

SENATE MINUTES

The regular meeting of Senate was held on Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004.

44. PRESENT

The President, Dr. J. Crosbie, Dr. E. Simpson, Dr. K. Keough, Dean W. Blake, Dean I. Bowmer, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. E. Dow, Dr. C. Higgs, Dean G. Kealey, Acting Dean C. Leonard, Dr. C. Loomis, Dean R. Lucas, Dean T. Murphy, Dr. C. Orchard, Mr. L. O'Reilly, Dean R. Seshadri, Dr. M. Volk, Dr. R. Adamec, Dr. J. Ashton, Professor P. Ayres, Dr. G. Bassler, Dr. J. Bear, Dr. G. Clark, Dr. D. Craig, Dr. J. deBruyn, Mrs. C. Dutton, Dr. J. Evans, Dr. S. Ghazala, Dr. D. Goldstein, Dr. H. Hulan, Dr. M. Kara, Professor K. Knowles, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. M. Laryea, Dr. W. Locke, Dr. V. Maxwell, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. J. McLean, Dr. M. Mulligan, Dr. H. Pike, Dr. N. Rich, Dr. D. Rideout, Dr. S. Saha, Dr. W. Schipper, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. D. Treslan, Dr. D. Tulett, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Professor D. Walsh, Mr. B. Whitelaw, Dr. P. Wilson, Mr. D. Newton, Ms. M. Mack, Mr. P. Barnes, Ms. L. Borden, Mr. K. Dunne, Mr. B. Harvey, Ms. N. Oldford, Ms. T. Pearce, Ms. N. Pike, Mr. D. Tarrant.

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Professor A. Fowler, Professor M. Coyne, Dr. G. Sabin and Dr. B. Watson.

46. MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held on December 14, 1999 were taken as read and confirmed, taking into account several minor amendments reported by Dr. Maxwell. These amendments will be incorporated in the official copy of the minutes.

47.1 Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial

The names of fourteen candidates recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial were presented to the Senate for awarding of doctoral degrees honoris causa. Members were

given the opportunity to discuss the merits of the candidates before voting. Upon voting by a show of hands, each candidate was approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote.

During consideration of the above-noted nominations a discussion took place regarding the desirability of continuing the process of having a Senator introduce each nomination for an honorary degree. The Chairman advised that on this occasion, the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial recommended against the practice because of the short interval (three working days) between the meeting of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial and this meeting of Senate, and particularly given the large number of nominations under consideration.

A number of Senators expressed their opinions, some in favour of and others opposed to the practise.

The Chairman agreed to re-visit the process of having a Senator introduce each candidate before the next round of nominations is presented to Senate.

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:

48. *Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

48.1 Department of Sociology

Page 181, 1999–2000 Calendar, following the heading Major, subheading Major Options, clause a) Sociology Option, delete:

"and at least six credit hours in Sociology at the 4000 level, of which three credit hours may be completed in a cross-listed S/A course."

Replace with:

"and at least six credit hours in Sociology at the 4000 level from the courses listed in Table 1 below."

Page 181, 1999–2000 Calendar, following the subheading Minor Options, immediately following:

"Sociology courses at the 4000 level,"

Insert the following:

"listed in Table 1 below,"

Page 181, 1999–2000 Calendar, following the subheading Minor Option, but before the heading Honours, insert the following table:

"Table 1: Sociology courses that can be used to fulfill the 4000 level requirements for the Major and Minor in Sociology

4040 4103 4120 4206

4094 4104 4130 4210

4095 4105 4150 4212

4098 4106 4160 4600

4101 4107 4170 4995

4102 4108 4204"

48.2 School of Nursing

Page 327, 1999–2000 Calendar, amend the course description only for N5700. Nursing Management, to read as follows:

"N5700. Nursing Management. This course is designed to promote an understanding of theories and principles of management of nursing practice. Process, methods and issues pertinent to nursing in Canada are emphasized."

Lecture and Notes remain unchanged.

Page 325, 1999–2000 Calendar, delete the current title for N2700 and replace with the following:

"N2700. Nursing Theories in Practice."

Page 319, 1999–2000 Calendar, following the heading General Regulations for the Bachelor of Nursing (Collaborative) Programme, subheading Admission, amend clause 4) to read as follows:

"...stated in clause 3 in order to be considered for admission. The work and life experiences of mature students who do not meet the normal admission requirements will be reviewed on an individual basis to determine the likelihood of success in the program."

48.3 Department of German and Russian

A memorandum dated December 10, 1999 was received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies forwarding a proposal from the Academic Council, Faculty of Arts, that German 2900 and German 2901 be designated Research/Writing courses. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Undergraduate Studies, Faculty of Arts, the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Arts and by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.

Dr. G. Bassler raised the following concerns on behalf of the History Department regarding the implications of the proposal:

- o the suitability of the courses as Research/Writing
- o the historical format and content of the courses.
- o their duplication with two History courses
- o the lack of any consultation by the Head of the Department of German and Russian with the Head of the History Department

He advised that the Dean of Arts has agreed to invite the Head of the Department of History and the Head of the Department of German and Russian to a meeting to discuss the concerns.

Dr. Bassler then moved that the proposal be tabled until this meeting has taken place. The motion was seconded by Dr. Sharpe.

Before calling for a vote on the motion, the Chairman invited the Dean of Arts to comment on the urgency of the proposal.

Dean Murphy advised Senate that the two courses have been in existence for some period of time and that their designation as Research/Writing courses is being recommended in the normal fashion. He noted that all candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree are required to complete two Research/Writing courses and it must be ensured that there is a sufficient range and number of courses to allow students to fulfill this requirement. While a meeting of the Heads of the two departments concerned has been arranged, Dean Murphy stated that he felt that it was unlikely that a resolution would be reached following one meeting.

A vote was then taken on the motion to table and the procedural motion was CARRIED.

49. Remarks from the Chair – Questions/Comments from Senators

* The President advised that the Federal Government has announced its intention to fund up to 2000 Millennium Research Chairs. The objectives remain to be determined but clear indication has been given that the Chairs would be in the areas of the three principal funding agencies, i.e. NSERC, MRC and SSHRC and that the holders of the Research Chairs would engage in research and teaching. The initial suggestion is that the Chairs will be allocated to Universities in accordance with their income from grants received from NSERC, MRC and SSHRC. An examination of prorated allocation to eligible Universities and Colleges shows that there would be large differences in allocations. For example, under this proposal, the University of Toronto would receive 270 compared to 25 for Memorial.

The President went on to say that this matter is of great concern to Memorial and to other medium sized universities. A number of university presidents are actively trying to find ways and means to permit a more appropriate distribution of the Chairs rather than the simple prorated allocation. The President noted that it would be preferable for the allocations to be in accordance with the research capabilities and accomplishments of an institution even though they may not cover the entire research spectrum.

* The President noted that on December 23, 1999, he was advised by Dr. Keough that Memorial University, together with the University of Victoria will receive \$6 million from SSHRC and NSERC over the next five years through a single award under SSHRC's Major Collaborative Research Initiatives (MCRI) program. This is one of the largest awards ever made in Canada by SSHRC. In addition, Dr. W. Locke, Department of Economics has been awarded a SSHRC Strategic Theme Grant of \$495,000 for "Challenges and Opportunities of a Knowledge-Based Economy in Newfoundland and Labrador"; Dr. Michael Murray, Faculty of Medicine has been awarded a SSHRC Strategic Theme Grant of \$383,000 for "Norms and Narratives: Values Concerning Health and Illness in an Aging Population"; and Dr. P. Pope, Department of Anthropology has been awarded a SSHRC CURA Grant of \$579,785 for the Newfoundland Archaeological Heritage Outreach Programme. The President congratulated all concerned for these achievements. Dean Blake commented that four faculty members from the Faculty of Business Administration were also involved in the award to Dr. Locke. He acknowledged Dr. Locke's leadership and cited this as an example of co-operation between faculties.

50. OTHER BUSINESS

50.1 Enrollment Statistics

Preliminary enrollment for Winter Semester 2000 as reported on the first day of lectures for this semester compared to both preliminary enrollments and final enrollments (final enrollments are determined on the last day of the registration period) for the two previous Winter Semesters were circulated to Senate for information. These numbers show good news on two fronts – stable enrollment and a reduction of approximately 30% in the number of waitlisted students.

50.2 Special Meeting of Senate

In response to a question from Dr. Maxwell regarding the topic for the next special meeting of Senate scheduled for the March 14, 2000 meeting of Senate, Dr. Simpson advised that a topic for the meeting has not yet been decided.

51. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.