

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on Tuesday, November 9, 1993, at 8:00 p.m. in Room E5004.

14. PRESENT

The President, Dr. J. Tuinman, Dr. K. Bindon, Dean W. Blake, Mr. G. Collins, Acting Dean A. Collins, Ms. M. Chalker (for Mr. Richard Ellis), Acting Dean J. Foltz, Professor M. Lamb, Dean W. Ludlow, Dean J. Malpas, Dr. W. Rowe, Dean T. Murphy, Dean G. Skanes, Dr. M. Volk, Dr. S. Algoo-Baksh, Dr. G. Bassler, Dr. W. Davidson, Professor S. Findlay, Dr. G. Gardner, Dr. M. Haddara, Professor K. Hestekin, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. G. Kealey, Dr. J. Kennedy, Dr. H. Kiefte, Dr. R. Lucas, Professor E. McKim, Dr. W. McKim, Dr. P. Nosko, Dr. T. Patel, Dr. R. Payne, Dr. H. Peters, Dr. R. Pickavance, Dr. N. Rich, Dr. P. Scott, Dr. D. Treslan, Dr. M. Wernerheim, Dr. H. Williams, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. M. Withey, Ms. J. Andrews, Ms. N. Clement, Mr. D. Baker, Mr. J. Grimes, Ms. S. Rich, Ms. H. Spratt, Mr. D. Whiteley.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr. K. Keough, Dr. C. Harley, Dr. Moore-Orr, Dr. L. Pereira-Mendoza, Dr. W. Redden.

16. MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of Senate held September 14, 1993, were taken as read and confirmed.

17. COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES

The Chairman briefly outlined for the benefit of senators the revised procedures for honorary degrees. Six names recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees were presented to the Committee for awarding of a doctoral degree honoris causa. Upon voting by a show of hands four of the six candidates were approved.

18. *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:

18.1 *Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate

Studies

It was moved by Dr. Treslan, seconded by Dr. Kennedy and carried, that the following undergraduate calendar changes be approved or received for information as appropriate:

School of Music

New Course

Music 3106. Sixteenth Century Counterpoint. A course combining the analytical study of 16th-century sacred polyphony with the development of compositional skills in this style, with an emphasis on the latter. Students will be required to write two- and three-part counterpoint exercises and a motet. The principal composers studied will be Palestrina, Lassus and Victoria; some listening and singing assignments are required.
Pre-requisite/Co-requisite: Music 310A/B.

Page 144, 1993-94 Calendar,

- i. delete the heading "Theory Major" and replace with "Theory and Composition Major".
- ii. following the current heading "Theory Major" delete "410A/B" and replace with "3106".
- iii. following b) Music Electives, delete the current entry and replace with:

"- 3 electives in music theory chosen from:
Music 3100, Music 3103, Music 3104, Music 3105
- 1 open elective in Music
- 2 electives from music (other than theory)
OR Schedule A (Music)"

Page 143, amend (b) Piano Proficiency Test to read:

"...at the piano. Applicants whose level of attainment is not acceptable to the School will be required to repeat and pass the Piano Proficiency Test prior to registering for Music 210A. Students are advised to contact the School of Music regarding scheduling of the test and for information about private remedial piano instruction."

Page 145, following the heading Applied Music Courses delete entries for Music 105F and Music 106F.

Page 146, following the heading Music Theory Courses amend the Prerequisite for 310A/B.

Materials and Techniques of Music III to read:

"Prerequisite: Music 210B."

Amend the Prerequisite for Music 210A/B.
Materials and Techniques of Music II to read:

"Prerequisites: Music 110B and successful
completion of the Piano Proficiency Test."

Page 145, following the heading Applied Music
Courses amend the course description for Music
150A/B. Principal Applied Study I as follows:

Delete "ii) One hour per week of seminar in the
principal applied study". Re-number clause iii)
as ii).

Amend the course description for Music 250A/B.
Principal Applied Study II. as follows:

Delete "ii) One hour per week of seminar in the
principal applied study". Re-number clause iii)
as ii).

*School of Nursing

Page 272, 1993-94 Calendar, change course title
for Nursing 4002 from "Introduction to Nursing
Research II: Methodology and Critique" to
"Introduction to Nursing Research: Methodology
and Critique."

Page 266, 1992-93 Calendar following the heading
Bachelor of Nursing: For Basic Students Admission
to the School of Nursing amend first paragraph of
clause 3. as follows:

"3. To be considered for admission to the School
of Nursing applicants are normally required to
have successfully completed with a minimum
overall average of 65%, ten courses which must
include the following or their equivalents:

*Department of Geography

Page 116, 1993-94 Calendar, amend title "4900-
4909. Special Topics in Geography" to read "4900-
4919. Special Topics in Geography".

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

It was moved by Dr. Malpas, seconded by Dr.
Kealey and carried, that the following graduate
calendar changes be approved or received for
information as appropriate.

*General Regulation A.2

Page 349, 1993-94 Calendar, following the heading 2. Ph.D. Programme, following the paragraph "To be considered for admission to a Ph.D. programme...area of study" add the following:

"Other students may be considered for admission to a Ph.D. programme provided that:

- a. they have been registered in a Master's programme for a minimum of 12 months, and have demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Faculty or Department concerned their ability to pursue research at the Doctoral level; or
- b. they hold a Bachelor's degree with Honours, or equivalent, from a university of recognized standing, and that the Department or Faculty is satisfied of the students' ability to pursue research at the Doctoral level."

*New Course

Earth Sciences 6175. Gravity and Magnetic Methods

*Criteria for Admission of Certified Refugees to Graduate Programmes at Memorial University

The above-noted document was approved for inclusion in the Digest of Senate Decrees and Resolutions. The document reads as follows:

- "1. In cases where candidates are able to provide all necessary documentation regarding previous undergraduate and/or graduate studies, letters of reference, and the results of English Proficiency Tests, the normal admission procedures should be followed.
2. In cases where applicants are unable to provide some or all of the above documents, they must:
 - a) Provide evidence of acceptable proficiency in English;
 - b) Submit copies of all available official and/or unofficial documentation, including transcripts, degree certificates, and letters of reference;
 - c) Demonstrate adequate mastery of the discipline and proposed area of research by means of an examination. This

examination may be written or oral or both. This examination will be set and graded by a Committee approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies, on the recommendation of the Head of the appropriate academic unit. The Examining Committee will consist of a minimum of three members: two selected from a list of nominees provided by the Head of the academic unit, and at least one member appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

It will be primarily on the basis of a positive recommendation from this Examination Committee that a decision to admit the candidate to a graduate programme will be based."

*Special Topics Courses

A list of Special Topics Courses for Fall Semester, 1993, was received for information.

18.3 *Report of the Academic Planning Committee

In a letter dated October 18, 1993, the Vice-President (Academic) on behalf of the Academic Planning Committee put forward four recommendations for the consideration of Senate with respect to the Report on First-Year Programmes of Study at Memorial University.

Following a long discussion on the impact that these recommendations could have on the structure of the University and the admission of students to the various Faculties and Schools, the motions were considered individually with the results indicated below:

It was moved by Dr. Tuinman, seconded by Dr. Scott and carried that the following recommendation be approved:

1. THAT Senate encourage Faculties and Schools to admit students to first entry degree programmes in the first semester, where this is academically desirable.

It was moved by Dr. Tuinman, seconded by Dr. Malpas and carried that the following recommendation be approved:

2. THAT Senate encourage Faculties and Schools which do not admit students to first entry degree programmes in the first semester to admit them at the end of the first year.

It was agreed that the words "where this is academically desirable" be added at the end of this recommendation.

It was moved by Dr. Tuinman, seconded by Dr. Treslan and carried that the following recommendation be approved:

3. THAT Senate refer the matter of limiting the number of courses students may complete prior to their acceptance into a first-entry degree programme to the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee.

It was moved by Dr. Tuinman, seconded by Dr. Volk and carried that the following recommendation be approved:

4. THAT Senate direct the Registrar to bring to Senate changes in the Calendar stemming from the termination of General Studies as an administrative unit.

18.4 Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Malpas and carried, that the following amendments to the Regulations for Honorary Degrees be approved:

Amend clause 5.c) to read as follows:

c) to furnish the Secretary of Senate with a report which shall contain a copy of the "Regulations for Honorary Degrees" and the names of those recommended to receive Honorary Degrees at the next forthcoming Convocation, or at a future Convocation, giving reasons for the recommendations and any other relevant facts.

Amend clause 6 to read as follows:

6. At a meeting of the Senate provision will be made for a discussion of the merits of each candidate before voting takes place; the names of those recommended by the Committee shall be voted on individually by show of hands and no degree shall be conferred unless the

recommendation is given the affirmative vote of at least two thirds of all members present.

Amend clause 7. to as follows:

"The Chairman of the Senate shall communicate in writing...".

During the consideration of these amendments, Dr. McKim questioned why a proposal to confer an Honorary Degree may be submitted only by a member of Senate. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that any member of the University community should be able to submit such a proposal. The Chairman indicated that this is consistent with the practise of the Honorary Degrees Committee in that nominations from non-Senators are sponsored by the Chairman or by the Secretary of Senate. It was agreed to amend Clause 2 of the Regulations for Honorary Degrees to delete the phrase "but only by a member of the Senate" and insert the phrase "by any member of the University community".

Dr. Skanes commented that the connection of an honorary degree candidate with Newfoundland seems to be raised time after time during the consideration of candidates for Honorary Degrees. Following a discussion about whether or not this ought to be a factor in determining the worthiness of a candidate for an honorary degree, the Chairman agreed to inform the Committee on Honorary Degrees that the deliberations had taken place and agreed to ask the Committee whether it wished to make a report to Senate.

18.5 Report of the Senate Committee on Committees

The following appointments recommended by the Committee were confirmed:

Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid	Member until August 31
Barbara Starcher (German and Russian)	1996
Advisory Committee on the Bookstore	
Faye Murrin (Biology)	1994

18.6 Student Appeals

The Secretary of the Executive Committee reported that an appeal from Student #9023300 was denied.

18.7 Minutes of the Marine Institute

A copy of the minutes of the Marine Institute Senate meeting of September 16, 1993, was received for information.

18.8 Parking for Senate Members

In a memorandum dated August 17, 1993, the Secretary

of Senate advised Senators that arrangements have been made, through University Works (Parking and Traffic), to provide parking for Senate members "on a space available basis" in Area 4 (immediately in front of the temporary buildings 8 and 9, (Humanities and Computer Science) on the evenings of regular Senate meetings.

18.9 Other Business

The Chairman asked the Secretary to circulate to Senators a copy of a survey prepared by Statistics Canada entitled "1990 Bachelor's degree recipients by satisfaction with education".

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.