

SENATE MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, 1999

A special meeting of Senate was held on Friday, February 26, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. in Room E5004.

68. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Simpson, Dr. K. Keough, Dean W. Blake, Dr. I. Bowmer, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. G. Gardner (for Acting Dean W. Davidson), Dr. E. Dow, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. D. Stewart (for Professor A. Fowler), Dean G. Kealey, Dean W. Ludlow, Dean T. Murphy, Dr. C. Orchard, Mr. L. O'Reilly, Dean T. Piper, Dean R. Seshadri, Dr. M. Volk, Professor H. Weir, Dr. A. Aboulazm, Dr. R. Adamec, Professor P. Ayres, Dr. J. Bear, Dr. S. Chandra, Dr. D. Craig, Mrs. C. Dutton, Dr. J. Evans, Dr. S. Ghazala, Mr. D. Howse, Dr. M. Kara, Dr. R. Klein, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. M. Laryea, Dr. R. Lucas, Dr. I. Mazurkewich, Dr. M. Mulligan, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. R. Payne, Dr. N. Rich, Dr. V. Richardson, Dr. G. Sabin, Dr. S. Saha, Dr. D. Thompson, Dr. D. Treslan, Dr. D. Tulett, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Dr. K. Vidyasankar, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. B. Watson, Mr. B. Whitelaw, Dr. S. Wolinetz, Dr. C. Wood, Mr. S. Kar, Mr. D. Newton, Mr. C. Corbett, Ms. K. Durant, Ms. T. O'Reilly.

The following members of the Presidential Search Committee attended by invitation: Edward Roberts (Chairman of the Board of Regents and Chairman of the Search Committee), Dr. W. Kennedy, Dr. C. Sharpe and Mr. Harold Squires. The following members of Senate who also served on the Search Committee were in attendance: Dean Murphy, Dr. Adamec, Ms. N. Peckford and Ms. T. O'Reilly.

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. C. Higgs, Dr. G. Bassler, Professor K. Hestekin, Dr. H. Hulan, Ms. K. McDonald.

70. COMPUTER SOFTWARE ENGINEERING DISPUTE

Prior to the commencement of the meeting, the President was approached by a group of Engineering students and given a motion

which they wished to have considered by Senate. The President invited some of the students to observe today's meeting and assured them that their motion would be considered at the regular meeting of Senate scheduled for March 9, 1999.

71. REPORT OF THE SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR A NEW PRESIDENT

The President advised that he had been informed on February 24, 1999 that the Presidential Search Committee intended to submit a report to the Board of Regents at a meeting of the Board scheduled to be held on February 26, 1999 at 9:30 a.m. and that the Board wished to present its report to Senate at the same time. The President noted the logistical problems associated with coordinating separate meetings of the Board of Regents, the Senate and the Provincial Cabinet in close succession, and indicated that a number of Senators were unable to be in attendance at today's meeting because of other commitments. He extended his sincere apologies to all Senators who were unable to attend the meeting because of the short notice period.

At the invitation of the President, the Chairman of the Board of Regents and Chairman of the Search Committee, Mr. Roberts presented the report of the Search Committee, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes, and elaborated on the selection process, emphasizing that the recommendation that Dr. Axel Meisen be appointed as President and Vice-Chancellor, in succession to Dr. May was made strongly and unanimously by the Search Committee.

It was then moved by Dr. Adamec, seconded by Ms. O'Reilly and carried unanimously that the Senate endorse the Search Committee's recommendation that Dr. Axel Meisen be appointed as the new President and Vice-Chancellor of Memorial University.

Mr. Roberts then thanked Senate and asked that confidentiality be preserved until the approval process is completed and the public announcement made at 12:00 noon today.

72. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.