

SENATE MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 1998

The regular meeting of Senate was held on Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004.

15. PRESENT

The President, Dr. J. Strawbridge, Dr. K. Keough, Professor. A. Fowler, Dean I. Bowmer, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. G. Gardner (for Acting Dean W. Davidson), Dr. E. Dow, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. C. Higgs, Dean G. Kealey, Dean W. Ludlow, Dr. J. Black (for Dean T. Murphy), Dr. C. Orchard, Dean T. Piper, Dr. M. Volk, Mr. R. Hyde (for Professor H. Weir), Dr. A. Aboulazm, Dr. R. Adamec, Professor. P. Ayres, Dr. G. Bassler, Dr. G. Clark, Professor. M. Coyne, Dr. D. Craig, Mrs. C. Dutton, Dr. J. Evans, Dr. S. Ghazala, Professor K. Hestekin, Dr. R. Klein, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. R. Lucas, Dr. I. Mazurkewich, Dr. M. Mulligan, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. M. Paul, Dr. R. Payne, Dr. N. Rich, Dr. V. Richardson, Dr. D. Thompson, Dr. D. Treslan, Dr. D. Tulett, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Dr. K. Vidyasankar, Dr. S. Wolinetz, Dr. C. Wood, Mr. S. Kar, Mr. C. Corbett, Mr. J. Dalton, Ms. K. Durant, Ms. T. O'Reilly, Ms. L. Patey, Ms. N. Pike.

The President welcomed Dr. Evan Simpson, Memorial's Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice Chancellor, designate, who will officially take up his post on January 1, 1999 and new student representatives, Mr. Jason Dalton, Marine Institute and Ms. Nadia Pike, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. W. Green, Mr. D. Howse, Dr. H. Pike, Dr. V. Maxwell and Dr. S. Saha.

17. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on September 8, 1998, were taken as read and confirmed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES AND CEREMONIAL

18.1 Nominations for the Award of Honorary Degrees

The names of two candidates recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial were presented to the Senate for awarding of doctoral degrees honoris causa. Professor A. Fowler and Dr. I. Mazurkewich each made a brief statement about one candidate. 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.

18.2 Nominations for the Status of Professor Emeritus

Seven names were recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial for the award of the title of Professor Emeritus. Senators were given the opportunity to discuss the merits of each of the candidates before voting. Upon voting for each candidate individually by a show of hands, all seven candidates were approved for consideration by the Board of Regents by at least a two-thirds majority vote.

STUDENT APPEAL TO SENATE

Student Number 9717505

At a meeting held on February 26, 1998, Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies considered an allegation of academic dishonesty brought against Student #9717505 in connection with the final examination for Anthropology 2480 (1997 Fall Semester). It was the decision of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies that the case was not proven. Subsequently, an appeal against this decision was received from the instructor of Anthropology 2480 which was considered by the Executive Committee of Senate at a meeting held on May 14, 1998. The decision of the Executive Committee was that the appeal of the instructor be upheld. Student #9717505 has now appealed the decision of the Executive Committee to Senate.

During a lengthy discussion of this student case, Senators were concerned that the circumstances of the case are such that the Senate Undergraduate Studies and the Executive Committee of Senate had reached different conclusions. Senators also expressed

concern that a claim made by the student in his letter of 16.ii.1998 that his poor eyesight would not have permitted him to observe what was written by the person seated next to him had not been investigated by either Committee.

Following consideration it was moved by Dr. Thomson, seconded by Dr. Higgs and carried that an ad hoc Committee of Senate be appointed to review this case and report its findings to Senate.

It was agreed that the Committee on Committees be asked to recommend Terms of Reference and Membership of the ad hoc Committee at the November 10, 1998 meeting, and that the ad hoc Committee be asked to complete its review and to make its recommendations at the December 8, 1998 meeting of Senate.

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:

20. *Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

20.1 Election of Chair for 1998–99 Academic Year

A memorandum dated September 8, 1998 was received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies advising that in accordance with the HANDBOOK OF SENATE BY-LAWS AND PROCEDURES, SECTION VI. SENATE COMMITTEES--SELECTION AND PROCEDURES, A. Senate Committee Procedures, Clause 7., Dr. Dennis Treslan has been re-elected as Chair of that Committee for the 1998–99 academic year.

20.2 Proposal to Include Minor in Music History for B.Sc.

Page 203, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Regulations for the General Degree of Bachelor of Science, amend Clause 7) to read as follows:

"7) A candidate may complete a minor of at least twenty-four credit hours in courses from a subject area other than that of the Major

chosen from Clause 2(c) above or from minors available in the Faculty of Arts, the Faculty of Business Administration, and the School of Music. (It should be noted that because of departmental regulations for the Major, not every candidate may be able to fit a minor into his or her one hundred twenty credit hours programme)."

Page 203, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Schedule A, clause (ii) to read as follows:

"(ii) Except in cases where the specified 24 credit hours in Business or the 27 credit hours in Music are being used to satisfy the minor requirements, a maximum of fifteen credit hours in subject areas other than Arts or Science may be used."

20.3 Department of Biochemistry

Page 210, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Professional Programme in Dietetics, subheading Admission to Dietetics, amend the fourth paragraph as follows:

"– Chemistry 1010, 1011 (or equivalent)

–English, six credit hours..."

Page 211, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Major in Dietetics, subheading Required courses at Memorial, delete existing clause (d) and replace with:

"d) Chemistry 2440 (or Chemistry 2400, 2401)"

Add a new clause:

"g) Three credit hours in Computer Science (Computer Science 2650 is recommended)."

Page 210, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Nutrition Programme, subheading Major in Nutrition, in the second paragraph amend clause a) to read as follows:

"a) Biochemistry 2000, 2100, 2101, 3052, 3106, 311A, 311B, 3200, 3201, 3402, 4300, 4301, 4302.

Page 210, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Nutrition Programme, subheading Honours Degree in Nutrition, in the second paragraph amend clause a) to read as follows:

"a) Biochemistry 3107, 4002, 4502."

Page 213, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Course List, amend the prerequisites for Biochemistry 4300 and 4301 as follows:

"Prerequisites: Biochemistry 3200, 3201, 311A, 311B."

Page 210, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Course List, amend the entry for Biochemistry 4502 as follows:

"Prerequisite: Two of Biochemistry 4300, 4301, 4302."

Admission to this course is restricted to Honours Nutrition students in their final year or by permission of the head."

21. Report of the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies

21.1 Department of English Language and Literature

Page 411, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading English Language and Literature, amend the first paragraph to read as follows:

"The degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy are offered in English Language and Literature."

Page 411, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading English Language and Literature, amend the second paragraph to read as follows:

"Candidates for the M.A. in English may complete the programme as either part-time or full-time students. Candidates for the Ph.D. in English must be in attendance as full-time students for at least three semesters of the programme."

Page 427, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Regulations Governing the Degree of Master of Philosophy and Specific Programme Regulations, amend the first paragraph to read as follows:

"Programmes leading to this degree are offered at present in French, German, Humanities, Linguistics, and in Sociology."

Page 428, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading English Language and Literature, delete the entry for English Language and Literature in its entirety.

Page 454, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading English Language and Literature, amend the first paragraph to read as follows:

"The degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy are offered in English Language and Literature."

Page 454, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading English Language and Literature, amend the second paragraph to read as follows:

"Candidates for the M.A. in English may complete the programme as either part-time or full-time students. Candidates for the Ph.D. in English must be in attendance as full-time students for at least three semesters of the programme."

21.2 Department of Psychology

Page 433, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Regulations Governing the Degree of Master of Science and Specific Programme Regulations, amend the first paragraph to read as follows:

"Tuition leading to this degree is offered at present in Aquaculture, Biochemistry, Biology,... consult the academic unit concerned."

Page 461, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Psychology for the Doctor of Philosophy Programmes, subheading Psychology, amend the first paragraph to read as follows:

"The degree of Master of Science is offered in Experimental Psychology. Interested students should also see the Master of Science in Biopsychology. The degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered in Experimental Psychology. Interested students may wish to consult the section in the Calendar describing the Doctor of Philosophy in Biopsychology programme."

Page 434, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Applied Social Psychology (Co-operative), delete the entry in its entirety.

Page 408, 1998–99 University Calendar, insert new calendar entry for Master of Applied Social Psychology (Co-operative), as follows:

"MASTER OF APPLIED SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGY (CO-OPERATIVE)

ADVISORY BOARD

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Community Service Council

This programme is designed to meet the needs of both students and employers. Students will gain the skills and knowledge necessary to ask appropriate questions and conduct research in a variety of applied settings (e.g., business, government, health care, etc.). Students completing the programme will be qualified for either immediate employment or further education. Students' and employers' needs will be met by a programme that combines training in basic scientific methods and social psychological theory with practical experience in a variety of work settings. The training in methods and theory will be provided by the academic component of the programme and the practical experience will be provided by the cooperative, work term component.

A) QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION

1. Admission to the programme is competitive and selective. To be considered for admission to the Master of Applied Social Psychology (Cooperative) an applicant shall normally hold at least a high second class Honours degree or its equivalent, both in achievement and depth of study, from an institution recognized by the Senate.

2. Applications

a) All applicants are required to submit results from the General section of the Graduate Record Examinations.

b) Applicants are required to submit with their applications an example of their academic writing. This could include, but is not limited to, papers submitted in class, honour's thesis, etc.

c) At least one letter of reference should come from someone who is familiar with the applicant's research capability.

3. Selection will be based on an applicant's overall academic performance, scores on the Graduate Record Examination and letters of reference.

4. Admission to the programme shall be upon acceptance by the Dean of Graduate Studies after recommendation by the Head of the Department of Psychology which will include a proposed programme of study and a proposed supervisor.

B) PROGRAMME OF STUDY

1. Students should note that it is possible to enter Academic Term 1 only in the Fall semester commencing in September of each year.
2. Every candidate shall complete four Academic Terms in the Cooperative Programme and shall normally be required to complete two Work Terms.
3. Courses shall be taken in Academic Terms of "blocks" in the sequence, order, and course load as follows:

Fall: 6000, 6400

Winter: 6001, 6401

Spring: Work-term 1

Fall: 6402, 6403

Winter: Work-term 2

Spring: 6404

C) EVALUATION AND ADVANCEMENT

1. In order to continue in good standing in the programme and in order to qualify for the Master's degree, a candidate shall obtain a grade of A or B for programme courses, and complete two Work Terms.
2. The dates for starting and finishing each Work Term are shown in the University Diary. Successful completion of the Work Term requirements is a prerequisite to graduation.
3. A competition for Work Term employment is organized by the Co-operative Education Services Centre (CESC). Students may also obtain their own Work Term jobs outside the competition. Such jobs must be confirmed by letter from the employer and approved by the Head of Psychology and by the CESC on or before the first day of the Work Term.

By entering the competition, students give permission for the CESC to supply their University transcripts to potential employers.

4. The overall evaluation of the Work Term is the responsibility of the CESC. The Work Term evaluation shall consist of two components:

a) On-the-job Student Performance

Job performance shall be assessed by a co-ordinator using information gathered during the Work Term and input from the employer towards the end of the Work Term. Formal written documentation from the employer shall be sought.

b) The Work Report

i. Work term reports shall be evaluated by a member of the CESC or a member of faculty in the Department of Psychology. If an employer designates a report to be of a confidential nature, both employer and co-ordinator must agree as to the methods to protect the confidentiality of such a report before the report may be accepted for evaluation.

ii. Reports must be prepared according the American Psychological Association specifications and contain original work related to the Work Term placement. The topic must relate to the work experience and will be chosen by the student in consultation with the employer. For promotion from the Work Term, a student must obtain at least 65% in each component.

5. If a student fails to achieve the Work-term standards specified above the student will be required to withdraw from the programme. Such a student may reapply to the programme after lapse of two semesters, at which time the student will be required to complete a further Work Term with satisfactory performance before being admitted to any further academic term in the Faculty. A work term may be repeated once.

6. Students are not permitted to drop Work Terms without prior approval of the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department of Psychology, upon the recommendation of the CESC. The Graduate Studies Committee will make a recommendation to the Head of

Department who will make the final decision. Students who drop a Work Term without permission, or who fail to honour an agreement to work with an employer, or who conduct themselves in such a manner as to cause their discharge from the job, will normally be awarded a failed grade for the Work Term. Permission to drop a Work Term does not constitute a waiver of degree requirements, and students who have obtained such permission must complete an approved Work Term in lieu of the one dropped.

COURSES

6000. Advanced Statistics in Psychology

6001. Research Design

601W. Work Term 1

602W. Work Term 2

6400. Theory and Methods in Social Psychology

6401. Social Cognition

6402. Group Processes

6403. Advanced Methods in Applied Social Psychological Research

6404. Project in Applied Social Psychology

New Course

Psychology 6404. Project in Applied Social Psychology

NOTE: This course is open only to students in the Masters of Applied Social Psychology

21.3 Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Page 442, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Mathematics and Statistics, sub-heading Master of Science, delete the first paragraph and replace it with the following:

"Every candidate for the M.Sc. Degree is required to take at least 18 credit hours in graduate courses, at most three credit hours of which may be from one or more seminar courses. For the M.Sc. in Mathematics, at least nine credit hours must be from courses selected from the list below with at least three credit hours in each of three of the indicated subject areas.

Algebra: M6320 (Group Theory), M6321 (Ring Theory)

Analysis: M6310 (Functional Analysis), M6311 (Complex Analysis), M6312 (Measure Theory)

Topology: M6300 or M6301 (Algebraic Topology), M6332 (Point Set Topology)

Applied Mathematics: M611 (Dynamical Systems), M6201 or M6212 (Numerical Differential Equations)"

Page 459, 1998–99 University Calendar, following the heading Specific Regulations for the PhD in Mathematics, delete the current clause 2. and replace with the following:

"The candidate normally shall satisfactorily complete at least six credit hours from the following list:

Algebra: M6320 (Group Theory), M6321 (Ring Theory)

Analysis: M6310 (Functional Analysis), M6311 (Complex Analysis), M6312 (Measure Theory)

Topology: M6300 or M6301 (Algebraic Topology), M6332 (Point Set Topology)

Applied Mathematics: M611 (Dynamical Systems), M6201 or M6212 (Numerical Differential Equations)"

Response to the ad hoc Committee on First-Year Mathematics Final Report – Memorandum dated September 24, 1998, from Dr. H. Gaskill

Dr. H. Gaskill was in attendance to answer questions from Senators regarding this item.

At a meeting held on March 11, 1997, Senate considered the Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee on First Year Mathematics and agreed that certain recommendations outlined in the Report be endorsed and forwarded to the Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics through the Dean of Science for appropriate action. A response dated September 24, 1998 has been received from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics which focuses on recommendations 1, 8 and 9 of the Report. Dr. Gaskill advised that detailed calendar changes outlining the proposed changes to the First-Year Mathematics programme as outlined in the response will be submitted to Senate at a later date.

In answer to a question from Professor Fowler, Dr. Gaskill advised that the Department of Mathematics and Statistics will consult with officials at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College regarding the proposed course changes.

Memorandum dated September 8, 1998, in response to Recommendation 2. of the Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee on Outstanding Issues with Regard to the Proposed Computer Engineering Programme

This memorandum was received for information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.