of a workshop which will define the structure of the University Forum to be held in May. Invitations will be extended to all members of the faculty and librarians to register for up to three workshops. Seats

will also be reserved for student representation and the academic support staff.

Following a lengthy discussion, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Academic Planning, it was moved by Dr. Simpson, seconded by Dr. Lucas and carried that the Draft Statement of Principles and Goals be adopted by Senate as the basis for promoting these principles and goals.

Letters dated 8 March 1999 from Chalker Green & Rowe and Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt

Two letters dated 8 March 1999 from Chalker Green & Rowe and Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt were circulated to Senate for information.

Motion Regarding Software Engineering Programme

In accordance with the decision taken at the March 9, 1999 meeting of Senate, a motion regarding the Software Engineering dispute was circulated to Senate for consideration at the request of a group of Engineering students.

The President advised that the request for injunctive relief in relation to APEGN's withdrawal of its consent to continue the accreditation process at Memorial University of Newfoundland will be heard in the Supreme Court of Newfoundland within the next few days, and in light of the legal advice received from Mr. John O'Dea at the meeting of Senate held on March 9, 1999, he recommended to Senate that no discussions be held on this matter until the Supreme Court has reached its decision.

It was moved by Dr. Hulan, seconded by Dr. Saha and carried that Senate accept the advice from Mr. O'Dea and not discuss the matter at this meeting.

The President extended an invitation to student representatives, comprising, for example, representatives from the CSU, Engineering students and Computer Science students, to meet with him if they wished to discuss the matter further.

Memorandum dated March 24, 1999 regarding Software Engineering from the President and Vice-Chancellor

A memorandum dated March 24, 1999 was received for information from the President and Vice-Chancellor entitled "Software Engineering".

Graduate student representation on Senate

An email dated March 28, 1999, was received from the Graduate Students' Union advising that the following graduate students have been appointed to Senate for the 1999–2000 academic year (a third seat will be filled as soon as possible):

Darren Newton

Marcia Mack

Undergraduate student representation on Senate

An email dated March 24, 1999, was received from the Council of Students' Union advising that the following undergraduate students have been appointed to Senate for the 1999–2000 academic year:

Leigh Borden

Keith Dunne

Nancy Oldford

99. OTHER BUSINESS

99.1 Report of the Senate Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Dr. S. Wolinetz presented the Report of the Committee on Committees and moved that the following appointments to standing committees recommended by the Committee be approved. The motion was seconded by Dean Kealey and carried.

Committee on Academic Planning

Brosnan, Margaret (Biochemistry)

Hartmann, Gunther (Political Science)

Aboulazm, Azmy (Marine Institute) (Senator)

Gupta, Rajendra (Business Administration)

Deb, Ashoke (Computer Science)

Black, Janis (French and Spanish)

Anastasia Lintner (Economics)

Robinson, John (Engineering)

Vecchi, Linda (English)

Skipton Michael (Business Administration)

Segovia, Jorge (Medicine)

Coyne, Michael (SWGC) (Senator)

Vice-President (Academic) (CSU) Keith Dunne (or designated alternative)

Vice-President (Academic) (GSU) Marcia Mack (or designated alternative)

Vice-President (Academic) – Chair

Principal, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

University Librarian

Member until September

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Advisory Committee on the Bookstore

Stapleton, Donna (Business Administration)

Jones, Marguerite (Library)

Wallack, Michael (Political Science)

Bradley, James (Philosophy)

One Vacancy

Nemec, Thomas (Anthropology)

Sooklal, Lessey (Business Administration)

Dean of Student Affairs and Services (Carson Leonard)

Head of the Bookstore

Undergraduate student – Derek Novak

Graduate student
Member until September

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Advisory Committee on the Library

Snook, Jean (German)

Howley, Martin (Library)

Jeffrey, Gary (Education)

Shorrocks, Graham (English)

Lippold, Karen (Library)

Wernerheim, Michael (Economics)

Scott, Peter (Biology)

Diane Taylor Harding (Marine Institute)

Gamble, Donald (French & Spanish)

Swamidas, Arisi (Engineering)

Kuester, Vivienne (Physical Education)

Undergraduate student – Jamie Baker

Graduate student

Vice-President (Academic)

University Librarian

Member until May

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Advisory Committee on the University Budget

Kealey, Linda (History)

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Skipton, Michael (Business Administration)

Fisher, Andrew (Engineering)

Gardner, Grant (Biology)

Graesser, Mark (Political Science)

Pike, Holly (SWGK)

Jeffery, Gary (Education)

Brown, Ed (Marine Institute)

Treasurer (GSU)

Undergraduate student – Leigh Borden

Vice-President (Administration & Finance)

Director of Budgets

Member until

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Advisory Committee on the University Timetable

Sabin, Gary (Engineering)

Elliott, Harry (Education)

Clase, Howard (Chemistry)

Mulligan, Martin (Biochemistry)

Undergraduate student – David Squires

Graduate student

Registrar or delegate

Dean of Student Affairs and Services or delegate
Member until May

2002 (Senator)*

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Committee on Copyright

Fudge, Matthew (Marine Institute)

Schipper, William (English)

Kim, Ki Su (Education)

Tillotson, Joy (Library)

Dennis, Christopher (Library)

Copyright Officer

Undergraduate student – David Tarrant

Graduate student

University Librarian

Member until September

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Committee on Educational Technology

Andrews, Edward (SWGC Env. Sci.)

Kassim, Bud (Marine Institute)

Norvell, Theodore (Engineering)

Haché, George (Education)

Gupta, Radha (Computer Science)

Curtis, Fred (Engineering)

Thompson, David (Philosophy)

Undergraduate student – Adam Dutton

Graduate student

Member until September

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Committee on Enrollment

Kiash, Rohin (Marine Institute)

Dawe, Louise (History)

Vacancy

Vacancy

Tite, Rosonna (Education and Women's Studies)

May, Douglas (Economics)

Undergraduate student – Gloria Williams

Graduate student

Registrar or delegate

Member until September

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Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial

Barker, William (English)

Aboulazm, Azmy (Marine Institute)

Coyne, Michael (SWGC)

Collins, Alice (Education)

Fisher, Andrew (Engineering)

Undergraduate student – Andrea Budgell

Graduate student

President – chair

Secretary of Senate

Public Orator – Professor Shane O'Dea
Member until September

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Committee on Research

Gosine, Ray (Engineering)

Wernerheim, Michael (Economics)

Gaudine, Alice (Nursing)

Gregory, Ann (Business)

Okshevsky, Walter (Education)

Drover, Sheila (Medicine)

Jacobs, John (Geography)

Cornish, Peter (Counselling)

Paterno, Gary (Medicine)

Burnell, D. J. (Chemistry)

Parsons, Jeffrey (Business Administration)

Bose, Neil (Engineering)

Lonardo, Michael (Library)

Graduate student –

Undergraduate student – Krista Hawco

Dean of Graduate Studies

Vice-President (Research)

Director, Office of Research (Executive Secretary)

Member until September

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Committee on Senate Elections

Casey, George (English)

Riser, Gary (Economics)

George, Glyn (Engineering)

Undergraduate student –Chris Collins

Graduate student 1999 (March 31)

Registrar – chair

Member until September

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Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Doyle, Clar (Education)

Kocurko, Ruby (Mathematics & Statistics)

McKim, Edna (Nursing)

Schipper, William (English)

Dutton, Cathy (Marine Institute)

Walsh, Donna (English)

Riser, Gary (Economics)

Leslie, Anna (Sir Wilfred Grenfell College)

Bruce-Lockhart, Michael (Engineering)

Davis, Robert (Chemistry)

Ghazala, Sue (Biochemistry)

Vidyasankar, Krishnamurty (Computer Science)

Vice-President (Academic) (CSU) – Keith Dunne

(or designated alternate)

Undergraduate student – Jamie Clements

Registrar or delegate

Chairpersons of Committee on Undergraduate

Studies of the Faculty Councils and Schools

Chair, Academic Studies Committee (SWGC)

Vice-President (Academic) or delegate

Member until May

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Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships and Financial Aid

Gupta, Rajendra (Business Administration)

Biswal, Bagala (Economics)

Singh, Sankatha (Mathematics and Statistics)

George, Glyn (Engineering)

Drover, Sheila (Medicine)

Garland, John (Counselling)

Schipper, William (English)

Hestekin, Kjellrun (Music)

Kiash, Robin (Marine Institute)

Undergraduate student – Jen Anthony

Dean of Student Affairs and Services

Supervisor of Student Affairs and Services

Supervisor of Student Awards

Registrar

Member until September

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Executive Committee of Senate

Schrank, William (Economics)

Janzen, Olaf (History, SWGC)

Sabin, Gary (Engineering)

Rich, Nathan (Physics)

Vice-President (Academic) CSU – Keith Dunne

(or designated alternate)

Graduate student – Marcia Mack
(or designated alternate)

Chair of Senate – chair

Chair of Academic Planning Committee

Registrar

Dean of Graduate Studies

Chair of Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

Member until September

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99.2 Graduate Student Representation on the Steering Committee
on Course Evaluations

It was agreed that Nancy Peckford be appointed as graduate student representative on the Steering Committee on Course Evaluations.

99.3 Report of the Committee on Procedures Concerning the Removal of Academic Administrators

Dr. Adamec noted that at the January 12, 1999 meeting of Senate, in answer to a question regarding the above-noted report, he was advised that the Board of Regents was expected to discuss the report at its March 1999 meeting. He asked the Chairman if any progress had been made in this regard. The Chairman advised that he will circulate his report and the Board's resolution of this matter when it is available.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.