

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on May 9, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

100. PRESENT

The President, Dr. J. Ashton, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. M. Bluehardt, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean J. Rourke, Dean L. Walker, Ms. D. Whalen, Interim Dean S. Wolinetz, Dr. A. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Mr. K. Baker, Ms. B. Conran, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Mr. C. Dennis, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. M. Morrow, Dr. D. Peters, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Whitehead, Dr. J. Wright, Ms. K. Greenfield, Ms. K. Hickey, Mr. S. Sullivan, Mr. D. Singh.

The Chair noted the election of the following members of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union and welcomed them as members of Senate:

Katherine Giroux-Bougard	President
Roger Drinkall	Vice-President (Academic)
Stephanie Power	Vice-President (Internal)
Dushyant Singh	Vice-President (Finance)

The Chair noted the appointment/reappointment of the following graduate student Senators for the period May 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007:

Kelly Hickey	President
Kelly Greenfield	Vice-President (Academic)
Shannon Sullivan	Graduate Student

The Chair also noted the appointment of the following Grenfell College Students' Union student Senators for the period May 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007:

Imoh Igho-Osagie  
Adam Hollett

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. J. Crosbie, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. C. Loomis, Dean A. Collins, Dean R. Gosine, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. K. Aziz, Captain J. Ennis, Dr. F. King, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dr. J. Wyse, Mr. R. Drinkall, Ms. K. Giroux-Bougard, Ms. S. Power.

102. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 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:

103. 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.*

103.1 Nominations for the title of Professor Emeritus

The names of three candidates recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial were presented to the Senate for award of the title of Professor Emeritus subject to 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

104. REQUEST FROM THE MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND STUDENTS' UNION REGARDING AN EXEMPTION OF SECTION D.3 OF THE SENATE BY-LAWS AND PROCEDURES

A memo dated April 25, 2006 was received from the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union requesting an exemption to Clause D.3. of the Handbook of Senate By-Laws and Procedures which states:

*"To be eligible for selection to the Senate, an undergraduate student shall have obtained a minimum of sixty credit hours and be in clear standing ..."*

It was noted that the MUNSU Vice-President (External Relations and Communications) does not have 60 credit hours and hence does not meet the eligibility requirement set out in the Handbook and MUNSU is now requesting a waiver of the regulation.

Following discussion the motion to approve the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union request for an exemption to Section D(3) of

the Handbook of Senate By-Laws and Procedures with regard to Stella Magalios, Vice-President (External Relations and Communications), which was moved by Mr. Singh, seconded by Mr. Ellis, carried.

It was also suggested that a further study of the matter should be undertaken in order to ensure that MUNSU Bylaws and Senate Bylaws are not in conflict.

105. ITEM FOR INFORMATION

105.1 Report of the Committee on Senate Elections

A memorandum dated April 21, 2006, was received from the Committee on Senate Elections reporting the results of the annual Senate elections process as follows:

Business Administration	One Vacant Seat
Engineering and Applied Science	Dr. Glyn George Dr. John Quaicoe
Human Kinetics and Recreation	Professor Vivienne Kuester
Library	Ms. Bernadine Conran One Vacant Seat
Marine Institute	Mr. Kenneth Baker
Medicine	Three vacant Seats
Pharmacy	Dr. Mohsen Daneshtalab
Science	Dr. Luise Hermanutz Dr. Serpil Kocabiyik
Social Sciences	One Vacant Seat

In the memorandum to Senate dated April 21, 2006, the Committee reported that in seven of the nine constituencies where vacancies existed, a second call for nominations was necessary. This resulted in three nominations in addition to the five nominations received in the first call. There was a second extension in four constituencies where vacancies still existed. No further nominations were received. The end result is that while eight seats have been filled, six vacancies remain as noted above. Senate concurred with a recommendation from the Committee on Senate Elections that these vacancies should stand until the next cycle of Senate elections.

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

- During the period April 13 - 20, 2006, the President travelled to Australia for participation in meetings of the Board of Directors with the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU).

- The President noted that he chaired the meeting of the Council of Association of Atlantic Universities (AAU) during the period of April 25 - 26, 2006 during which time, a valuable and comprehensive report entitled “*The Economic Impact of Universities in the Atlantic Provinces*” was released.
- On May 2, 2006, Dr. Meisen travelled to the United Kingdom to meet with Major Vyvyan Harmsworth. Dr. Meisen advised Senate that the Rothemere Foundation will be providing four travel bursaries per year worth approximately \$4,000 each to students from central Newfoundland to enable them to study at the Harlow campus.
- Dr. Meisen advised that Dr. Shirley Katz, who is conducting an examination of the effectiveness of policies, procedures and practices of Memorial University regarding the environment for women, has requested an extension of the deadline for the submission of her report to the end of May 2006. Dr. Meisen noted that this extension, which has been requested because of the weather cancellations of the meetings previously scheduled in March and also because of the unexpectly large number of individuals seeking interviews, has been granted.

With reference to travel to Harlow, Dr. Ashton noted the recent announcement of Air Canada’s cancellation of its daily flights from St. John’s to Heathrow may have significant implications for travel to the United Kingdom and inquired if the University would make representation to Air Canada. The President noted that a review has been conducted on the number of flights taken to the United Kingdom by Memorial employees and students. He also noted that he met with Government officials on this matter and he intends to pursue the University’s interest in this regard.

107. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The President reported that the tentative date of the next meeting of Senate will be Thursday, June 15, 2006. The preliminary agenda will include:

- the draft Strategic Plan
- a proposal to revise the Bachelor of Engineering Program
- a proposal for the Ph.D. (Management) program in Business

The President also noted that a reception may be held prior to the regular meeting.

108. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY

