

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on April 11, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

90. PRESENT

Dr. E. Campbell (Acting Chair), Dr. J. Ashton, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. M. Bluehardt, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dean R. Gosine, Dr. L. Hensman, Dr. N. Golfman (on behalf of Dr. C. Jablonski), Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean J. Rourke, Ms. D. Whalen, Interim Dean S. Wolinetz, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. E. Brown, Ms. B. Conran, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. F. King, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. D. Peters, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dr. K. Szego, Dr. P. Trnka, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Wright, Dr. J. Wyse, Ms. K. Giroux-Bougard, Mr. A. Hollett, Mr. M. Lovell.

91. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the President, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. C. Jablonski, Dr. A. Gill, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. J. Whitehead, Mr. S. Sullivan, Mr. J. Shaw.

92. MINUTES

The Minutes of the special and regular meetings held on March 14, 2006, were taken as read and confirmed.

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:

93. Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial

Senate moved into a closed session for this item of business in accordance with **Section IV.E.2. SENATE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES** of the Handbook of Senate By-Laws and Procedures which reads:

Matters of a confidential nature, including honorary degrees, shall be discussed in closed session; observers are not permitted to attend closed sessions.

93.1 Degree Certificates at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

A memorandum dated March 29, 2006 was received from the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial advising that at a meeting held on March 28, 2006, the Committee considered a letter dated January 20, 2006 from the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Academic Council which recommended the following:

Report of the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial (cont'd)

"College Academic Council requests that Sir Wilfred Grenfell College appear in addition to Memorial University of Newfoundland on the degree certificates of graduates who complete degrees according to the Regulations for Degrees at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College"

The Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial endorsed this recommendation and forwarded it for the consideration of Senate.

Following discussion, the motion, as recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial, to approve the amended degree certificates of graduates who complete degrees according to the Regulations for Degrees at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Andrews and carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Golfman, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising Items 94 through 95, be approved as follows:

94. **REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES**

94.1 **Bachelor of Arts Calendar Changes - Sir Wilfred Grenfell College**

Page 92, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Minor Programs - Division of Arts, add the following program:

“FRENCH MINOR:

- a) French 2100 and 2101 or French 2159 and 2160
- b) French 3100 or French 3101
- c) 15 additional credit hours in French

NOTES:

- 1) *no more than 6 credit hours at the 1000 level may be used to fulfill the minimum requirement of the minor in French.*
- 2) *no more than 6 transfer credits may be used to fulfill the minimum requirements of the minor in French.”*

94.2 **School of Nursing**

Page 58, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading General Academic Regulations (Undergraduate), subheading 2 Degree and Departmental Regulations, delete clause “2.2.2.” in its entirety and replace with the following:

“2.2.2 A student in the Faculty of Business Administration, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science, School of Nursing, or Faculty of Medicine who fails to obtain promotion or is not registered for full-time studies for one or more semesters and is readmitted to full-time studies in the faculty or school will normally follow regulations in effect at the time of readmission.”

94.3 Faculty of Education

Page 274, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Table of Contents, remove the following sections:

“Bachelor of Education (Primary/Elementary) Degree Program - Fast Track Delivery

Program Plan”

Page 276, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Admission, in the table entitled “Application Deadline Dates”, under the column “Program”, delete the first block and replace with the following:

“Bachelor of Education (Primary/Elementary) Consecutive Delivery Program”

Under the column “Application Deadline”, delete the second block and replace with the following:

“December 1”

95. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

95.1 Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Page 517, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Courses, subheading Mathematics, delete the course number “6102-6109.” and replace with the following:

“6102-6119. Special Topics in Applied Mathematics”

95.2 Department of Chemistry

Page 509, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Chemistry, subheading Courses, insert the following new course:

“6304. Computational Chemistry 1”

Page 534, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Chemistry, subheading Courses, insert the following new course:

“6304. Computational Chemistry 1”

REGULAR AGENDA

96. **REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES**

96.1 **Nominations for Standing Committees of Senate**

The Committee on Committees reported that following its annual call to all faculty members and librarians from the University and academic staff members from the Marine Institute as well as a request for assistance from Deans and Directors, it received 27 nominations comprising 19 different people for 34 committee vacancies. The motion that the following appointments be approved to standing committees of Senate which was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Andrews, carried.

| University Planning and Budget Committee | Member until August 31 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Radford, Chris (Mathematics and Statistics) | 2009* |
| Adamec, Robert (Science)** | 2009 (Senator) |
| Michael Skipton (Business) | 2008 |
| Saha, S.K. (Business) | 2008 |
| Janzen, Olaf (SWGC) | 2008 (Senator) |
| Wolinetz, Steve (Political Science) | 2008 (Senator) |
| Gupta, Rajendra(Business) | 2007 |
| Vice-President (Academic), Chair | |
| Vice-President (Administration and Finance) | |
| Vice-President (Research and International Relations) | |
| Singleton, Sheila (Office of the Registrar) | |
| (Undergraduate Student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate Student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| One member of the Board of Regents (To be appointed) | |
| Director of Financial and Administrative Services | |
| Director of Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning | |

| Advisory Committee on the Bookstore | Member until August 31 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| McGowan, Ross (Biochemistry) | 2009* |
| Stapleton, Donna | 2009* |
| Glynn, Lindsay (Library) | 2008 |
| Lippold, Karen (Library) | 2007 |
| Bradley, James(Philosophy) | 2007 |
| Dean of Student Affairs and Services | |
| Head of the Bookstore | |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |

Report of the Committee on Committees (cont'd)

| Advisory Committee on the Library | Member until April 30 |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Thistle, Barbara | 2009* |
| Lewis, John (Physics) | 2008 |
| Whitridge, Peter (Anthropology) | 2008 |
| Garland, John (Counselling) | 2008 |
| Goodaire, Edgar (Mathematics and Statistics) | 2008 |
| Gamble, Don (French and Spanish) | 2007 |
| Foster, Dale (Business) | 2007 |
| Simpson, Evan (Philosophy) | 2007 |
| Scott, Peter (Biology) | 2007 |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Vice-President (Academic) | |
| University Librarian | |
| | |
| Advisory Committee on the University Timetable | Member until April 30 |
| Janes, Matthew | 2009* |
| McGowan, Ross (Biochemistry) | 2009* |
| Doyle, Mike (Counselling Centre) | 2009 |
| Treslan, Dennis (Education) | 2008 |
| Furey, Mary (Business) | 2007 |
| (Undergraduate Student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Registrar or delegate | |
| Dean of Student Affairs and Services or delegate | |
| | |
| Committee on Copyright | Member until August 31 |
| Penney, Catherine (Psychology) | 2009 |
| Brown, Ed (Computer Science) | 2008 |
| Rice, Paul (Music) | 2008 |
| Martin, Antonio (Biochemistry) | 2007 |
| Copyright Officer | |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| University Librarian | |

Report of the Committee on Committees (cont'd)

| Committee on Course Evaluations | Member Until August 31 |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Janes, Matthew (SWGK) | 2009* |
| Burton, Valerie (History) | 2009* |
| Gill, Atamjit (Medicine) | 2008 |
| Sherrick, Mike (Psychology) | 2008 |
| O'Dea, Shane (English) | 2008 |
| (Undergraduate Student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate Student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Manager, Instructional Development Office | |
| Director, Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning | |
| Committee on Educational Technology | Member until August 31 |
| Rideout, Keith (Marine Institute) | 2008 |
| Brown, Ed (Computer Science) | 2008 |
| Wetsch, Lyle (Business) | 2008 |
| Hennessey, Todd (SWGK) | 2007 |
| Murphy, Elizabeth (Education) | 2007 |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial | Member until August 31 |
| Coady, Peggy (Business) | 2009* |
| Pike, Holly (SWGK) | 2009 |
| Mulligan, Martin (Biochemistry) | 2008 |
| Whitaker, Robin (Anthropology) | 2008 |
| Mulcahy, Dennis (Education) | 2007 |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| President - Chair | |
| The Chancellor | |
| Secretary of Senate | |
| Public Orator - Professor Shane O'Dea | |

Report of the Committee on Committees (cont'd)

| Committee on Research | Member until August 31 |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Venkatesan, R. (Engineering) | 2009* |
| Connor, Jennifer (History) | 2009* |
| Cadigan, Sean (History) | 2009 |
| Drover, Sheila (Medicine) | 2008 |
| Glynn, Lindsay (HSC Library) | 2008 |
| Banzhaf, Wolfgang (Computer Science) | 2008 |
| Daneshtalab, Mohsen (Pharmacy) | 2007 (Senator) |
| Pittman, Jeffrey (Business) | 2007 |
| Jenner, George (Earth Sciences) | 2007 |
| Nag, Kaushik (Biochemistry) | 2007 |
| Catto, Norm (Geography) | 2007 |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Dean of Graduate Studies | |
| Vice-President (Research) | |
| Director, Office of Research, (Executive Secretary) | |
| Vice-Principal (Research), Grenfell College | |
| Committee on Senate Elections | Member until August 31 |
| Smith, Fred (Science) | 2007 |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Registrar - Chair | |
| Committee on Undergraduate Studies | Member until April 30 |
| Thistle, Barbara (French and Spanish) | 2009* |
| Mulligan, Martin (Biochemistry) | 2009 |
| Rollman, Marcella (German & Russian) | 2009 |
| Garland, John (Counselling) | 2008 |
| Gill, Eric (Engineering) | 2008 |
| Enanny, Faiza (Marine Institute) | 2007 |
| Davis, Phil (Biochemistry) | 2007 |
| Catto, Norm (Geography) | 2007 |
| Walsh, Donna (English) | 2007 (Senator) |
| Kuester, Vivienne (Human Kinetics & Recreation) | 2007 (Senator) |
| Vice-President (Academic) (MUNSU - (or designated alternate) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Registrar or delegate | |
| Chairpersons of Committee on Undergraduate Studies of the Faculty Councils and Schools | |
| Chair, Academic Studies Committee (SWGc) | |
| Vice-President (Academic) or delegate | |

