

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on April 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

82. PRESENT

The Acting President, Dr. G. Gardner (on behalf of Dr. M. Collins), Dr. H. Pike, Dr. M. Abrahams, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Dr. P. Fisher (on behalf of Mr. G. Blackwood), Ms. L. Busby, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. N. Golfman, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dr. D. Kelly, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Tremblay, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Ms. J. Browne (on behalf of Dean L. Walker), Dr. S. Abhyankar, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. E. Brown, Dr. G. Clark, Dr. J. Connor, Ms. B. Conran, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. G. George, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. S. Kenney, Dr. D. Kimberley, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. A. Muhammad, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Professor G. Riser, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Professor D. Walsh, Ms. K. Greenfield, Mr. N. Eisnor, Ms. S. Magalios, Ms. C. Penney, Mr. B. Russell.

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. M. Collins, Dr. C. Loomis, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dean A. Collins, Dr. L. Walker, Ms. E. Healey, Dean J. Rourke, Dr. R. Adamec, Ms. L. Goddard, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. F. King, Dr. K. Mearow, Professor W. Schipper, Dr. P. Trnka, Dr. J. Wyse, Mr. K. Chowdhury.

84. MINUTES

The Minutes of the special meeting held on February 26, 2008 and the regular meeting held on March 11, 2008 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:

85. 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:

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 five candidates recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial were presented to the Senate for awarding of Professor Emeritus for eventual consideration by the Board of Regents.

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

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.

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. 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. Golfman and carried that the consent agenda, comprising the items listed in 86 below, be approved as follows:

86. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

86.1 Department of Linguistics/Faculty of Education

Page 129, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.18.3 Minor Programs, amend clause 2 to read as follows:

“2. Focus Area in Linguistics for B.Ed. (Primary/Elementary) Students (6 courses, 18 credit hours)

A minimum ... is as follows:

Linguistics 1100/2100, ... 2210, and 6 credit hours ... 3201, 3210, 3212, ... in their program.”

Page 178, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 1.11.1.6 Focus Areas:, amend the Linguistics section to read as follows:

“Linguistics (18 credit hours):

1. 1100 or 2100
2. 1103 .. 2210
3. Six credit ... 3201, 3210, 3212, 3500, 3850”

REGULAR AGENDA

87. APPEAL TO SENATE

Dr. Campbell noted that several members of Senate have had previous involvement in the following student appeal by virtue of membership on the Executive Committee of Senate, on the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, on the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies or its committees or as members of academic units. In this regard, he observed that

Appeal to Senate (cont'd)

one of the principles of natural justice and fairness is that there should be no individual sitting in judgement on an appeal at a higher level who has already been a party to the decision at a lower level. In the interests of fairness and natural justice, he requested that those members of Senate who have had previous dealings with this case be available to provide information pertinent to the case and to answer questions raised by Senators but not to make motions or vote on motions regarding these appeals.

ECS 2007-08: #6 - Appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee of Senate to deny the student's appeal that his/her enrolment in the Master of Engineering (Electrical) program should not have been terminated.

Dr. Campbell reminded Senate that at a meeting held on March 11, 2008, Senate considered an appeal from Student ECS 2007-08: #6, that the student's enrolment in the Master of Engineering (Electrical) program should not have been terminated. However, at that meeting, Senate requested that copies of all the "Supervisory Report Forms" for this student be submitted to the Secretary of Senate in time for today's meeting. Dr. Campbell noted that copies of all the "Supervisory Report Forms" have now been received and have been distributed to members of Senate.

Following careful consideration of the case, it was moved by Dr. Fisher, seconded by Dr. Birnie-Lefcovitch and carried by a majority vote to uphold the decision of the Executive Committee of Senate and the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies that the student's appeal be denied. In reviewing the case, Senate took into account the circumstances cited in the student's appeal as well as the student's Supervisory Report Forms but concluded by majority vote that the decision taken by the Executive Committee of Senate and the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies in his/her case was appropriate.

88. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

88.1 Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of Undergraduate Appeals Procedures

Professor Walsh reminded Senators that at a meeting held on April 10, 2007, Senate accepted in principle the revised undergraduate appeals procedures and agreed to refer the document to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for consultation with faculty and academic councils with a view to having it resubmitted to Senate for further consideration and approval.

A letter dated 28 February 2008 has been received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies with regard to the Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of Undergraduate Appeals Procedures noting that the Committee did not endorse the revised procedures in their entirety. A letter dated March 27, 2008 has also been received from the Executive Committee recommending to Senate that the report be sent back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies to further review and modify the undergraduate appeals regulations in accordance with the views expressed by the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Executive Committee.

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

Following discussion of the report, it was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Sharpe and carried that Senate request the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies further review and modify the undergraduate appeals regulations in accordance with the views expressed in the two memoranda noted above.

With respect to the observation of SCUGS that "...the Committee was concerned that "the right to appear in person" might disadvantage a student who does not choose or by virtue of distance is not able to avail of this opportunity", several Senators remarked that in the most general sense, an individual is not disadvantaged by having a right. As a result, it was agreed to ask the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies to re-examine its position on the right to appear in person.

89. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

89.1 Membership and Terms of Reference for an ad hoc Committee to Consider an Appeal by Student ECS 2007-08: #7

At a meeting held on March 11, 2008, Senate approved a recommendation that an ad hoc committee be appointed to consider an appeal by Student ECS 2007-08: #7. In this regard, the Committee on Committees was asked to recommend to the Executive Committee of Senate the terms of reference and membership for the ad hoc Committee to Consider an Appeal by Student ECS 2007-08: #7. In a letter dated March 24, 2008, the Committee on Committees recommended the terms of reference and membership as follows:

"Terms of Reference

The Senate ad hoc committee to consider an appeal by student ECS 2007-08: #7 of an allegation of academic misconduct brought against the student:

- a. Will examine all documents submitted by the student in support of the appeal;
- b. May examine any other written evidence which it deems relevant and in particular, the precedent file for penalties assigned to students found guilty of cheating in final examinations;
- c. Will interview the student;
- d. May interview any individuals, organizations or institutions it deems relevant;
- e. May conduct further investigations as the committee deems necessary; and
- f. Will deal with this case as expeditiously as possible with a view to reporting to Senate by May 13, 2008.

Membership and Terms of Reference for an ad hoc Committee to Consider an Appeal by Student ECS 2007-08: #7 (cont'd)**Membership**

Dr. Mike Doyle, Counselling Centre
Ms. Lisa Goddard, Library (Senator)
Ms. Stephanie Lawlor, Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union
Ms. Maria Murray, Office of the Registrar
Dr. Chris Sharpe, Department of Geography (Senator)
Dr. Katherine Side, Department of Women's Studies"

For the information of Senate, Dr. Clark noted that at a meeting held on March 27, 2008, the Executive Committee of Senate approved the terms of reference and membership for the ad hoc Committee of Senate to Consider an Appeal by Student ECS 2007-08: #7 as outlined above.

89.2 Volunteers/Nominations to the 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 21 nominations comprising 17 different people for 35 committee vacancies. The motion to approve the following appointments to standing committees of Senate which was moved by Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Collins, carried.

University Planning and Budget Committee	Member until August 31
Banzhaf, Banzhaf (Computer Science)	2011*
Kendall, Kendall (Medicine)	2011*
Ghazala, Sue (Biochemistry)	2011*
Dibbon, David (Education)	2010
Fisher, Andy (Engineering)	2010
Radford, Chris (Mathematics and Statistics)	2009
Adamec, Robert (Science)	2009 (Senator)
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)	
Farrell, James (Undergraduate Student)	2008 (April 30)
(Graduate Student)	2008 (April 30)
One member of the Board of Regents (To be appointed)	
Director of Financial and Administrative Services	
Director of Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning	

Volunteers/Nominations to the Standing Committees of Senate (cont'd)

Advisory Committee on the Library	Member until April 30
Robinson, Angela (Anthropology)	2011*
Side, Katherine (Women's Studies)	2011*
Walsh, Donna (English)	2010 (Senator)
Connor, Jim (Medicine/History)	2010 (Senator)
Gamble, Don (French and Spanish)	2010
Maskek, Vlastimil (Engineering)	2010
Thistle, Barbara (French & Spanish)	2009
Smith, Jordan (Undergraduate student)	2008 (April 30)
(Graduate student)	2008 (April 30)
Vice-President (Academic)	
University Librarian	
Committee on Copyright	Member until August 31
Tulett, David (Business)	2011*
Farrell, Alison (Library)	2010
Pretty, Heather (Library)	2010
Penney, Catherine (Psychology)	2009
Copyright Officer	
Stoodley, Sarah (Undergraduate student)	2008 (April 30)
(Graduate student)	2008 (April 30)
University Librarian	
Committee on Course Evaluations	Member Until August 31
Snelgrove, Kenneth (Engineering)	2011*
Robinson, Angela (Anthropology)	2011*
Mann, Bruce (Education)	2009
Janes, Matthew (SWGC)	2009
Burton, Valerie (History)	2009
MacLellan, Matthias (Undergraduate Student)	2008 (April 30)
(Undergraduate student)	2008 (April 30)
(Graduate Student)	2008 (April 30)
Manager, Instructional Development Office	
Director, Centre for Institutional Analysis and Planning	
Committee on Educational Technology	Member until August 31
Evermann, Joerg (Business)	2011*
Snelgrove, Kenneth (Engineering)	2011*
Sweeny, Robert (History)	2010
Gordon, Shannon (Library)	2010
Curran, Vernon (Medicine)	2009
Goosney, Janet (Library)	2009
Stoodley, Sarah (Undergraduate student)	2008 (April 30)
(Graduate student)	2008 (April 30)
Sooklal, Rohan - Computing and Communications	
Director, Distance Education and Learning Technologies	

Volunteers/Nominations to the Standing Committees of Senate (cont'd)

Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial	Member until August 31
Mulligan, Martin (Biochemistry)	2011
Whitaker, Robin (Anthropology)	2011
Rahman, Aziz (Engineering)	2010
Coady, Peggy (Business)	2009
Pike, Holly (SWGK)	2009
Campbell, Cameron (Undergraduate student)	2008 (April 30)
(Graduate student)	2008 (April 30)
President - Chair	
The Chancellor	
Secretary of Senate	
Public Orator - Professor Shane O'Dea	
Committee on Research	Member until August 31
McGuire, John (Medicine)	2011*
Weber, John (Pharmacy)	2011*
Younes, Husam (Pharmacy)	2010
Oman, Natalie (Philosophy)	2010
Krouglicof, Nicholas (Engineering)	2010
Hermanutz, Luise (Biology)	2010
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
Reid, Stephanie (Undergraduate student)	2008 (April 30)
(Graduate student)	2008 (April 30)
Dean of Graduate Studies	
Vice-President (Research)	
Director, Office of Research, (Executive Secretary)	
Vice-Principal (Research), Grenfell College	
Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards	Member until August 31
Rideout, Keith (Marine Institute)	2011*
Craig, Ailsa (Sociology)	2010
Davis, Phil (Biochemistry)	2010
Simpson, Evan	2010
Harris, Greg (Education)	2010
Ashley, Katherine (Sir Wilfred Grenfell College)	2010
Mitchell, Meghan (Undergraduate student)	2008 (April 30)
Dean of Student Affairs and Services	
Director, Student Support Programs	
Manager, Scholarships and Awards	
Registrar	
Director, Office of Student Recruitment	

Volunteers/Nominations to the Standing Committees of Senate (cont'd)

Executive Committee of Senate	Member until August 31
Wilson, Paul (SWGK)	2011 (Senator)**
Solberg, Shirley (Nursing)	2010
Venkatesan, R. (Engineering)	2009
Simms, Alvin (Geography)	2009
Power, Steph Director of Advocacy (MUNSU) (or designated alternate)	2008 (April 30)
Vice-President (Academic), GSU (or designated alternate)	2008 (April 30)
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. Paul Wilson 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 academic staff members to volunteer for committees where vacancies exist and he urged members of Senate to do the same.

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

- On March 12, 2008, Dr. Campbell attended a breakfast meeting with the Faculty of Business Administration Roundtable with guest Mr. Kevin Warren, President and CEO of Xerox Canada.

Dr. Campbell also met with a delegation from Huachang Polymer Co. Ltd., Eastern China, to discuss student exchanges.
- On March 13, 2008, Dr. Campbell attended a conference banquet hosted by Minister Burke with the Honorable Patty Pottle, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, as guest speaker.
- Dr. Campbell hosted a luncheon held on March 14, 2008 for athletic recruits. On the same date, he also attended the Faculty of Business Administration awards event along with a poetry reading with John Steffler.

Remarks from the Chair - Questions/Comments from Senators (cont'd)

- During the period March 24 - 25, 2008, Dr. Campbell travelled to Corner Brook to attend the Board of Regents' meeting and several other meetings.
- On March 26, 2008, Dr. Campbell met with Mr. Bill Crosbie, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade. He also attended the Student Volunteer Bureau Volunteer Day Reception.
- During the period March 27 - 28, 2008, Dr. Campbell travelled to the United Kingdom and met with Harlow campus staff, students and faculty.
- On April 1, 2008, Dr. Campbell travelled to Windsor, Ontario to attend the general meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada.
- Dr. Campbell reported that he met with representatives from the National Research Council to discuss possible collaboration efforts.
- Dr. Campbell recently attended a retirement reception for the following four members of the Department of History: Dr. Andy den Otter, Dr. James Hiller, Ms. Louise Dawe and Mr. Joe Cherwinski.
- Dr. Campbell attended the School of Music thank you reception in honour of the new Steinway piano recently acquired by the School.
- On April 8, 2008, Dr. Campbell attended the "Rant Like Rick" award reception.

91. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY