

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on May 8, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

105. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. J. Ashton, Ms. R. Cochrane, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dean R. Gosine, Ms. E. Healey, Dr. N. Golfman (on behalf of Dr. C. Jablonski), Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean R. Tremblay, Dean L. Walker, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. E. Brown, Mr. C. Clarke, Ms. B. Conran, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. G. George, Ms. L. Goddard, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. S. Kenney, Dr. D. Moralejo, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. D. Pike, Professor G. Riser, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. P. Wilson, Mr. K. Chowdhury, Ms. K. Greenfield, Mr. N. Eisnor, Mr. J. Farrell, Mr. D. Flavius Monafu, Ms. S. Magalios, Ms. S. Power, Mr. B. Russell.

Dr. Campbell, Deputy Chairman of Senate, called the meeting to order noting that the Chairman was unavoidably delayed for a few minutes and as a result, he would be chairing the meeting until Dr. Meisen arrived.

Dr. Campbell noted the election of the following members of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union and welcomed them as members of Senate:

James Farrell, Director of External Relations, Communications and Research
Stella Magalios, Director of Campaigns
Steph Power, Director of Advocacy
Nick Eisnor, Director of Finance and Services
Bradley Russell, Director of Student Life

The Acting Chair noted the appointment/reappointment of the following graduate student Senators:

Nicole Kieley, President
Khaled Chowdhury, Vice-President (Academic)
Kelly Greenfield

Dr. Campbell also noted the appointment of the following Grenfell College Students' Union student Senators:

Daniel Smith, President
Dan Flavius Monafu, Vice-President (Academic)

106. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. M. Bluecharde, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dean J. Rourke, Dr. G. Clark, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. P. Trnka, Dr. D. Tulett, Ms. N. Kieley.

107. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on April 10, 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:

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. Golfman, seconded by Professor Walsh, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising the items listed in 108 below, be approved as follows:

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

108.1 Department of Anthropology

Page 463, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 5.5 Anthropology, subheading Archaeology/Physical Anthropology Courses (A/P), amend 6700 to read as follows:

“6700 Interpretive Methods in Archaeology”

108.2 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Page 459, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 2.3 Environmental Systems Engineering and Management, insert the following:

“2.3.4 Evaluation

Students must obtain a grade of at least 65% in all program courses to receive credit for the course towards their program requirements. Any student who fails to receive 65% or more in a course, must repeat the course in the case of core courses, or must either repeat or replace the course with another program course in the case of elective courses. Any student who receives a grade of less than 65% in two courses or in a repeated course will be required to withdraw from the program.”

108.3 Faculty of Education

Page 483, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 8.8 Specific Programs, section 4. Post-Secondary Studies, subsection a. Admission Requirements, item vii. Closed electives are those listed below;, insert the following new course:

“6807 Economics and Finance of Post-Secondary Education”

108.4 Oil and Gas Studies

Page 503, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 16.7 Courses, in Table II - Master of Oil and Gas Studies Elective Courses, insert the following new course and restriction note:

“6812 Legal Arrangements in the Oil and Gas Industry

Note: Students who completed OGS 6811 prior to the 2007 Winter Semester cannot receive credit for both OGS 6812 and OGS 6811.”

REGULAR AGENDA

109. APPEAL TO SENATE

ECS 2006-07: #4 - Following the normal appeals process, this student's appeal to be awarded the degree of Master of Science was denied by Senate in September 2000. This request was made on the basis of courses successfully completed, research carried out and a co-authored publication in which the appellant is cited as the third of four authors arising from research done while registered in a Master's program at Memorial University from September 1971 to August 1974. In September 2005, the student submitted additional material and requested that his/her appeal be reconsidered. The Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies and the Executive Committee of Senate each reconsidered the case and concluded that the new material did not warrant further consideration of the appeal.

Following discussion, it was moved by Dr. Sharpe, seconded by Professor Riser that the appeal be denied. The motion carried by a majority vote.

At this point, Dr. Meisen joined the meeting and assumed the Chair.

110. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

110.1 Bachelor of Resource Management Degree Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

Professor Walsh presented the proposed Bachelor of Resource Management Degree Program to be offered at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College following which Dr. Ashton provided a history of the development of the program. Dr. Ashton noted that the idea of offering the proposed Bachelor of Resource Management Degree program arose out of a review of the forestry program. For several years, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College offered the first two years of a forestry degree program in collaboration with the University of New Brunswick. However, enrolments in the program declined and as a result, the program was not sustainable and was suspended. Dr. Ashton also noted that in several locations across Canada, forestry programs have been suspended and resource management programs have been developed.

Dr. Ashton remarked that the proposed program will complement and enhance the St. John's campus offerings and provide students with a program in an emerging area of importance. The program will enhance the Environmental Science and Environmental Studies programs currently offered at the College. The program also links well with government's intention for a research and development strategy plus it will benefit from the

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newly established Canada Research Chair in Ecological Economics. Dr. Ashton noted that officials at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College will be working to develop an articulation agreement with the College of the North Atlantic in order to allow graduates of appropriate diploma programs to receive advanced standing within the Sustainable Resource Management program.

Following a brief discussion, the motion to approve the proposed Bachelor of Resource Management Degree Program at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College which was moved by Professor Walsh and seconded by Dr. Ashton, carried by a majority vote.

Page 399, 2007-2008 Calendar, insert the following section preceding 8.6 Minor Programs - Division of Science:

“Bachelor of Resource Management

Regulations for the General Degree of Bachelor of Resource Management

The program consists of a Sustainable Resource Management core which provides an interdisciplinary understanding of management activities within the context of the physical, social and economic environments.

The program requires a total of 120 credit hours as follows:

- A. The interdisciplinary Major in Sustainable Resource Management consisting of 84 credit hours.
 1. Biology 1001, 1002, 2600
 2. Chemistry 1200 and 1001, or equivalent
 3. Economics 2010
 4. Environmental Studies 2000, 3000, 3001, 4000
 5. Geography 1000, 1001, 2425
 6. Sustainable Resource Management 2000, 2001, 3000, 3001, 3002, 4000, 4001, 4003, 4010, 4950
 7. One of Philosophy 2809, Religious Studies 3880, Political Science 3550
 8. Two of Environmental Science 2371, Environmental Science 2369, Biology 2010, Biology 2122, Biology 2210
 9. Statistics 2500
 10. One of Environmental Science 3072, 3110, 3130, 3131, 4132, Earth Science 3811
- B. 6 credit hours in first-year English
- C. 30 credit hours in elective courses. When selecting electives, students are reminded that the **Core Program Requirements** for a Sir Wilfred Grenfell College degree program must be met.”

Renumber section 8.6 Minor Programs - Division of Social Science as 8.7 Minor Programs - Division of Social Science, 8.7 Articulation Agreement with the College of the North Atlantic as 8.8 Articulation Agreement with the College of the North Atlantic, and 8.7.1 For Graduates of the Two-Year Adventure Tourism Diploma Program as 8.8.1 For Graduates of the Two-Year Adventure Tourism Diploma Program.

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Page 421, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 11.14 Forestry, add the following new courses:

“3000 Sustainable Forestry addresses current methods and technologies for the implementation of sustainable forestry practices. The theoretical, practical, and actual ranges of choice for sustainable forestry practice are explored from a global perspective.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisites: SRM 2000, SRM 2001, and BIOL 2600.

Lectures: 3 hours per week.

3200 Forest Management and Policy addresses the fundamentals of forestry management including policies and legislation at provincial, national, and international levels.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisites: SRM 2000, SRM 2001, FORS 3000, and BIOL 2600.

Lectures: 3 hours per week.”

Following 11.28 Sociology, add a new section “11.29 Sustainable Resource Management” and add the following new courses, renumbering 11.29 to 11.33 accordingly:

“2000 Sustainable Resource Management I: Marine and Terrestrial Environments is an introduction to the interdisciplinary field of sustainable resource management, including marine and terrestrial environments. The course focuses on sustainable practices rather than profit or resource extraction optimization. First Nations’ perspectives will also be considered.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisites: GEOG 1000 or GEOG 1050.

Lectures: 3 hours per week.

2001 Sustainable Resource Management II: Industry-Specific Approaches develops the topics presented in SRM 2000 with reference to specific industries such as the fishery, forests, mining, oil and gas, soils, and water. This course traces the importance of resources in their historical context both locally and globally.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisite: SRM 2000.

Lectures: 3 hours per week.

3000 Regional Planning and Management is an introduction to the concepts and processes of regional planning, development, and management. The course addresses planning history and dominant historical contributions to regional, urban, and rural morphology. Planning theory, planning practice, and management strategies are studied.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisites: SRM 2000, SRM 2001.

Lectures: 3 hours per week.

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3001 Environmental Planning and Management focuses on balancing economic growth and environmental objectives. Environmental risk analysis, environmental auditing, and First Nations' perspectives will also be studied.
Credit Restrictions: None.
Prerequisite: SRM 3000.
Lectures: 3 hours per week.

3002 Biodiversity focuses on the three dimensions of biodiversity (genetic diversity, species diversity, and ecosystem diversity) and their relationships. Biodiversity will be addressed from an interdisciplinary perspective as genes, species, and ecosystems are of economic and biological interest.
Credit Restrictions: None.
Prerequisites: BIOL 1001, SRM 2000, SRM 2001.
Lectures: 3 hours per week.

4000 Remote Sensing, Image Interpretation, and Resource Management builds on topics introduced in EVST 2000 and EVST 3001. The course addresses the use of remotely-sensed images to track the location, health, and variety of natural resources such as forests, crops, and migratory populations. The lab component of the course employs GIS, GPS, satellite imagery, and aerial photography to address research concerns such as oil spills, forest fire management, iceberg tracking, ocean temperature monitoring, mining exploration, and oil and gas development.
Credit Restrictions: None.
Prerequisites: EVST 2000 and EVST 3001.
Lectures: 3 hours per week.
Laboratory: 3 hours per week.

4001 Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy Resources presents an interdisciplinary approach to renewable and non-renewable energy resources and their management. The course examines the existing industrial economy's dependence on fossil fuels and studies renewable energy resources such as wind, solar, and geothermal.
Credit Restrictions: None.
Prerequisite: SRM 2000.
Lectures: 3 hours per week.

4002 Risk Assessment and Management is an introduction to risk assessment and management as interdisciplinary processes.
Credit Restrictions: None.
Prerequisite: EVST 4000.
Lectures: 3 hours per week.

4003 Environmental Law is an introduction to laws protecting the environment in Canada and elsewhere. The course examines environmental rules and activities through the study of legal precedents and contexts. Laws and policies of the federal, provincial, and local levels of government (including those pertaining to First Nations) are addressed insofar as they affect the environment. Case studies are employed.
Credit Restrictions: None.
Prerequisites: EVST 1000 and SRM 2000.
Lectures: 3 hours per week.

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4010 Research Seminar in Sustainable Resource Management is the senior seminar in which selected sustainable resource management topics are examined from an interdisciplinary perspective. The seminars are presented on current research and environmental issues by faculty, students, and guest speakers from universities, government, and industry.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisite: Enrolment in the final year of the SRM program or permission of the program Chair.

Lectures: 3 hours per week.

4901-10 Special Topics in Sustainable Resource Management will have topics to be studied announced.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisites: SRM 2000 and SRM 2001.

Lectures: 3 hours per week.

4950 Independent Research Project requires that students carry out an approved project on a topic in Sustainable Resource Management and prepare a major paper under the supervision of a faculty member. Students will undertake both a systematic literature review and independent research.

Credit Restrictions: None.

Prerequisite: Permission of the SRM Chair.”

Page 382, 2007-2008 Calendar, in the Table of Contents, under section 8 Division of Social Science, add “8.6 Bachelor of Resource Management” and renumber items 8.6, 8.7, 8.7.1 as 8.7, 8.8, and 8.8.1.

In the Table of Contents, under section 11 Course Descriptions, add “11.29 Sustainable Resource Management” and renumber items 11.29 - 11.33 accordingly.

Page 389, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 4 Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Core Program Requirements, revise first sentence to read as follows:

“Students completing the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Resource Management and Bachelor of Science degree programs at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College must complete Core program requirements as follows:”

In item 3 Breadth of Knowledge Requirement, amend Group B to read as follows:

“Group B: Anthropology, Business, ... Psychology, Sociology, Sustainable Resource Management, Tourism Studies, Women’s Studies”

In item 4.1 Designated Writing Courses (W), add the following to the table following Folklore:

“Forestry 3000, 3200”

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Following Sociology, add:

“Sustainable Resource Management: 2000, 2001, 3000, 3001, 3002, 4001, 4002, 4003, 4010, 4950”

In item 4.2 Designated Quantitative Reasoning and Analysis Courses (QRA), add under the subheading Social Science, the following:

“Sustainable Resource Management 4000”

Page 393, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 8 Division of Social Science, first paragraph, amend second sentence to read as follows:

“... and a Bachelor of Resource Management is also available.”

111. AMENDMENTS TO THE MARINE INSTITUTE ACADEMIC COUNCIL AND BY-LAWS

A memorandum dated April 5, 2007 was received from the Marine Institute Academic Council proposing amendments to its Constitution and notifying Senate of amendments made to its By-Laws.

It was moved by Mr. Blackwood, seconded by Mr. Andrews, and carried that the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Academic Council of the Marine Institute be approved for submission to the Board of Regents.

112. STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR IN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

A memo dated 17, 2007 was received from the University Librarian recommending that a policy entitled “Standards of Behaviour in Memorial University Libraries” be developed. In introducing the policy, Mr. Ellis noted the need for such a policy following dealings with a library user whose behaviour became problematic. The policy outlines the Library’s expectations of user behaviour.

The motion, which was moved by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Dr. Adamec, that the proposed Policy on Standards of Behaviour in Memorial University Libraries (incorporating a friendly amendment made on the floor of Senate to Clause V. “Suspension of Privileges” that the decision of the Senate Advisory Committee on the Library could be appealed to Senate), be forwarded to the Board of Regents for consideration, carried.

113. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SENATE ELECTIONS

A memorandum dated April 26, 2007, was received from the Committee on Senate Elections reporting the results of the annual Senate elections process as follows:

Business Administration	One Vacant Seat
Education	Dr. Glenn Clark Dr. Walter Okshevsky
Humanities	Dr. Peter Trnka Professor Donna Walsh
Marine Institute	Mr. Carl Clarke Mr. Cyr Couturier Mr. Donald Haynes Mr. Ray Roche
Medicine	Dr. Jim Connor Dr. Karen Mearow Dr. Amin Ali Muhammad Dr. P. Peter Wang
Nursing	One Vacant Seat
Sir Wilfred Grenfell College	Dr. Sudhir B. Abhyankar
Social Work	Dr. Dennis Kimberley

In the memorandum to Senate dated April 26, 2007, the Committee reported that in six of the eight constituencies where vacancies existed, an extension of the deadline for nominations resulted in four nominations being received in addition to the seven nominations received in the first call. In four constituencies where vacancies still existed, a second extension of the deadline resulted in three more nominations being received. The end result is that while 14 seats have been filled, two 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.

114. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

114.1 Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union Representation on the Standing Committees of Senate

On behalf of the Committee on Committees, Mr. Collins presented the Report of the Committee and moved that the following undergraduate student appointments to standing committees as recommended by the Committee be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. George and carried.

Report of the Committee on Committees (cont'd)

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

James Farrell, MUNSU

Planning and Budget Committee

James Farrell, MUNSU

Senate Advisory Committee on the Bookstore

Steve Woodworth, MUNSU

Senate Advisory Committee on the Library

Jordan Smith

Senate Advisory Committee on the University Timetable

Emilie Martin

Senate Committee on Copyright

Sarah Stoodley

Senate Committee on Course Evaluations

Matthias MacLellan

Senate Committee on Educational Technology

Sarah Stoodley

Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial

Cameron Campbell

Senate Committee on Research

Stephanie Reid

Senate Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards

Meghan Mitchell

Committee on Senate Elections

Kayla Colbourne

Senate Committee on the University Calendar

Stephanie Lawlor

University Committee on Admissions

Cameron Campbell

115. MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND STUDENT'S UNION
REPRESENTATION ON THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMITTEES

A memorandum dated April 19, 2007 was received from the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union nominating Catherine Taylor as undergraduate student representative for the Committee on Committees. Since the Committee on Committees is not involved in the selection process for any of its members, Mr. Collins submitted this nomination to Senate recommending its approval.

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The motion to approve the nomination which was moved by Mr. Collins and seconded by Mr. Andrews, carried.

116. REQUEST FROM THE MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND STUDENTS' UNION TO AMEND THE SENATE BY-LAWS AND PROCEDURES

A request was received from the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union recommending amendments to Section II.D. "Selection of Student Members", II.E. "Term of Office for Student Members", VI. "Senate Committee Procedures" and VII. "Standing Committees" of the Senate By-Laws and Procedures. Following consideration, it was moved by Ms. Power, seconded by Dr. Campbell and carried that the following amendments be approved for submission to the Board of Regents (NOTE: The highlighted text indicates new text and the underlined text indicates current text that is to be eliminated):

“II. MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE and ELECTIONS TO SENATE

D. Selection of Student Members

- 1. The Graduate Students' Union shall select three representatives, each representing a different academic area. The selection procedures shall be determined by the Graduate Students' Union.*
- 2. Ten Senators shall be selected by the undergraduate students, each representing a different academic area. The ten undergraduate student senators shall consist of seven student senators from the St. John's campus, two student senators from the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College at Corner Brook and one student senator from the Marine Institute. The procedure controlling such selection shall be determined by the respective Students' Union.*
- 3. 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 except in the case of the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College at Corner Brook where a minimum of thirty credit hours must be obtained and in the case of the Marine Institute where a student shall have obtained fifteen semester credits, be in clear standing as defined by the Institute's academic regulations and be enrolled in a programme offered through the Institute.*
- 3. To be eligible for selection to the Senate, an undergraduate student shall be in clear standing and be enrolled in a program offered through the campus of Memorial University, which the student represents in accordance with D.2 above.*
- 4. The Students' Unions will strive for a balance of student senators representative of the student body.*

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E. Term of Office for Student Members

1. The term of office for student representatives shall run from April 1 to March 31.

1. *The term of office for student representatives shall run from May 1 to April 30.*

Senate also approved the related proposal from MUNSU that Section VI.A.6 "Senate Committee Procedures" be amended so that the term of office for student representatives on Senate Committees shall be from May 1 to April 30 as well as Section VII.J. and L. "Standing Committees" in order to reflect the change in titles for members of the revised executive structure of MUNSU as follows:

"VI. SENATE COMMITTEE PROCEDURES

6. The term of office of student representatives on Senate Committees shall be from April 1 to March 31.

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"VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

J. Committee on Undergraduate Studies

1. *Membership*

(a) *Vice-President (Academic)*

(b) *Registrar*

(c) *Chair, Academic Studies Committee, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College*

(d) *Chairs of the Undergraduate Studies Committees of all Schools and Faculties*

(e) *Chair of the Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Division of Lifelong Learning or its equivalent*

(f) *Vice-President Academic of MUNSU (or designated alternate) and another undergraduate student*

(f) *Director of Advocacy (MUNSU) (or designated alternate) and another undergraduate student*

(g) *An appropriate number of academic staff members*

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L. Executive Committee of Senate

1. Membership

- (a) Chair of Senate, Chair*
- (b) Chair of University Planning and Budget Committee*
- (c) Registrar*
- (d) Dean of Graduate Studies*
- (e) Chair of Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies*
- (f) Vice-President Academic of MUNSU (or designated alternate) and another undergraduate student*
- (f) Director of Advocacy MUNSU (or designated alternate)*
- (g) Vice-President Academic of the GSU (or designated alternate)*
- (h) An appropriate number of academic staff members''*

It was also noted that following today's meeting, a notice would be sent to the Graduate Students' Union, the Grenfell College Students' Union and the Marine Institute Students' Union advising the Unions of the above-noted changes.

117. PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mr. Collins reported that the elections for five faculty representatives to serve on the Presidential Search Committee have now concluded. The following candidates have been elected:

Group 1 Engineering and Applied Science, Human Kinetics and Recreation, Science	Dr. Robert Adamec
Group 2 Education, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Social Work	Dr. Wayne Andrews
Group 3 Business, Humanities, Library, Music, Social Sciences	Professor Shane O'Dea
Group 4 Sir Wilfred Grenfell College	Ms. Barbara Hunt
Group 5 Marine Institute	Mr. Cyr Couturier

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

- Dr. Meisen announced that Dr. Geoffrey Rayner-Canham, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College, was named as one of the 2007 3M Teaching Fellows.
- During the period April 9 to 11, 2007, Dr. Meisen travelled to the United Kingdom. While there, he attended the Harlow Board of Trustees meetings, the Board of Directors of MUN (UK) meetings and held meetings with donors. Dr. Meisen also visited Ireland and chaired a session at the *National Coastal Conference* to help build partnerships between marine experts in Europe and Memorial University.
- On April 17, 2007, the President was in Saskatoon attending a meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges where a presentation entitled “*Trends*” was given. Dr. Meisen encouraged Senators to read the document which highlights national enrolment trends.
- On April 24, 2007, Dr. Meisen hosted John Lau, President and CEO of Husky Energy Inc., with regards to the \$500,000 Husky Endowment Fund increase.
- On April 26, 2007, Dr. Meisen attended the 2007-08 Provincial Budget Speech. In providing an overview of the budget, he noted the following highlights relating to post-secondary education:
 - there will continue to be a freeze on tuition fees. As well, government has lowered the interest rate on provincial student loans.
 - operating funds have increased by almost \$14M. Funding has also been provided in a number of important areas which includes the creation of two new residences (one at the St. John’s campus and one at the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College campus), the construction of a new academic building in Corner Brook and the School of Ocean Technology at the Marine Institute.
- On May 6, 2007, the President hosted a luncheon with new faculty and their families. He extended a warm thank you to the students from the Faculty of Education as well as to Ms. Karen Hollett and the staff of the Office of Faculty Relations who organized the luncheon.
- On May 7, 2007, Dr. Meisen hosted the open meeting of the Katz Action Groups.

On the same date, he attended the “*Rant Like Rick*” awards ceremony.

119. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

119.1 Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Review - Davies/Kelly Report

Dr. Meisen reported that on April 27, 2007, the Provincial Government released the Davies/Kelly report. The report recommends that there be two universities in the Memorial University system: a Memorial University (St. John's) and a Memorial University (Corner Brook) each with its own president, budget and Senate. However, the report recommends that both universities would be part of the overall Memorial University system and would share the same Board of Regents. Dr. Meisen noted that this far reaching report is before Senate today for information and for discussion of process at this stage. He recommended that at a future meeting, Senate should engage in discussion on this important topic which has a bearing on the academic life of the University as well as Senate itself.

Dr. Campbell then reiterated that the report has many implications for academic life at Memorial University and he suggested that Senate must consider these implications. He recommended that an ad hoc committee be established to consider the implications and areas of strategic academic importance arising from the report. In this regard, it was moved by Dr. Adamec and seconded by Dr. Lucas that Senate request the Committee on Committees to act as quickly as possible to recommend membership for an ad hoc committee with the mandate and membership structure as follows:

"Mandate

To identify and comment on major implications and areas of strategic academic importance arising from the Davies/Kelly report on the Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Review and to prepare a report for Senate in time for a meeting of Senate to be held on June 12, 2007.

Membership Structure

- A. *One academic staff member from each of the St. John's campus, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and the Marine Institute.*
- B. *Two student representatives: one to be nominated by the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union and the other to be nominated by the Grenfell College Students' Union.*
- C. *One academic administrator from Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and one from the St. John's campus.*
- D. *Secretary.*

The Committee may decide to elect a chair or co-chairs."

Dr. Ashton then spoke noting that Memorial University and Sir Wilfred Grenfell College have been grappling with issues around the status of the College and the relationship of the College within Memorial University for the past 15 years. In late 2005, the provincial government chose to exercise its responsibility in developing a strategic policy framework for higher education in the province and undertook to bring final resolution to the issue

Any Other Business (cont'd)

when it established a Commission to “conduct a review of the various degrees of autonomy for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College up to and including full university status, and report their findings to government so that it can make an informed decision on the future of the College with the aim of increasing Grenfell’s autonomy”. Officials from the College participated fully in that exercise as did officials from the rest of the University. Dr. Ashton reminded Senators that Government has announced the creation of a committee that will be established in the coming weeks to determine how best to implement the new governance structure and to explore all aspects associated with the change. In addition to working closely with the Board of Regents, the committee will have representation from student union representatives, senior executive members of both Memorial University and Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and the Department of Education.

Dr. Ashton noted that while College officials are fully cognizant of the implications, they also recognize that not all members of Senate have been engaged in these debates and may not be as knowledgeable in this matter. Dr. Ashton then noted that for this reason the College would participate in an ad hoc committee of Senate to examine implications with a view to implementing the proposed changes. However, they would withdraw their representatives from the process if they feel they are being put in a position which is questioning government’s decision.

Following a brief question and answer period, the vote on the main motion that Senate request the Committee on Committees to act as quickly as possible to recommend membership for an ad hoc committee with the mandate and membership structure noted above carried by a majority vote.

The Secretary then asked Senators to consider volunteering or nominating others to serve on this important ad hoc Committee.

The President advised Senators that the date of the next meeting of Senate is tentatively scheduled for June 12, 2007.

120. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY