

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The special meeting of Senate was held on November 18, 2008 at 4:50 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

40. PRESENT

The Acting President, Dr. R. Gosine, Dr. H. Pike, Mr. G. Blackwood, Ms. L. Busby, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. T. Seifert (on behalf of Dean D. Dibbon), Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dean J. Rourke, Dean L. Walker, Dr. R. Adamec, Dr. D. Carroll, Mr. C. Clarke, Dr. J. Connor, Ms. B. Conran, Dr. A. Fiech, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. G. George, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. R. McGowan, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. A. Muhammad, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Professor G. Riser, Mr. R. Roche, Dr. C. Sharpe, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. J. Wyse, Mr. K. Abouchehade, Mr. K. Chowdhury, Mr. M. Fuchs, Mr. C. Corcoran, Mr. J. Fleming, Mr. C. Little, Mr. R. Marshall, Mr. T. Randell.

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. M. Abrahams, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Dr. N. Golfman, Ms. K. Kennedy, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Tremblay, Dr. S. Abhyankar, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. K. Mearow, Professor W. Schipper.

42. PRESENTATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE NATIONAL SURVEY OF STUDENT ENGAGEMENT (NSSE)

Dr. Campbell introduced the topic of the Presentation as the *Results of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE)* and welcomed the presenters, Mr. Paul Chancey, Director of Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning and Ms. Sharon Pippy, Senior Institutional Analyst.

The presenters noted that although NSSE is a US based survey, the majority of Canadian Universities also participate. This is the first year that Memorial University has participated in the survey which attempts to gather information about how engaged students are in their learning and allows comparison with other institutions. Memorial's comparison groups include Comprehensive Universities, Research/Doctoral Universities, and all Canadian Universities. The survey which was administered to random samples of first-year and senior students in the 2008 Winter academic term, is a web-based survey with multiple follow-ups to increase response rates. The slide show presented the results of some of the questions asked and how Memorial University rated against other universities. Questions from Senators were answered throughout the presentation.

Dr. Campbell thanked Paul Chancey and Sharon Pippy for their presentation. He suggested that Senators might use this survey to engage our students and to improve the quality of education. He noted that it represents a good opportunity to compare ourselves to other universities.

43. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY