

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The special meeting of Senate was held on March 14, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

77. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Dr. M. Bluechardt, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean J. Rourke, Dean L. Walker, Ms. D. Whalen, Interim Dean S. Wolinetz, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. K. Aziz, Mr. K. Baker, Dr. E. Brown, Dr. V. Bubenik, Ms. B. Conran, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. F. King, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. D. Moralejo, Dr. D. Peters, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dr. W. Schipper, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Mr. R. Trenholm, Dr. P. Trnka, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Wright, Mr. S. Sullivan, Ms. K. Giroux-Bougard, Mr. A. Hollett, Ms. E. Martin, Mr. J. Shaw.

78. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. J. Ashton, Dr. G. Clark, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Dr. J. Wyse.

79. SIR WILFRED GRENFELL COLLEGE - GROWING WITH WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

Dr. Meisen introduced the topic for the special meeting by noting that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of Senate in the Fall 2005, it was proposed that a topic for discussion at a future special meeting of Senate would be a presentation from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. He noted that Dr. John Ashton was prepared to give the presentation at the February meeting. However, in view of the considerable concern which had arisen with regard to the Chandra issue, it was agreed that the presentation would be postponed until today's meeting. Dr. Meisen then introduced Dr. Holly Pike, Vice-Principal, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College noting that Dr. Ashton, who was originally scheduled to give the presentation, was out of the province. Dr. Pike then gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled "*Sir Wilfred Grenfell College - Growing with Western Newfoundland.*"

Dr. Pike began the presentation by providing Senate with a brief history of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. Dr. Pike described the location of the College, the environment and cultural life, the landscape and the climate of the West Coast. An overview of Sir Wilfred Grenfell College today was also provided and in doing so, she noted the following:

- approximately 1400 students are enrolled
- four academic buildings and both dormitory-style and chalet style residences are well utilized

Sir Wilfred Grenfell College - Growing with Western Newfoundland (cont'd)

- the degree programs offered include: Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual and Theatre); Bachelor of Arts (English, Environmental Studies, Historical Studies, Humanities, Psychology and Social/Cultural Studies); Bachelor of Science (Environmental Science - Biology or Chemistry stream, General Science and Psychology); Bachelor of Nursing; Bachelor of Arts - Tourism Studies; Bachelor of Education (primary/elementary)
- research activity is increasing

Dr. Pike also highlighted current initiatives of the College which include the development of several new programs, student recruitment, research, entrepreneurship, community partnerships, international linkages, learning vacations as well the development of a newsletter.

Following a brief discussion around the need for improved communications between the two campuses, the President thanked Dr. Pike for her presentation.

80. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on March 14, 2006, at 4:55 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

81. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Dr. M. Bluechardt, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean J. Rourke, Dean L. Walker, Ms. D. Whalen, Interim Dean S. Wolinetz, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. K. Aziz, Mr. K. Baker, Dr. E. Brown, Dr. V. Bubenik, Ms. B. Conran, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. F. King, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. D. Moralejo, Dr. D. Peters, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dr. W. Schipper, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Mr. R. Trenholm, Dr. P. Trnka, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Wright, Mr. S. Sullivan, Ms. K. Giroux-Bougard, Mr. A. Hollett, Ms. E. Martin, Mr. J. Shaw.

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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83. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on February 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:

84. 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.*

The names of eight 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.

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

The Chair reviewed the list of candidates who had previously been approved for the award of an honorary degree but who have not yet received their degree and informed Senators that the list is available for viewing in the Office of the Secretary of Senate.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by Dr. Jablonski, seconded by Professor Walsh, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising Items 85, be approved as follows:

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

85.1 Faculty of Medicine

Page 521, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Regulations Governing the Degree of Master of Science in Medicine, amend the first paragraph as follows:

“There are eight program areas in the Faculty of Medicine ... Human Genetics, Immunology and Infectious Diseases, and Neurosciences. Each program area ...”

Page 522, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Programs of Study, delete the subheading “7. Immunology” and replace with the following:

“7. Immunology and Infectious Diseases”

Page 550, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Medicine, amend the first paragraph as follows:

“There are eight program areas in the Faculty of Medicine ... Human Genetics, Immunology and Infectious Diseases and Neurosciences. Each program ...”

Page 524, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Courses, insert the following new course:

“6272. Epidemiology II”

85.2 Environmental Science

Page 515, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Environmental Science Program, subheading Courses, insert the following new block of special topics:

“Env. Sci. 6201-6210.”

85.3 Faculty of Education

Page 485, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Courses, insert the following new course:

“6394. Biographical Explorations of Teaching and Learning”

Page 480, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading H) Specific Programs, subheading Option Two, under the subheading b) Program Requirements, delete clause “vi)” in its entirety and replace with the following:

“vi) students on the comprehensive-course route must complete one of the following courses: E6390 Research and Development Seminar in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning Studies or E6394 Biographical Explorations of Teaching and Learning or 6913 Classroom Inquiry and Action Research. Normally students would be permitted to register for one of these courses only after all other course requirements have been met, or during the student’s last semester of studies.”

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

86.1 General Regulation J Governing the School of Graduate Studies

At a meeting held on February 14, 2006, Senate considered a memorandum dated January 19, 2006 from the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies regarding General Regulation J Governing the School of Graduate Studies. During discussion of the proposed amendment to this regulation, several Senators questioned:

- whether or not a hard copy of the thesis / report guide would be available as a permanent reference for students.
- the planned effective date of implementation for the proposed regulation.
- the relevance of pages 88-89 of the document submitted by the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies.

At that time, it was agreed to refer the proposed amendment back to the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies for further consideration with a view to reporting back to Senate at the March 14, 2006 meeting. It was also agreed that subject to approval of the proposed amendment at the March 14, 2006 meeting, the calendar change would be included in the 2006-07 University Calendar.

A letter dated February 16, 2006 has been received from Dr. Chet Jablonski noting the following:

- the guide is available on-line, noting that hard copies can be made available upon request.
- the implementation date of the regulation would be effective upon Senate approval.

General Regulation J Governing the School of Graduate Studies (cont'd)

- pages 88-89 of the April 19, 1999 meeting of the Academic Council were attached for reference regarding endorsement by Council of the Thesis Guide.

The motion to approve the amended General Regulation J Governing the School of Graduate Studies which was moved by Dr. Jablonski, seconded by Dr. Adamec, carried.

Page 447, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the subheading J) Theses and Reports, delete Clause "2. General Form and Style" in its entirety

Renumber Clause "1. Submission" as "2. Submission".

Immediately preceding the newly renumbered Clause "2. Submission", insert the following new clause:

**"1. Thesis/Report Guide Supplement**

The Thesis/Report Guide Supplement ([www.mun.ca/sgs/guidelines\\_intro.php](http://www.mun.ca/sgs/guidelines_intro.php)), approved by the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies, provides the details for the examination process, general form and style of the thesis/report, required forms, number of copies, etc., required under this regulation."

87. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

87.1 Revisions to the Terms of Reference of Standing Committees of Senate

At a meeting held on May 11, 2004, Senate considered the final report of the ad hoc Committee on Senate and approved the following recommendation:

"(i) *request that the Committee on Committees re-examine committees of Senate in order to determine:*

- (a) *whether all of its present committees are necessary*
- (b) *whether the terms of reference of all or some of its committees should be revised."*

At a meeting held on September 8, 2004, the Committee on Committees endorsed that recommendation and subsequently, requested each Senate Committee to conduct a review of its membership and terms of reference.

As a result of this review, the Committee on Committees recommended changes to membership and/or terms of reference for various Senate Committees and reported that additional committees would be reporting at a later date. In this regard, Mr. Collins indicated that the Committee on Committees concurs with the Senate Committee on Research which is recommending the following revisions to its membership and terms of reference (Note: use of the underscore indicates new text and the strikeout indicates current text that is to be eliminated):

Revisions to the Terms of Reference of Standing Committees of Senate  
(cont'd)

**A. Senate Committee on Research**

1. Membership

- (a) ~~Dean of Graduate Studies, ex-officio~~
- (b) ~~Vice-President (Research and International Relations), ex-officio~~
- (c) ~~Director, Office of Research as non-voting secretary, (Executive Secretary), ex-officio~~
- (d) One undergraduate student (from MUNSU)
- (e) One graduate student (from GSU)
- (f) Vice-Principal (Research), Grenfell College
- (g) An appropriate number of academic staff members  
Up to 15 academic staff members who are selected based on the following guiding principles:
  - (i) members should be active researchers
  - (ii) it is desirable if some members have experience with research advisory committees in their academic units, or experience with research management
  - (iii) at any time, the membership should be broadly representative of researchers throughout the University

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Senate Committee on Research is to provide a forum for the discussion and debate of issues related to research at Memorial University. Such issues may pertain to the promotion and encouragement of research or to the formulation and review of policies related to research. In addition, the Senate Committee on Research is to consider proposals and transmit its recommendations to Senate on important research policies and issues of interest to Memorial University.

3. Responsibilities

- (a) Encourage and promote research in co-operation with the Office of Research and academic units at Memorial University by identifying areas in which to improve our success with Tri-Council (SSHRC, NSERC and CIHR) and other major funding agencies or organizations.
- (b) Present proposals and recommendations for consideration to the Senate on:
  - (i) existing university research policies
  - (ii) the development and implementation of new University research policies
  - (iii) the implications of major proposals that might affect established academic priorities; and
  - (iv) the prioritization of research initiatives for the disposition of discretionary research funds accruing to the University.

Revisions to the Terms of Reference of Standing Committees of Senate  
(cont'd)

- (c) Recommend to the President:
  - (i) faculty members for the President's Award for Outstanding Research
  - (ii) faculty members to serve on the Selection Committee for the University Research Professorships
  
- 4. Process
  - (a) The Committee will normally provide advice or recommendations to the Vice-President (Research) and to Senate, on items listed in 2.(b).
  - (b) The Committee will normally consult on issues listed in 2.(b) with:
    - (i) Researchers, via their Dean or Director
    - (ii) Students involved in research activities, via the Undergraduate and Graduate student unions.

~~2. Terms of Reference~~

- ~~(a) To encourage and promote research at MUN.~~
- ~~(b) To work in co-operation with the Office of Research, with all Faculties and Schools on the promotion of research, on the identification of potential sources of research funds, and on relations with the major funding councils, such as SSHRC, NSERC and the MRC.~~
- ~~(c) To consider, review, and advise on University research policy including, but not restricted to:
  - ~~(i) University Patent Policy; and~~
  - ~~(ii) University Contract Research Policy.~~~~
- ~~(d) To consider, review, and advise on:
  - ~~(i) the implications of major proposals that would require a significant University commitment of finances, space and personnel which might affect established academic priorities; and~~
  - ~~(ii) the disposition of unrestricted research funds accruing to the University.~~~~
- ~~(e) To consider, review, and advise on the legal and moral implications of research activities including, but not restricted to:
  - ~~(i) the rights and welfare of human and animal subjects as outlined in the Ethical Policy and Procedures for Research Involving Human Subjects and the Animal Care Policies and Procedures;~~
  - ~~(ii) the methods used to secure informed consent with respect to human subjects;~~
  - ~~(iii) the comparative degree of risk versus the potential benefits of the investigation.~~~~
- ~~(f) To recommend faculty members to the President for the President's Award for Outstanding Research.~~
- ~~(g) To recommend faculty members to the President to serve on the Selection Committee for the University Research Professorship.~~

The motion to approve these changes, which was moved by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Andrews, was carried (incorporating a friendly amendment made on the floor of Senate).



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

- Dr. Meisen noted that research integrity remains of high importance. An “Open Forum on Research Integrity” was held on February 15, 2006. Several other sessions were also held within the University during the month of February. The President also noted that an external expert will be engaged with a mandate to review the process and procedures of research integrity but not to re-run the investigation into the Chandra case. He also reported that a letter has been sent to all major donors and several letters of support have been received.
- On February 23, 2006, Dr. Meisen travelled to Ottawa and participated in the Newfoundland and Labrador delegation in the Council of Federation meeting entitled “*Competing for Tomorrow: A Post-Secondary Education and Skills Summit in Ottawa*”.
- During the period February 16 - 20, 2006, Dr. Meisen travelled to the United Arab Emirates to explore a major collaborative initiative with the Government of the United Arab Emirates regarding the creation of an innovative partner organization for the Marine Institute.
- On March 3, 2006, Dr. Meisen went to Bay Roberts and was the guest speaker at the Baccalieu Trail Chapter dinner.
- On March 6, 2006, Dr. Meisen travelled to Corner Brook and Stephenville and held public consultations regarding Memorial’s Strategic Planning initiatives.
- On March 11, 2006, Dr. Meisen attended the Music Festival Gala concert in Labrador City.

In response to questions from Senators, the President noted that:

- the University will participate in the activities being planned to mark the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Beaumont-Hamel.
- the open forum with Dr. Shirley Katz from York University on March 10, 2006 which was postponed because of weather conditions will be rescheduled at a later date.

89. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY