

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on April 10, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

93. PRESENT

Dr. C. Loomis (Acting Chair), Dr. J. Ashton, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. M. Bluehardt, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Ms. E. Healey, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean J. Rourke, Dean R. Tremblay, Dean L. Walker, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. E. Brown, Ms. B. Conran, Mr. C. Couturier, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. G. George, Dr. A. Gill, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. S. Kenney, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. D. Moralejo, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Professor G. Riser, Professor W. Schipper, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. P. Trnka, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Wright, Ms. K. Greenfield, Ms. K. Hickey, Mr. S. Sullivan, Mr. A. Hollett.

Dr. Loomis opened the meeting by advising Senate that since the President and Vice-President (Academic) are out of the province and send their regrets for not being able to attend this meeting of Senate, he has been asked to Chair the meeting as Acting President. He also noted that Doreen Whelan, Director, Division of Lifelong Learning retired effective April 6, 2007 and he expressed his appreciation for her contribution to Senate. Dr. Loomis then extended a special welcome to Ms. Elaine Healey, Acting Director, Division of Lifelong Learning.

94. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dean A. Collins, Dean R. Gosine, Dr. G. Clarke, Mr. C. Clarke, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Dr. K. Szego.

95. MINUTES

The Minutes of the special meetings held on January 23 and 30, 2007 as well as the regular meeting held on February 13, 2007 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:

96. REPORT OF THE SENATE 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:

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

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

The names of six candidates recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial were presented to the Senate for awarding of Professor Emeritus for eventual approval by the Board of Regents. Members were given the opportunity to discuss the merits of each of the candidates before voting. Upon voting by a show of hands, each candidate was approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Jablonski, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising items 97 through 98, be approved as follows:

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

97.1 **Faculty of Education**

Page 307, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 4 Course Descriptions, delete Education 4540 and replace with the following:

**“4540 Identification and Remediation of Speech/language Disorders in Children (SE)** will provide theoretically sound and research based methods for the identification and remediation of speech and language concerns in children and adolescents. Topics include: typical language development; nature of developmental concerns for both speech (articulation, voice and fluency) and language (receptive, expressive and phonetic awareness); social use of language; and augmentative communication. Particular focus will be placed on current interventions/strategies and program/models. The course is aimed at supporting teachers in developing effective individualized programs for today’s inclusive classroom.”

97.2 **Environmental Science - Sir Wilfred Grenfell College**

Page 110, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 10.11.3 Other Environmental Science Courses, add the following new Environmental Science courses:

**“2369 Introduction to Soils** provides a broad background knowledge about soils. Topics covered include: the origin of soils; physical, biochemical, and engineering aspects of soils; influence on humans and their food production; soil pollution and degradation; and management and conservation of soils. Prerequisites: Earth Science 1000 or Geography 1000. Lectures: Three hours per week.

**4910-4930 Special Topics in Environmental Science**

*Note: Normally taken by students beyond the second year.”*

Environmental Science - Sir Wilfred Grenfell College (cont'd)

Page 96, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 8.1 Major in Environmental Science, clause 1.b., add “Environmental Studies 4000”.

Clause 1.c., amend “Environmental Studies 2000” to read as follows:

“Environmental Studies 2000 (strongly recommended for the Biology Stream of the Environmental Science Program)”

97.3 Department of Religious Studies

Page 209, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 6.25.4 Course List, delete Religious Studies 1010 and replace with the following:

“**1010 Religion in the Modern World.** An introduction to some of the major issues confronting religion in the modern world. The focus will be on such topics as globalization and religion, religious faith and violence, freedom and authority.”

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

98.1 Faculty of Medicine

Page 522, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 21 Regulations Governing the Degree of Master of Science in Medicine, amend first paragraph to read as follows:

“There are eight program ... Clinical Epidemiology, Community Health and Humanities, Human Genetics, Immunology and Infectious Diseases, and Neurosciences. Each program ...”

Amend second paragraph to read as follows:

“The degree of Master of Science ... programs in Community Health and Humanities and Clinical ...”

Page 523, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 21.1.3 Programs of Study, amend Clause 5 to read as follows:

“**5. Community Health and Humanities**

The graduate program in community health and humanities enables students to pursue research and academic studies in selected topics including community health and humanities, epidemiology, ...”

Amend Clause 7 to read as follows:

“**7. Immunology and Infectious Diseases**

The immunology and infectious diseases group has an ... background in the discipline of immunology and infectious diseases.

Faculty of Medicine (cont'd)

a. Qualifications for Admission

The admission ...”

Page 525, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 21.2 Graduate Diploma, amend first paragraph to read as follows:

“The Faculty of Medicine offers a Graduate Diploma providing an opportunity for professionals and individuals within the health sector to obtain or upgrade their training in Community Health and Humanities or Clinical Epidemiology.”

Under the heading 21.2.1 Qualifications for Admission, amend first paragraph to read as follows:

“To be admitted to the graduate ... recommendation of the Community Health and Humanities, or Clinical Epidemiology ...”

Under the heading 21.2.2 Program Requirements, amend first paragraph to read as follows:

“A Graduate Diploma in Community Health and Humanities requires successful completion of Medicine 6200, 6220 and 6270.”

Page 549, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 25.18 Medicine, amend first paragraph to read as follows:

“There are eight program areas ... Clinical Epidemiology, Community Health and Humanities, Human Genetics, Immunology and Infectious Diseases and Neurosciences. Each program ...”

98.2 Human Kinetics and Recreation

Page 522, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 20.5 Thesis, subheading Courses, add the following new course:

**“6330 The Application and Implementation of Kinesiology Technologies”**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

99. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

99.1 Faculty of Arts - Change in the status of the Academic Unit delivering the Women’s Studies Multi-Disciplinary Minor Program to the Department of Women’s Studies

A memo dated 9 March 2007 was received via the Committee on Undergraduate Studies from the Faculty Council of Arts proposing that the status of the current academic unit delivering the Women’s Studies multi-disciplinary Minor program be changed to that of the Department of Women’s Studies. Professor Walsh introduced the proposal and noted that it is consistent with Recommendation 12 of the Katz Report which states that

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*“the Women's Studies Program should be supported and strengthened as a matter of urgency, in accordance with the report on Women's Studies dated April 13, 2005”*. It was also noted that the Faculty of Arts will increase the faculty complement from one half of one tenured position to two and a half tenure track positions, one of which would be a senior appointment. The Faculty of Arts will also explore the continuation and expansion of joint appointments.

It was then moved by Professor Walsh and seconded by Dr. Tremblay that Senate endorse this proposal for presentation to the Board of Regents.

A discussion then ensued on the relatively small size of the faculty complement as well as the resources required for implementing the status change for the unit. Following discussion, the motion that Senate endorse the recommendation that the status of the academic unit delivering the Women's Studies Multi-Disciplinary Minor Program be changed to the “Department of Women's Studies” and that this proposal be forwarded to the Board of Regents for approval, was carried by a majority vote.

100. REPORT OF THE SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE APPEALS PROCEDURES

At a meeting held on October 10, 2006, Senate received the interim report of the Senate ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of Undergraduate Appeals Procedures. Following confirmation from Senate regarding the intended scope of the ad hoc Committee's work, the Committee rewrote the University's undergraduate appeals procedures with the objective of providing clear, concise and student centered regulations which are in keeping with the objectives of the new University Strategic Plan. At today's meeting, Professor Walsh presented the revised undergraduate appeals procedures and in doing so, noted that the proposal would see the revision of general undergraduate regulations 4.13 Waiver of Regulations and 4.14 Appeal of Regulations. Professor Walsh also noted that following approval in principal of the proposed regulations by Senate, the documents would be referred to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for consultation with faculty and academic councils and for re-submission to Senate for further consideration and approval.

During discussion of the proposal, several Senators made suggestions for editorial revision to the document designed to:

- ensure that appeals are dealt with in a timely fashion
- minimize legal overtones
- clarify procedures.

Professor Walsh and the University Registrar agreed to take the suggestions into account and where possible, to modify the proposal before it is circulated to faculty and academic councils.

Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of Undergraduate Appeals Procedures (cont'd)

Following discussion, the motion to accept in principle, that the revised undergraduate appeals procedures be used as a framework for consultation with faculty and academic councils and for re-submission to Senate for eventual consideration and approval at a Fall meeting of Senate which was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Mr. Collins, was carried by a majority vote.

101. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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 39 nominations comprising 29 different people for 36 committee vacancies. The motion to approve the following appointments to standing committees of Senate which was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Andrews, carried.

<b>University Planning and Budget Committee</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
Fisher, Andy (Engineering)	2010*
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
Vice-President (Academic), Chair	
Associate Vice-President (Academic), Vice-Chair	
Vice-President (Administration and Finance)	
Vice-President (Research and International Relations)	
Singleton, Sheila (Office of the Registrar)	
(Undergraduate Student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate Student)	2008 (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	

<b>Advisory Committee on the Bookstore</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
Connor, Jim (Medicine/History)	2010*
McGowan, Ross (Biochemistry)	2009
Stapleton, Donna (Business)	2009
Glynn, Lindsay (Library)	2008
Dean of Student Affairs and Services	
Head of the Bookstore	
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student)	2008 (March 31)

Report of the Senate Committee on Committees (cont'd)

<b>Advisory Committee on the Library</b>	<b>Member until April 30</b>
Walsh, Donna (English)	2010* (Senator)
Connor, Jim (Medicine/History)	2010*
Gamble, Don (French and Spanish)	2010 **
Maskek, Vlastimil (Engineering)	2010*
Thistle, Barbara (French & Spanish)	2009
Lewis, John (Physics)	2008
Whitridge, Peter (Anthropology)	2008
Garland, John (Counselling)	2008
Goodaire, Edgar (Mathematics and Statistics)	2008
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student)	2008 (March 31)
Vice-President (Academic)	
University Librarian	
<b>Advisory Committee on the University Timetable</b>	<b>Member until April 30</b>
Furey, Mary (Business)	2010*
Janes, Matthew (SWGC)	2009
Doyle, Mike (Counselling Centre)	2009
Treslan, Dennis (Education)	2008
(Undergraduate Student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student )	2008 (March 31)
Registrar or delegate	
Dean of Student Affairs and Services or delegate	
<b>Committee on Copyright</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
Pretty, Heather (Library)	2010*
Penney, Catherine (Psychology)	2009
Brown, Ed (Computer Science)	2008 (Senator)
Rice, Paul (Music)	2008
Copyright Officer	
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student)	2008 (March 31)
University Librarian	
<b>Committee on Educational Technology</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
Sweeny, Robert (History)	2010*
Gordon, Shannon (Library)	2010*
Curran, Vernon (Medicine)	2009
Goosney, Janet (Library)	2009
Rideout, Keith (Marine Institute)	2008
Brown, Ed (Computer Science)	2008 (Senator)
Wetsch, Lyle (Business)	2008
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student)	2008 (March 31)
Sooklal, Rohan - Computing and Communications Director, Distance Education and Learning Technologies	

Report of the Senate Committee on Committees (cont'd)

<b>Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
Rahman, Aziz (Engineering)	2010*
Coady, Peggy (Business)	2009
Pike, Holly (SWGK)	2009
Mulligan, Martin (Biochemistry)	2008
Whitaker, Robin (Anthropology)	2008
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student)	2008 (March 31)
President - Chair	
The Chancellor	
Secretary of Senate	
Public Orator - Professor Shane O'Dea	
<b>Committee on Research</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
Younes, Husam (Pharmacy)	2010*
Oman, Natalie (Philosophy)	2010*
Krouglicof, Nicholas (Engineering)	2010*
Dupre, Kate (Business)	2010*
Hermanutz, Luise (Biology)	2010* (Senator)
Solberg, Shirley (Nursing)	2010*
Venkatesan, R. (Engineering)	2009
Connor, Jennifer (History)	2009
Cadigan, Sean (History)	2009
Azmy, Karem (Earth Sciences)	2009
Rose, George (Marine Institute)	2009
Drover, Sheila (Medicine)	2008
Banzhaf, Wolfgang (Computer Science)	2008
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student)	2008 (March 31)
Dean of Graduate Studies	
Vice-President (Research)	
Director, Office of Research, (Executive Secretary)	
Vice-Principal (Research), Grenfell College	
<b>Committee on Senate Elections</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
George, Glyn (Engineering)	2010* (Senator)
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
(Graduate student)	2008 (March 31)
Registrar - Chair	



Report of the Senate Committee on Committees (cont'd)**Committee on Undergraduate Studies** **Member until April 30**

Walsh, Donna (English)	2010 (Senator) **
Kuester, Vivienne (Human Kinetics & Recreation)	2010 (Senator) **
Davis, Phil (Biochemistry)	2010 **
Enanny, Faiza (Marine Institute)	2010 **
Riser, Gary (Economics)	2010* (Senator)
Butt, Steve (Engineering)	2010*
Farquharson, Danine (English)	2009
Thistle, Barbara (French and Spanish)	2009
Mulligan, Martin (Biochemistry)	2009
Rollman, Marcella (German & Russian)	2009
Garland, John (Counselling)	2008
Gill, Eric (Engineering)	2008
Vice-President (Academic) (MUNSU - (or designated alternate)	2008 (March 31)
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (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	

**Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards** **Member until August 31**

Ghazala, Sue (Biochemistry)	2010*
Harris, Greg (Education)	2010*
Ashley, Katherine (Sir Wilfred Grenfell College)	2010*
Gosse, Verena (Psychology)	2009
Rideout, Keith (Marine Institute)	2008
Drover, Sheila (Medicine)	2008
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (March 31)
Dean of Student Affairs and Services	
Director, Student Support Programs	
Manager, Scholarships and Awards	
Registrar	
Director, Office of Student Recruitment	

Report of the Senate Committee on Committees (cont'd)

<b>Executive Committee of Senate</b>	<b>Member until August 31</b>
Solberg, Shirley (Nursing)	2010*
Venkatesan, R. (Engineering)	2009
Simms, Alvin (Geography)	2009
Wilson, Paul (SWGC)	2008 (Senator)
Vice-President (Academic) MUNSU (or designated alternate)	2008 (March 31)
Vice-President (Academic), GSU (or designated alternate)	2008 (March 31)
Chair of Senate - Chair	
Chair of University Planning and Budget Committee	
Registrar	
Dean of Graduate Studies	
Chair of Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies	

\* New member

\*\* On the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, Senate agreed to a waiver of regulations in respect to Dr. Don Gamble, Professor Donna Walsh, Professor Vivienne Kuester, Dr. Phil Davis and Ms. Faiza Enanny 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.

Senate Committee on Educational Technology

The membership and terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Educational Technology includes a representative from Computing and Communications. A letter dated January 22, 2007 was received from the Department of Computing and Communications advising that Rohan Sooklal, Supervisor *ccwebworks*, has agreed to serve on the Committee.

With support from the Committee on Educational Technology, the Committee on Committees is recommending that the membership of the Committee on Educational Technology be amended to include the Director of Distance Education and Learning Technologies. Senate agreed with this recommendation.

Report of the Senate Committee on Committees (cont'd)

Planning and Budget Committee

The Planning and Budget Committee, with support from the Committee on Committees, is proposing to add the Associate Vice-President (Academic) as Vice-Chair noting that there is no Vice-Chair for the Committee and in the absence of the Chair, meetings have normally been cancelled. The Committee observed that the appointment of a Vice-Chair would largely eliminate the need to cancel future meetings and would facilitate more timely responses to units and individuals on agenda items before the Committee. The Committee is also proposing that an additional faculty member be added to the Committee membership to maintain a balance between administrative and academic appointments. It was noted that the Planning and Budget Committee would be asked to review the rules for quorum following approval at today's meeting. Senate agreed with these recommendations.

102. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

A memorandum dated March 26, 2007 was received by the Secretary of Senate from the Chairman of the Board of Regents advising that the term of Dr. Axel Meisen, President and Vice-Chancellor of Memorial University, will end on August 31, 2008. Also in that letter, the Chairman advised that the Board authorized the appointment of a Search Committee with a mandate to find a new President for the University. As noted in the letter, the Search Committee will consist of "The Chair of the Board, who shall chair the Committee ... five members of the faculty, chosen by the Senate with at least one member from each of the St. John's campus, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and the Marine Institute".

The Executive Committee is recommending to Senate that the following process be adopted to choose the five faculty representatives for the Search Committee:

- A. That the five faculty representatives be elected from faculty and librarians following the regulations for Senate Elections amended to reflect the compressed time frame (copy attached).
- B. In order to reflect as closely as possible the weighted composition of faculty and librarians on the St. John's campus and the Board requirement that there be at least one member from each campus, the following constituency groupings are proposed:

Presidential Search Committee (cont'd)

<b>Group</b>	<b>Constituency</b>	<b># of Eligible Electors</b>
1	Engineering and Applied Science, Human Kinetics and Recreation, Science	261
2	Education, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work	271
3	Business, Humanities, Library, Music, Social Sciences	267
4	Sir Wilfred Grenfell College	77
5	Marine Institute	125

- C. Any faculty member or librarian who puts his or her name forward for appointment to the Committee will be made aware of the strict confidentiality requirements as outlined in the letter dated March 26, 2007 from the Chairman of the Board of Regents.
- D. The election will be conducted under the aegis of the Senate Elections Committee.

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Adamec and carried that the process outlined above for the selection of five faculty representatives to serve on the Presidential Search Committee be adopted. It was noted that following Senate approval of the above-noted selection process, the election would commence immediately.

103. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

103.1 The following appeal was denied by the Executive Committee of Senate:

ECS 2006-07: #4 - Appeal against the decision of the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies that the student's request for reconsideration of a decision by Senate (on September 12, 2000) on the basis that new information was being provided, did not warrant further consideration.

103.2 Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

At a meeting held on December 12, 2006, Senate approved the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College pending a resolution of the accreditation issue which was satisfactory to both the Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and the Principal of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and to their respective Academic Councils.

Items for Information (cont'd)

Correspondence has now been received from the Academic Council of the Faculty of Business Administration, Grenfell College Academic Council, the Principal of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and the Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, all of which indicate their agreement with the conditions related to the accreditation of the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Program as outlined in a letter from the AACSB Accreditation Coordinating Committee.

A letter dated 3 April 2007 has also been received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies confirming that the restrictions on the approval of the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College have now been met.

104. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY