

## SENATE MINUTES

MARCH 10, 1998

The regular meeting of Senate was held on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004.

### 68. PRESENT

Dr. J. Tuinman (Acting Chair), Dean W. Blake, Mr. G. Collins, Acting Dean W. Davidson, Professor A. J. Fowler, Dr. C. Higgs, Mr. R. Ellis, Mr. W. Green, Dean G. Kealey, Professor S. Solberg, Dean W. Ludlow, Dean T. Murphy, Dean T. Piper, Dean R. Seshadri, Dr. M. Volk, Professor H. Weir, Dr. S. Abhyankar, Dr. A. Aboulazm, Dr. R. Adamec, Dr. J. Bear, Professor L. Bennett, Mr. E. Brown, Dr. G. Burford, Dr. S. Chandra, Dr. G. Clark, Dr. D. Craig, Dr. J. Evans, Dr. S. Ghazala, Professor K. Hestekin, Dr. M. Kara, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. W. Locke, Dr. R. Lucas, Dr. V. Maxwell, Dr. I. Mazurkewich, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. M. Mulligan, Captain W. Norman, Dr. R. Payne, Ms. M. Pippy, Dr. N. Rich, Dr. R. Rivkin, Dr. G. Sabin, Dr. S. Saha, Dr. G. Shorrocks, Dr. D. Thompson, Dr. D. Treslan, Dr. D. Tulett, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Dr. K. Vidyasankar, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. A. Whittick, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. S. Wolinetz, Ms. N. Peckford, Mr. J. Craig, Mr. K. Smedbol, Mr. K. Clarke, Ms. P. McCormick, Mr. S. Musseau, Mr. D. Newton, Mr. J. Parsons, Mr. T. Parsons, Ms. V. Taylor.

A number of observers were also in attendance.

Dr. Tuinman welcomed new senators, Mr. W. Green, Deputy Minister of Education, Dr. M. Kara, School of Pharmacy and re-elected senator, Dr. J. Evans.

As this was the last meeting in their current term of office for student senators, Dr. Tuinman thanked them for their participation during the past year.

### 69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the President, Dr. J. C. Crosbie, Ms. J. Dempster, Mr. L. O'Reilly, Dr. G. Bassler, Dr. H. Hulan, Dr. V. Richardson and Dr. C. Wood.

## 70. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 10, 1998 were taken as read and confirmed.

## 71. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON SENATE

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

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

### 71.1 Amendments to the Interdisciplinary M.Sc. Degree Programme in Computational Science

Amendments to the calendar entry for the new Interdisciplinary M.Sc. Degree Programme in Computational Science, approved by Senate on January 13, 1998.

Amend the paragraph following the heading Participating Departments and Organizations as follows:

"This interdisciplinary programme offers the Master of Science degree in both Computational Science, and Computational Science (Co-operative). The departments of Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, and Physics and Physical Oceanography are involved..."

Following the heading Co-operative Education Option

Add clause 4. as follows:

"4. Students who are accepted into the co-op option are not guaranteed placements. In the event that a student fails to obtain two semesters of placements, but successfully completes all other requirements of the degree, he or she will still be eligible for graduation, but without the designation of a co-op degree."

### 71.2 Faculty of Business Administration

Page 405, 1997–98 Calendar, following the heading Regulations Governing the Degree of Master of Business Administration, sub-heading, F) Evaluation delete the current clauses F.3 and F.4, and replace with the following:

"3. A candidate is required to withdraw from the M.B.A. programme if:

- a) a final grade of 'C' is obtained in more than two courses, or
- b) final grade of 'C' or less is obtained in a repeated course, or
- c) a final grade of less than 'C' is obtained in more than one course.

"4. Clause F.3 notwithstanding, to remain in the programme, a candidate who obtains a final grade of 'C' or less in any course must repeat that course, normally when next offered, and is permitted to repeat that course only once."

#### 71.3 Clarification of Terms of Reference: Senate ad hoc Committee on Procedures Concerning Removal of Academic Administrators

A memorandum dated February 26, 1998 was received from the Executive Committee of Senate advising that a request had been received from Professor Mark Graesser, Chair of the Senate ad hoc Committee on Procedures Concerning Removal of Academic Administrators, requesting clarification of the term "academic administrators". Professor Graesser advised that the ad hoc committee is tentatively taking this group to include the following:

Heads of Departments (academic departments)

Deans, Directors, the Principal of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, and the University Librarian

The Vice-President (Academic) and the Vice-President (Research)

The President

The Executive Committee agreed to recommend to Senate that the tentative definition proposed by the ad hoc Committee be amended as follows:

1. Delete Heads of Departments (academic departments) since it would be too cumbersome to implement such a process for removal of Heads of Departments, particularly in view of the fact that their term of office is for only three years.
2. Delete President since the contract contains a clause allowing either party to terminate the arrangement with one year's notice.
3. "Directors" should read "directors who head academic units offering degrees, diplomas, or certificates including the Executive Director of the Marine Institute and the Executive Director of Continuing Education".

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Rich that these amendments be approved.

It was then moved by Dr. Adamec, seconded by Dr. Maxwell and carried that the previous motion be amended to the effect that amendments 1. and 3. be approved and that item 2. be amended to read as follows:

"President, unless the contract between the President and the Board includes a clause for termination."

The main motion, as amended, was then carried.

#### 71.4 Response from the Faculty of Education to the Report of the ad hoc Committee on the Teaching of Writing

A memorandum dated February 2, 1998 was received for information, from the Faculty of Education in response to certain recommendations of the Senate ad hoc Committee on the Teaching of Writing. These recommendations were endorsed by Senate at a meeting held on April 8, 1997, and forwarded to the Faculty and Academic Councils for appropriate action.

#### 71.5 Report of the Committee on Committees

On behalf of the Committee, Dr. S. Wolinetz presented the following report of the Committee on Committees:

## Student Representative on the ad hoc Committee on Offering Credit Courses by Non-Teaching Units

It was moved by Dr. Wolinetz, seconded by Ms. McCormick and carried, that Mr. Chris Corbett be appointed as undergraduate student representative on the Senate ad hoc Committee on Offering Credit Courses by Non-Teaching Units.

## Ad hoc Committee on Outstanding Issues with Regard to the Proposed Computer Engineering Programme

At a meeting held on February 10, 1998, Senate agreed that the Committee on Committees be asked to recommend membership and terms of reference for an ad hoc Committee to be created for the purpose of resolving outstanding issues with regard to the proposed Computer Engineering Programme. A memorandum dated March 9, 1998 has now been received from the Committee on Committees outlining the proposed terms of reference and membership for the ad hoc Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Wolinetz, seconded by Dr. Ghazala and carried that the following terms of reference for the ad hoc Committee be approved:

1. The committee shall resolve or suggest solutions for outstanding issues or problems, arising from the proposed Computer Engineering Programme, which exist between the Department of Computer Science and the Faculty of Engineering.
2. Issues or problems which the committee shall consider include, in order of priority:
  - a. The extent to which existing or new courses in the proposed Computer Engineering Programme parallel or duplicate courses offered by the Department of Computer Science, including reasons why such courses could or could not be cross-listed and taught by either members of the Department of Computer Science or the Faculty of Engineering.
  - b. Student demand for Computer Science and Computer Engineering programmes.

- c. The projected impact of more or less cooperation between the two units on academic staffing.
- d. Any other sources of conflict or friction between the Department of Computer Science and the Faculty of Engineering

3. The Committee shall be provided with documentation and decisions from the units involved, and from previous committees which have considered these or related questions.

4. The Committee shall have institutional, administrative and secretarial support from the Registrar's Office and the Centre for Institutional Analysis.

5. The Committee may call for either written or oral submissions from the units involved and from faculty or staff members who have been involved in previous examinations of the issues mentioned above.

6. Designated alternates shall attend meetings in the event that representatives from Computer Science or the Electrical Engineering Discipline are unable to attend. In such circumstances, designated alternates may attend instead of the regular representatives.

7. The Committee shall present a report to Senate no later than April 25, 1998 in order to permit consideration of its recommendations by the April 30th meeting of the Senate Executive and the May 12th meeting of the Senate. In its report the committee shall

- a. delineate those issues which have been or can be easily resolved,
- b. recommend possible solutions or means by which they might be reached for those issues which have not or cannot be resolved, including external review if need be, and
- c. indicate whether there are any obstacles which might prevent the proposed Computer Engineering Programme from going forward.

It was then moved by Dr. Wolinetz, seconded by Dr. Maxwell and carried, that the following membership of the ad hoc Committee be approved:

George Beckett, Health Sciences Library (Chair)

Dr. William Barker, Department of English

Dr. Dale Foster, Faculty of Business Administration

Dr. David Graham, Department of French and Spanish

Dr. Tony Middleton, Department of Computer Science

Dr. George Miminis (designated alternate), Department of Computer Science

Dr. Howard Heys, Electrical Engineering Discipline, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Dr. John Robinson (designated alternate), Electrical Engineering Discipline, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Louise Pinsent Parsons, Assistant Registrar (Secretary, non-voting)

One undergraduate student from the Faculty of Engineering

(if possible from the Electrical Engineering Discipline)

One undergraduate student from the Faculty of Science (if possible from Computer Science)

One graduate student

#### 71.6 Report of the Senate Elections Committee

A memorandum dated February 12, 1998 was received from the Committee on Senate Elections reporting the entitlement of each constituency to seats on Senate for the 1998-99 academic year, in accordance with the procedures for election of Senate members.

#### 71.7 Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial

A recommendation was received from the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial that the colour "Nutmeg" be approved for the hood for the Bachelor of Business Administration degree.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dean Blake and carried, that this request be approved.

The Committee on Honorary Degrees also recommended that a request from the Faculty of Business Administration to change the hood colour name for the Bachelor of Commerce degree from "Drab" to "Tan" be approved.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dean Blake and carried, that this request be approved.

#### 71.8 Search Committee for Vice-President (Academic)

A memorandum dated February 25, 1998 was received from the President inviting Senate to participate in the selection of individuals for a Search Committee for Vice-President (Academic) which will be chaired by the President.

For the information of Senators, the Secretary advised that to date, Group 1 has chosen Dr. Paul Wilson as representative, Group 5 has chosen Dr. Robert Adamec and the ex-officio Senators have chosen Dean Gregory Kealey. Group 3 and Student Senators from the G.S.U., C.S.U. (Marine Institute), C.S.U. (Sir Wilfred Grenfell College) have yet to make their choices.

#### 71.9 Motions Passed at Faculty Council of Science

A memorandum dated February 24, 1998 was received for information, from the Faculty Council of Science advising that the following motions were passed at a meeting of Council held on February 19, 1998:

Motion: The Faculty of Science Council urges the President to establish a Search Committee with elected members for the appointment of the next Vice-President (Academic) of Memorial University.



Motion: It is moved that the Faculty Council communicate the previous motion to other faculty councils, Senate and the Board of Regents, and urge them to consider a similar request to the President.

Dean Murphy advised Senate that the Faculty Council of Arts at a recent meeting had passed similar motions with regard to the establishment of the Search Committee.

## 72. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Maxwell reminded Senate that at the meeting of Senate held on March 11, 1997, Senate agreed to forward certain recommendations outlined in the Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee on First Year Mathematics to the Faculty of Science for appropriate action with the request that a report on the disposition of the recommendations be received for the April, 1998 meeting of Senate.

## 73. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

# MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

## SENATE

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## 74. PRESENT

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A number of observers were also in attendance.

#### 75.APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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#### 76. Final Report of the Task Group on University Priorities and Resources – Discussion Paper on University Transformation Principles, Strategies and Priorities

Dr. J. Tuinman, Co-chair of the Task Group on University Priorities and Resources introduced the Discussion Paper on University Transformation Principles, Strategies and Priorities and advised that the purpose of the meeting was to convey Senate's views on this matter to the larger University community and to the Senate Committee on Academic Planning.

Copies of the following documents were circulated to Senate in advance of the meeting:

Letter from Dr. R. Adamec dated January 18, 1998.

Digital Diploma Mills: The Automation of Higher Education – submitted by Dr. Vance Maxwell.

Letter and attachment dated February 19, 1998 from Dr. R. Adamec.

A broad ranging discussion involving a large number of Senators then took place covering the following illustrative but not exhaustive list of topics:

- \* the value of basic research
- \* the question of how best, in the current financial climate, to continue the University's mandate which is to acquire and disseminate knowledge
- \* the "corporatization" of the university and the presentation of students as customers
- \* the governance structure of the University
- \* the advantages and disadvantages of incorporating technology in teaching and learning
- \* the value of a liberal education versus a professional one
- \* the difficulty of setting priorities within an organization as complex as ours as well as the difficulty of measuring the share of resources that should be allocated to each sector within the organization
- \* the question of whether to consult widely with constituents prior to or after a future course for the University has been set

It was moved by Dr. Adamec, seconded by Professor Weir and carried that Senators charge themselves to meet and consult with their constituencies on future directions and priorities of Memorial University and to report back to the Senate the results of their consultations.

## 77. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.