Report of the Committee on Committees (cont'd)

| Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships and Financial Aid | Member until August 31 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Gosse, Verena (Psychology) | 2009 |
| Rideout Keith (Marine Institute) | 2008 |
| Drover, Sheila (Medicine) | 2008 |
| Harris, June (Medicine) | 2007 (Senator) |
| Gupta, Rajendra (Business) | 2007 |
| Simpson, Evan (Philosophy) | 2007 |
| Davis, Phil (Biochemistry) | 2007 |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Dean of Student Affairs and Services | |
| Director, Student Support Programs | |
| Manager, Scholarships and Awards | |
| Registrar | |
| Director, Office of Student Recruitment | |

| Executive Committee of Senate | Member until August 31 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Venkatesan, R. (Engineering) | 2009* |
| Simms, Alvin (Geography) | 2009* |
| Wilson, Paul (SWGEC) | 2008 |
| Riser, Gary (Economics) | 2007 |
| Vice-President (Academic) MUNSU (or designated alternate) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Vice-President (Academic), GSU (or designated alternate) | 2007 (March 31) |
| Chair of Senate - Chair | |
| Chair of University Planning and Budget Committee | |
| University Registrar | |
| Dean of Graduate Studies | |
| Chair of Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies | |

| Committee on the University Calendar | Member until August 31 |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Hammett, Roberta (Education) | 2008 |
| Warner, Patrick (Library) | 2008 |
| (Undergraduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| (Graduate student) | 2007 (March 31) |
| University Registrar or Delegate (Regina Bruce) | |
| Representative from the Division of Marketing and Communications (Victoria Collins) | |

* New Member

Report of the Committee on Committees (cont'd)

**Of the two nominations received to fill the two vacancies on the University Planning and Budget Committee, one member has served six consecutive years. Because of this individual's dedicated past service and future commitment to the Planning and Budget Committee, Senate agreed to approve a recommendation from the Committee on Committees for a waiver of regulations in respect to Dr. Robert Adamec as per Clause VI.C.3.(b) of the Senate Handbook of By-Laws and Procedures which reads:

“With the exception of those committee members serving on a committee by virtue of their office, no academic staff member shall serve more than six consecutive years on any one Senate standing committee.”

Mr. Collins noted that the Committee will make another attempt to encourage members of faculty to volunteer for committees where vacancies exist and he urged members of Senate to do the same.

96.2 Membership of the ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of Undergraduate Appeals Procedures

At a meeting held on February 14, 2006, Senate approved the membership and terms of reference for the ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of the Undergraduate Appeals Procedures. At that time, the undergraduate student representative had not been determined. The Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union is now recommending that Ms. Sara Stoodley be the MUNSU representative.

The motion to appoint Ms. Sara Stoodley to the ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of Undergraduate Appeals Procedures which was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Andrews, carried.

96.3 Motion concerning Membership on the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

A memo dated March 24, 2006 was received from the Committee on Committees advising that at a meeting held on March 22, 2006, the Committee considered a letter dated February 10, 2006 from the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Academic Council which recommended the following:

“The Academic Council of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College respectfully requests of the Senate of Memorial University that the composition of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies be expanded to include the Registrar of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College or delegate as ex-officio member.”

The Committee on Committees, with the support of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, endorsed this recommendation and forwarded it for the consideration of Senate.

The motion that the composition of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies be expanded to include the Registrar of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College or delegate as ex-officio member which was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Andrews, carried.

97. CONSTITUTION OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

A memorandum dated March 15, 2006 was received from the Academic Council of the School of Pharmacy proposing amendments to its Constitution.

It was moved by Dr. Hensman, seconded by Professor Andrews, and carried that the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Academic Council of the School of Pharmacy be approved for submission to the Board of Regents.

98. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR - QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM SENATORS

- Dr. Campbell noted that the Marine Institute has initiated a process to create a School of Ocean Technology. He emphasized that this is an item for information purposes only as it will take time to develop a full range of proposed programs.
- With regard to the Strategic Planning Process, Dr. Campbell reported that a number of external consultations have taken place which included visits to Labrador, Stephenville, Corner Brook, Windsor, Clarenville, Gander, St. John's and Harbour Grace. He noted that the views heard suggest that generally the University is doing well but much more needs to be done in rural parts of Newfoundland and Labrador. Dr. Campbell noted that the Working Group is in the process of summarizing the results of the consultations and will be drafting a report. Senate will be given an opportunity to review the draft report at a future meeting.
- Dr. Campbell provided a brief overview of the 2006-2007 provincial grant to the University and the potential impact that the significant increase in capital and operating funding might have on the University.

With regard to Dr. McKay's comment that the integrity of our academic decision making processes be maintained as approaches to conducting business are modernized, particularly via email, (e.g. Consent Agenda Item 3.B. and appropriate rules for e-mail voting), Dr. Campbell indicated that he would place this item on the agenda for a future meeting of the Academic Deans and Directors.

99. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY