

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on Tuesday, November 8, 1994, at 8:00 p.m. in Room E5004.

14. PRESENT

The President, Dr. J. Tuinman, Dr. K. Keough, Mr. A. Fowler (for Dr. K. Bindon), Dean W. Blake, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dean D. Hawkins, Professor M. Lamb, Dean W. Ludlow, Dean J. Malpas, Dean T. Piper, Dr. W. Rowe, Dean R. Seshadri, Dean G. Skanes, Dr. M. Volk, Dr. S. Algoo-Baksh, Dr. J. Bear, Dr. J. Buffinga, Dr. G. Clark, Dr. W. Davidson, Professor S. Findlay, Dr. G. Gardner, Dr. R. Gordon, Dr. G. Gunther, Dr. G. Handcock, Dr. C. Harley, Dr. W. Locke, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. G. Kealey, Dr. A. Kozma, Dr. R. Lucas, Dr. R. Moore-Orr, Dr. J. Orr, Dr. R. Payne, Dr. R. Pickavance, Dr. N. Rich, Dr. R. Rompkey, Dr. D. Treslan, Dr. C. Turner, Professor Y. Walton, Dr. H. Williams, Dr. M. Withey, Mr. C. Mercer, Mr. D. Baker, Mr. S. Barter, Ms. P. Grimes, Mr. D. Hynes, Mr. D. Gallant, Mr. R. King, Mr. B. McCartney, Ms. W. Stimson.

Dr. H. Miller attended by invitation.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dean A. Law, Dean T. Murphy, Dr. G. Bassler, Dr. J. Bradley, Dr. M. Haddara, Professor K. Hestekin, Dr. J. Kennedy, Dr. T. Patel, Dr. G. Sabin.

16. MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of Senate held October 11, 1994, were taken as read and confirmed.

17. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES

Five names recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees were presented to the Senate for awarding of a doctoral degree honoris causa.

Dr. G. Handcock, Dean Malpas, Dr. W. Davidson, Dr. O. Janzen and Mr. A. Fowler each made a brief statement about one of the candidates and members of Senate were given the opportunity to discuss the merits of the candidates before voting. Following each statement and upon voting by a show of hands, all five candidates were approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote.

Dean Hawkins presented one name recommended by the

Committee on Honorary Degrees for the award of the title Professor Emeritus. Members of Senate were given the opportunity to discuss the merits of the candidate before voting. Upon voting by show of hands, the candidate was approved for consideration by the Board of Regents by at least a two-thirds majority vote.

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 Business Arising from the Minutes

Request to Restrict Admission to Chemistry 240B

At a meeting held on September 14, 1994, Senate considered a proposal from the Department of Chemistry "that students who obtain a grade of 40 or less in the final examination in Chemistry 240A will normally be required to repeat the course before proceeding to Chemistry 240B." At that meeting this issue was referred back to the Department of Chemistry for consideration of issues raised by Senate and for consultation with academic staff members in Chemistry at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

In a memorandum dated October 14, 1994, the Department of Chemistry has now proposed that for the current calendar year only "Students who obtain a grade of 40 or less in the Chemistry 240A Christmas exam will normally be required to repeat the course before proceeding to Chemistry 240B".

It was moved by Dr. Lucas and seconded by Dr. Gardner that this proposal be approved and that the regulation apply to students attending the St. John's campus only.

Following considerable debate the motion was defeated.

18.2 Student Appeal

MUN NO. 9023292

Following the normal appeals process, this student's appeal against the decision of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science that he be required to repeat Academic Term IV of the Engineering Programme, was denied by the Executive Committee of Senate at a meeting held on October 27, 1994. The student subsequently requested that his appeal be heard by Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Skanes seconded by Dr. Janzen and

carried, that this student's appeal be DENIED.

- * Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

18.3 Proposal to Cease Offering the Degree of Bachelor of Medical Science

It was moved by Dr. Clark, seconded by Dr. Moore-Orr and carried, that a proposal from the Faculty of Medicine that it cease to offer the Bachelor of Medical Science Degree be approved.

18.4 Calendar Changes Resulting from the Termination of General Studies

At the March 1, 1994 meeting of Senate calendar changes resulting from the termination of General Studies were approved. At that time, it was suggested that Regulation 1., under the heading ACADEMIC REGULATIONS GOVERNING FIRST-YEAR COURSES AND INFORMATION FOR NEW FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS be referred to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for review. In the process of editing the calendar in accordance with the changes agreed to by Senate, Regulation 1. was inadvertently omitted from the 1994-95 Calendar. This matter was referred to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for consideration and clarification at a meeting held on September 29, 1994.

Since the information in Regulation 1. is covered in General Regulation S. REGULATIONS FOR EXAMINATIONS AND EVALUATIONS, Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies is recommending that Regulation 1. remain an omission from the Calendar.

It was moved by Dr. Treslan, seconded by Mr. Collins and carried that this recommendation be approved.

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

18.5 Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Because the documentation circulated to Senators was incomplete, it was agreed to defer consideration of this item until the December meeting of Senate.

17.6 Changes in By-Laws of the Academic Council - Clause 3

The following change in the by-laws of the Academic Council was received for information:

Delete Clause 3 and replace with the following:

"3. Committee on Rules, Regulations and Courses

- a) There shall be a Committee on Rules, Regulations and Courses charged with the responsibility for:
- i. Considering proposals from any Academic Unit* authorized to offer graduate studies for changes in and/or additions to rules of procedure, academic and other regulations, programmes and courses, and then making recommendations to the Academic Council.
NOTE: When a proposal originates in a Department, it will be necessary for the Department to ensure that the appropriate Faculty Council has been informed of the proposal, and to provide evidence to the Committee that this has been done. The Committee on Rules, Regulations and Courses should be informed of the outcome of any debate that occurs in a Faculty Council.
 - ii. Considering proposals from the Graduate Students' Union for changes in and/or additions to rules or procedure, and academic or other regulations, and then making recommendations to the Academic Council.
 - iii. Reviewing applications for Special Topics Courses. The decision to approve or reject such applications shall be communicated to the Academic Unit concerned, as well as the Secretary of Academic Council.
 - iv. Considering and other matters referred to it by the Dean or the Academic Council.

The term Academic Unit is defined to include the following: the Council of a Faculty or School, a Department, an Institute of the University, or a Committee or Board established by the Senate to administer an Interdisciplinary programme.

18.7 Report of the Senate Committee on Committees

(a) Changes to Senate Standing Committees

In a communication dated October 20, 1994, the Senate Committee on Committees recommended the following changes to Senate Standing Committees:

1. That the current Committee on Honorary Degrees and the Committee on Convocations, Academic Dress and Ceremonial be reconstituted as one Committee to be re-named "The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial".
2. That the Committee's terms of reference be a merger of the two previous Committee's terms with the following addition:

"To receive suggestions for and present to the

Senate nominations for the title of Professor Emeritus for eventual approval by the Board of Regents."

3. That the Committee on Undergraduate Studies' Terms of Reference be changed to include:

"To approve all final grades for undergraduate courses before they are released by the Registrar's Office."

4. That Academic and Student Members of Senate Committees cannot send delegates in their place.

It was moved by Dr. Kealey, seconded by Mr. Collins and carried that the above changes be approved.

(b) Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Measure of Credit at Memorial University

In a communication dated October 5, 1994, the Committee on Committees advised that Dr. G. A. Gardner has agreed to Chair the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Measure of Credit at Memorial University.

18.8 Report of the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid

A memorandum dated October 11, 1994, was received from the Senate Committee on Scholarships and Financial Aid recommending that the current definition of scholarship standing for entrance students to Memorial be replaced with the following:

"Scholarship standing for undergraduate entrance students is defined as a 75% average compiled from the final grades received in secondary school courses required for university admission. Students in their final year of high school who have completed or who are completing a slate of courses which meets the course requirements may be provisionally offered scholarships prior to the writing of their examinations. The provisional offer will remain in effect until university admission averages are determined. Where admission averages are 90% or above the scholarship shall be awarded".

Following consideration, it was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Tuinman and carried that Senate endorse the change in the definition of scholarship standing for entrance students to Memorial.

18.9 Naming of Student Senator

A memorandum dated October 20, 1994 has been received from the Council of Students' Union naming Paula Grimes to the Senate.

18.10 Report of the Senate Advisory Committee on the Library

A memorandum dated October 31, 1994 was received from the Senate Advisory Committee on the Library expressing its concern regarding the possibility of further cancellations in the Queen Elizabeth II Library and noting that the minutes of the January 9, 1990 meeting of Senate show that a report from the Senate Advisory Committee on the Library was submitted to Senate and that the following motion carried:

- "1) That Senate, in the form of advice to the University administration in setting of budget priorities, endorse in principle the policy that base levels of annual support should be set which would permit the Library
 - a) to maintain serials subscriptions at a level no lower than the level established after the final phase of the periodical use study (study number 4) is completed (Fall 1990).
 - b) to maintain monograph purchases at a level equivalent (mutatis mutandis) to that of 1984-85
- 2) that there be commitment to maintain these levels for four years, after which they would be subject to review.
- 3) that formulas be agreed to for adjusting the level of funding depending on price inflation, currency exchange fluctuations, growth in publishing volume, changes in University teaching and research programmes, and other factors as necessary."

Following considerable discussion, it was moved by Dr. Rich, seconded by Mr. Ellis and carried that the Senate reasserts its previous position and make the maintenance of the Library's holdings its very highest academic priority.

18.11 Motion of which notice of which has been previously given

In light of the passing of the previous motion subsequent to consideration of the report of the Advisory Committee on the Library, Dr. Rich withdrew the motion "that the Senate Advisory Committee on the Library be requested to report to Senate as soon as possible on the academic consequences of reductions of periodicals acquisitions in the Memorial University Library".

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.