

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on November 9, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

26. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. H. Pike (for Dr. J. Ashton), Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dean D. Graham, Dr. L. Hensman, Dr. C. Higgs, Dean C. Jablonski, Dean R. Lucas, Dr. P. Fisher (for Mr. L. O'Reilly), Dean L. Walker, Dr. R. Adamec, Dr. S. Algoo-Baksh, Mr. K. Baker, Professor L. Bateman, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Mr. C. Dennis, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. M. Mulligan, Dr. F. Murrin, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. V. Richardson, Dr. D. Rideout, Ms. L. Scott, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Dr. P. Trnka, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. S. Wolinetz, Dr. J. Wright, Dr. J. Wyse, Mr. S. Jensen, Mr. S. Sullivan, Mr. M. Byrne, Mr. C. Flaherty, Mr. L. Gaulton, Mr. T. McDonald, Mr. L. MacFadden, Ms. R. Magalios, Mr. M. Parcon, Ms. J. Williams, Ms. S. Sharpe.

Ms. Shannon Sharpe, Marine Institute Students' Union was in attendance by invitation.

Dr. Meisen noted that Dr. Kimberly St. John has resigned from Senate effective immediately and he thanked her for her contribution to the Senate.

27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. J. Ashton, Dr. G. Clark, Captain J. Ennis, Dr. S. LeFort, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. M. Morrow, Mr. L. O'Reilly, Dr. D. Peters, Dr. S. Peters, Dr. J. Rourke, Dr. W. Schipper, Dr. F. Shahidi.

28. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 12, 2004, 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 Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Jablonski, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising Items 29 through 32 below, be approved as follows:

29. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

29.1 Department of French and Spanish

Page 169, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading French and Spanish, subheading French, delete the sections French Major Program and French Minor Program, in their entirety and replace with the following:

**“FRENCH MAJOR PROGRAM**

Students who choose French as their Major must complete at least 42 credit hours in French, including:

- a) Fr.2100 and Fr.2101 OR Fr.2159 and 2160
- b) Fr.2300
- c) Fr.2601 and Fr.2602
- d) Fr.3100 and Fr.3101
- e) At least one of Fr.3500, 3501, 3502, 3503 or 3504
- f) At least 6 credit hours at the 4000 level

*NOTES: 1) No more than 6 credit hours at the 1000 level may be used to fulfil the minimum requirements of the Major in French.*

*2) No more than 12 transfer credit hours may be used to fulfil the minimum requirements of the Major in French.*

*3) By the time of their graduation, all students majoring in French must have spent at least four weeks at an approved Francophone institution in a French-speaking area or have acquired equivalent work experience in a Francophone environment.*

*4) It is strongly recommended that students in the Major program complete Classics 1120 and 1121.*

**FRENCH MINOR PROGRAM**

Students who choose French as their Minor must complete at least 24 credit hours in French, including:

- a) Fr.2100 and Fr.2101 OR Fr.2159 and Fr.2160
- b) Fr.3100 OR Fr.3101

*NOTES: 1) No more than 6 credit hours at the 1000 level may be used to fulfil the minimum requirements of the Minor in French.*

*2) No more than 6 transfer credit hours may be used to fulfil the minimum requirements of the Minor in French.”*

Page 171, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading Course List, add the following prerequisite to course “French 4999 ”:

“Préalable: Permission du chef du département.  
Prerequisite: Permission of the Head of the Department.”

29.2 Law and Society Minor Program

Page 183, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading Law and Society, subheading Regulations, in clause “3.”, immediately following “History 3616, 3806...”, delete “Linguistics 3220”.

29.3 Medieval Studies Program

Page 187, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading Medieval Studies, under subheading Regulations: Majors, amend clause “5)” as follows:

“5) An additional 12 credit hours in courses either from the Course List or on List A below...Program Supervisor.”

Under the subheading Regulations: Minors, amend clause “4)” as follows:

“4) An additional 9 credit hours in courses either from the Course List or on List A below...Program Supervisor.”

29.4 Sir Wilfred Grenfell College - Bachelor of Fine Arts (Theatre) Degree Program

Page 99, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading Bachelor of Fine Arts (Theatre), subheading Degree Regulations, under clause “3.”, delete the second bulleted item and replace with the following:

“- English 3205 or 3200 or 3201(Shakespeare)”

Amend the fourth bulleted item as follows:

“- Two Dramatic Literature courses...3181, 3206, 3260...”

Delete “Note 6)”.

Delete the table entitled Table of Credit Restrictions for Present Theatre Courses with Former Theatre Courses, in its entirety.

Under the subheading Course Structure for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, under the subheading 2nd Year, Fall, delete “Elective” and replace with the following:

“- Visual Arts 2700 (Art History Survey I)”

Under the subheading 2nd Year, Winter, delete “Elective” and replace with the following:

“- Visual Arts 2701 (Art History Survey II)”

Under the subheading 3rd Year, Fall, delete “-Visual Arts 2700 (Art History Survey I)” and replace with the following:

“- Elective”

Sir Wilfred Grenfell College - Bachelor of Fine Arts (Theatre) Degree Program (cont'd)

Under the subheading 3<sup>rd</sup> Year, Winter, delete “- Visual Arts 2701 (Art History Survey II)” and replace with the following:

“- Elective”

29.5 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Page 382, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading Course List, subheading Term 8 Courses, delete the following courses in their entirety:

“8723. Geotechnical Engineering III - inactive course.  
8744. Transportation Engineering - inactive course.  
8745. Highway Engineering.  
8751. Coastal and Ocean Engineering - inactive course.”

Page 367, 2004-2005 Calendar, delete the table entitled Civil Engineering Curriculum, in its entirety and replace with the following:

**“CIVIL ENGINEERING CURRICULUM CHART**

FALL	SPRING	WINTER	FALL	SPRING	WINTER	TECHNICAL ELECTIVES	
TERM 3	TERM 4	TERM 5	TERM 6	TERM 7	TERM 8	TERM 7	TERM 8
3610 EARTH SCIENCES	4102 ENGR. ECONOMICS	COMP. STUDIES ELECTIVE	6101 ASSESS OF TECHNOLOGY	7704 DESIGN OF STEEL STR.	8700 C.E. PROJECT	7706 STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS II	8705 STRUCT BLDG SYSTEMS
3703 SURVEYING GEOMATICS	4312 MECHANICS SOLIDS I	5312 MECHANICS OF SOLIDS II	6705 STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS I	7713 HYDROLOGY WATER RES	8749 CONSTRUCTION PLAN	7748 PROJ. PLAN & CONTROL	8751 COASTAL & OCEAN ENGR
3844 ELECT COMP & SYSTEMS	4322 THERMAL SCIENCES	5708 CIVIL ENGR. SYSTEMS	6723 GEOTECH ENGR II	7745 HIGHWAY ENGR.	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	7716 HYDROTECH ENGR.	8713 MUNICIPAL ENGR.
3423 PROBABILITY & STATISTICS	4717 APPLIED ENVIR. SCIENCE & ENGR.	5713 FLUID MECHANICS	6713 HYDRAULICS.	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	7723 GEOTECH ENGR. III	8717 ENVIR. ASSM
3731 MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION	4422 NUMERICAL METHODS	5706 CONCRETE STRUCTURES	6707 CONCRETE & MASON STR.	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	TECHNICAL ELECTIVE	7718 ENVIRONMENTAL GEOTECH	8746 TRAFFIC & TRANS. ENGR
COMP. STUDIES ELECTIVE (Fast Track)	4723 GEOTECH ENGR. I	5434 APPLIED ANALYSIS	6740 CONTRACT LAW & LABOUR RELATIONS				8790-8791 SPECIAL TOPICS

NOTES:

- 1) Some of the technical electives listed above may not be offered every year. A list of the current offerings is available from the Discipline chair and the Associate Dean (Undergraduate).
- 2) From time to time, a technical elective may be offered in a term other than indicated on the above chart.”

Faculty of Engineering (cont'd)

Page 382, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading Course List, subheading Term 7 Courses, insert the following new courses:

**“7723. Geotechnical Engineering III.** Subsurface exploration and site characterization; offshore geotechnical engineering; embankment dams; deep foundations; behaviour of soil materials under static and dynamic loads; numerical methods in geotechnical engineering; practical application of geotechnical engineering principles to foundation and earth structure design and construction.

**7745. Highway Engineering.** Design and construction of highways including driver, vehicle and road characteristics; highway location and geometric design; soil classification; subgrade and base materials; highway drainage; flexible and rigid pavement; highway economics. Relevant laboratory exercises.”

Under the subheading Term 8 Courses, insert the following new courses:

**“8746. Traffic and Transportation Engineering.** Traffic engineering studies; fundamental principles of traffic flow; intersection control; highway capacity and level of service; pavement maintenance and rehabilitation; introduction to airport engineering. Relevant laboratory exercises.

**8751. Coastal and Ocean Engineering.** The coastal and ocean environment; ocean circulation and properties; waves and tides; instrumentation and measurement. Additional topics will be drawn from the areas of hydraulic, geotechnical and structural engineering. Relevant laboratory/field exercises.”

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

30.1 Page 431, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading General Regulations, subheading L) Academic Behaviour, immediately preceding the subheading L)8. Disposition of Documentation, delete the “\*” paragraph and replace with the following:

*“\*The transcript entries for ‘probation’ or ‘suspension’ will be removed entirely upon the expiration of the penalty.”*

31. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

A memorandum dated October 14, 2004 was received from the Committee on Committees recommending the appointment of Mr. Manish Madan (GSU Representative) to the Senate Committee on Educational Technology for a term of office commencing immediately and ending on March 31, 2005. A memorandum was also received from the Committee on Committees recommending the appointment of Dr. Peter Scott to the Senate Advisory Committee on the Library for a term of office commencing immediately and ending on April 30, 2007.

32. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SENATE ELECTIONS

A memo dated October 25, 2004 was received from the Committee on Senate Elections advising that the following people had been elected to the Senate Committee on Committees for the 2004-2005 academic year:

Dr. Aileen MacDonald	Humanities OR Music
Dr. Glyn George	Engineering and Applied Science
Dr. Sue Ghazala	Science

The Committee also reported that on April 14, 2004, a memorandum was sent to all academic staff in the Constituencies of Engineering, Humanities, Library, Marine Institute, Medicine, Music, Science, Social Sciences, and Social Work inviting nominations to fill seven seats on the Senate Committee on Committees. At that time, two of the seven seats were filled (Dr. MacDonald, Humanities, and Dr. Ghazala, Science).

In view of the vacancies, the Committee on Senate Elections agreed to extend the deadline for receipt of nominations to fill the remaining five seats. A memorandum dated September 30, 2004, was sent to all academic staff in the Constituencies of Engineering, Library, Marine Institute, Medicine, and Social Sciences OR Social Work. The deadline date of October 15, 2004, has passed and only one seat has been filled (Dr. George, Engineering).

The Committee on Senate Elections agreed that the four vacancies in the Constituencies of Library, Marine Institute, Medicine, and Social Sciences OR Social Work would remain vacant for the remainder of this academic year.

On May 17, 2004, a memorandum was sent to all members of Senate (excluding students) inviting nominations for three senators to serve on the Committee on Committees for a period of one year commencing September 1, 2004. Since no nominations were received by the deadline date of May 31, 2004, in accordance with the Procedures for Senate Elections, the Senate Elections Committee agreed that the deadline would be extended. Hence in an attempt to fill these three vacancies, a memorandum dated September 15, 2004, was sent to all Senators. The following Senators have now been elected to fill two of the three vacant seats:

Dr. William Schipper  
Mr. Christopher Dennis

The Senate Elections Committee agreed that the one remaining seat would remain vacant.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

33. **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES**

33.1 **Graduate Diploma Programs**

Page 431, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading General Regulations, subheading A) Qualifications for Admission, renumber the current Regulations “1. to 7.” as “2. to 8.”.

Insert the following new regulation:

**“1. Diploma Programs**

To be considered for admission to a Diploma program, the minimum requirements will normally be a second-class degree from a university of recognized standing, in an appropriate area of study.

A candidate admitted to a graduate diploma program, who has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Faculty/School/Department concerned their ability to pursue research at the master’s level, may be permitted subsequently to transfer his/her candidature to that of a master’s in the affiliated program area and will thereafter be awarded only the master’s at the end of his/her candidature.”

Page 431, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading General Regulations, subheading D) Program Requirements, immediately following the subheading 1. Diploma and Master’s Programs, amend the first paragraph as follows:

“a) Candidates should...requirements.”

Immediately following the new clause “a)”, insert the following new clause:

“b) Graduate diploma programs shall not normally comprise more than 50% of the master’s in the same area.”

Under the subheading 8. Transfer of Course Credits, renumber clauses “8.d) and e)” as “e) and f)”.

Insert the following new clause “d)”:

“d) Students who successfully complete a graduate diploma program may transfer the course credits earned in that program towards a master’s degree if these credits meet the requirements of the master’s in the affiliated area in which the diploma was granted.”

Amend the newly renumbered clause “8.f)” as follows:

“f) Graduate courses referred to in a), b), c) and d) above shall not...the current program.”



Graduate Diploma Programs (cont'd)

Page 45, 2004-2005 Calendar, under the heading Fees and Charges, subheading 3 Tuition and Related Fees, subheading 3.3 Graduate Students, amend clause "3.3.1" as follows:

"3.3.1 Fees are payable...three-semester academic year throughout the period of their program...."

In the table immediately following clause "3.3.2", delete the entry for "Graduate Diploma Candidate" in its entirety and replace with the following:

Graduate Diploma candidate:			
Plan D	\$930	\$1,230	369
Plan E	\$484	\$630	
Plan F	\$323	\$420	

Amend clause "3.3.3" as follows:

"3.3.3 At the time of first registration, each diploma or master's candidate..."

Renumber clauses "3.3.5 to 3.3.12" as "3.3.6 to 3.3.13".

Insert the following new clause:

"3.3.5 The master's program tuition fee for students holding an affiliated diploma shall be reduced by 25%."

Amend the newly renumbered clause "3.3.10" as follows:

"3.3.10 A graduate student who is permitted by the Dean of Graduate Studies to transfer from a diploma program to an allied master's program or from a master's program..."

34. APPEAL TO SENATE

ECS 2004-05: #5 - Appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee of Senate regarding the grade of 68% received in Chemistry 6204 in the 2004 Winter Semester.

This student is appealing the decision of the Executive Committee of Senate, following the normal appeals process, regarding the grade of 68% received in Chemistry 6204 in the 2004 Winter Semester. The student is seeking to re-write the final exam in Chemistry 6204 which was initially written on April 13, 2004. The student claims that he/she had forgotten to change his/her alarm clock by one hour with the Daylight Saving Time change on April 4, 2004 and as a result, joined the exam late at 9:35 a.m.

Appeal to Senate (cont'd)

At a meeting held on September 27, 2004, following careful consideration of the case, it was the decision of the Executive Committee of Senate to uphold the ruling of the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies that the student's appeal be denied.

A lengthy discussion then ensued surrounding the circumstances of this student appeal. Following considerable discussion, it was agreed that another attempt should be made to resolve this matter at the departmental level. In this regard, Dr. Jablonski and Mr. Collins agreed to consult, on behalf of Senate, with the Department of Chemistry. It was moved by Mr. Flaherty, seconded by Dr. Adamec and carried that appeal be tabled pending the results of consultation with the Department of Chemistry.

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

The following is a summary of the remarks made by the Chair:

- On October 18, 2004, the Senior Executive Committee (SEC) met with Dr. Wayne Ludlow and Mr. Cyril Farrell regarding Memorial's submission to the White Paper. The President noted that the SEC's report to the Commission on the White Paper can be viewed on-line at [www.mun.ca/whitepaper](http://www.mun.ca/whitepaper). He noted that the report of the Senate ad hoc Committee to Respond to the White Paper is also available on that website.

At the suggestion of the Chair, Dr. Wolinetz reported that following discussion of the draft document at the October 12, 2004 meeting of Senate, the ad hoc Committee of Senate to Respond to the White paper on Public Post-Secondary Education and Cost Recovery Courses and Programs modified its submission to the Commissioner taking into account the points raised by Senators. Dr. Wolinetz responded to a number of questions and comments from Senators noting in conclusion that the final submission to the Commissioner is available on the University's website.

- The Chair advised that the "President's Report 2004 - Going Further" is now available on-line at [www.mun.ca/2004report](http://www.mun.ca/2004report). The report is also available on DVD.
- The President advised that *Macleans*' magazine recently released its annual ranking of Canadian universities. Memorial University was ranked fifth in the comprehensive category in highest quality, most innovative and best overall.
- On October 14, 2004, the President attended the "Dialogue on the Rural Secretariat" which was hosted by Premier Danny Williams and Kathy Dunderdale in Terra Nova.

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

- On October 20, 2004, the President hosted the Galbraith Lecture Dinner for guest speaker Mr. Jeffrey Simpson and subsequently, attended the Galbraith lecture.
- On October 21, 2004, the President launched “Celebrate Memorial”. He also hosted the Annual Alumni Tributes Awards on the same date.
- Convocation was held on October 22, 2004. The Honorary Doctorate recipients were Parzival Copes - Doctor of Letters and Davis Earle - Doctor of Science.
- The President attended the opening of the newly renovated and refurbished Dining Hall on October 29, 2004.

A reception was held to celebrate the 2004 Winners of the Faculty and Staff awards on the same day

- On November 3, 2004, the Senior Executive Committee met with Minister Tom Hedderson, Bruce Hollett and Rachelle Cochrane of the Department of Education.
- On November 5, 2004, the President attended the Grenfell Summit which was held at the Marble Mountain Resort.

Dr. McKay questioned the President regarding the rural meeting the President attended on October 14, 2004 “*Dialogue on the Rural Secretariat*” and asked whether or not Memorial is developing policies and procedures for rural communities? The President responded that while this particular meeting was organized by the Department of Innovation, Trade and Rural Development, the Harris Centre will be taking responsibility for rural initiatives on behalf of the University.

Dr. Lucas noted a growing concern within the University, particularly in the Faculty of Science that there appears to be inadequate funding for the University Library to continue as a research library. The President responded that there is no intention to change the character of the Library. However in order to fund library acquisition expenses, which are increasing at a much faster rate than the consumer price index, more funding will be needed. He assured Senate that while every effort is being made in this regard, more time will be needed to resolve the matter.

Dr. Harris questioned the President regarding whether or not the Board of Regents is considering a name change for Sir Wilfred Grenfell College. The President responded that the Board of Regents, in 2001, agreed to defer discussion on the topic until the name change for the University is finalized. Dr. Pike noted that a Committee has been established at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College to review this matter.

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

Mr. Flaherty noted that several students found it disturbing that a speaker had been invited to the campus to deliver a lecture which advocated increasing tuition fees without an opportunity for the presentation of counter proposals. The President thanked Mr. Flaherty for his comments noting that Mr. Jeffrey Simpson's lecture, which had been arranged many months ago, dealt only peripherally with raising tuition fees. The President noted that should the topic of tuition fees be the subject of debate in the future, there will be ample opportunity for the presentation of different views.

36. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY