

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on November 8, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

25. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. D. Dibbon, Dr. D. Dunsmore, Dean G. Gorman, Dean R. Gosine, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Interim Dean S. Wolinetz, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Dr. K. Aziz, Mr. K. Baker, Dr. E. Brown, Dr. V. Bubenik, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Mr. C. Dennis, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. A. Gill, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. F. King, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. D. Moralejo, Dr. M. Morrow, Mrs. M. O’Dea (on behalf of Mr. G. Collins), Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Dr. V. Richardson, Professor G. Riser, Ms. L. Scott, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Dr. M. Tate, Mr. R. Trenholm, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Whitehead, Dr. J. Wyse, Mr. S. Jensen, Ms. Sherrie MacCarthy, Mr. S. Sullivan, Ms. Z. Cobb, Mr. R. Drinkall, Ms. K. Giroux-Bougard, Mr. I. Igho-Osagie, Mr. J. Shaw, Mr. A. Hollett.

At the request of the President and with the concurrence of Senate, it was agreed to change the order of the meetings and place the regular meeting of Senate prior to the special meeting of Senate.

The President advised Senate that after 37 years of service, Mrs. Maire O’Dea will retire from her position as Deputy Registrar effective November 25, 2005. The President expressed his appreciation to Mrs. O’Dea for her service to the University, Senate and it’s committees. Senators expressed their gratitude with a round of applause and a standing ovation.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. C. Loomis, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. G. Clark, Captain J. Ennis, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. J. Wright.

27. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 11, 2005, 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 28 through 30 below, be approved as follows:

28. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

28.1 Marine Institute

Page 81, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading 8 Course Descriptions, delete the course 4001 in its entirety and replace with the following:

**“4001 The Organization and Issues of Shipping** course will provide students with knowledge of the economic shipping environment with respect to Canada. The course will develop an understanding of basic trade theory, patterns of trade and sea routes, commodities traded by sea, and the organizational structure of shipping companies.

CR: The former Engineering 8085; Maritime Studies 4001

PR: Admission to the Bachelor of Maritime Studies program”

New course:

**“4002 The Business of Shipping** course will provide students with an understanding of financial statements, costs, revenues and financial performance of shipping companies as well as computing, voyage and annual cashflows. The course will develop an understanding of marine insurance and forecasting, and risk management.

PR: Admission to the Bachelor of Maritime Studies program”

Page 79, 2005-2006 Calendar, in Table 1 Bachelor of Maritime Studies - Course Requirements for all Students, under the heading Electives, add “MSTM 4002”.

28.2 Certificate in Collaborative Practice Skills for Primary Health Care

A letter dated 21 October 2005 was received from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies advising that the Faculty of Medicine had submitted documentation regarding a Certificate in Collaborative Practice Skills for Primary Health Care which will be issued by the Office of Professional Development for the Faculty. In accordance with the Digest of Senate Decrees and Resolutions, Certificates in Continuing Medical Education are not subject to the procedures outlined in the recommendations regarding Certificate and Non-Certificate Programs. Senate received this item for information only.

28.3 Department of Religious Studies

Page 197, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Religious Studies, subheading General Degree, subheading Major in Religious Studies, delete Clause I.B) in its entirety and replace with the following:

Department of Religious Studies (cont'd)

“B) 2400, 2410, 2415, 2420, 2425, 2430, 3401, 3411, 3412, 3431, 3432”

Under Clause II., delete “Asian Religions” in its entirety and replace with the following:

“Asian Religions (3401, 3411, 3412, 3431, 3432)”

Under the heading Minor in Religious Studies, amend the first paragraph as follows:

“I. A minimum of 24 credit hours .....or above.”

Immediately following the new Clause I, insert the following:

“II. No more than two 1000-level courses can be counted as credit towards a minor.”

28.4 Women’s Studies Minor Program

Page 204, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Women’s Studies, subheading Course List, under the subheading Elective Courses, insert the following new course:

“Sociology 4210. The Sociology of Child Sexual Abuse”

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

29.1 Aquaculture Program

Page 506, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Aquaculture, subheading Courses, insert the following new course:

“6200. Aquaculture and the Environment”

Amend the course “6200-6209” to read “6201-6209”.

29.2 Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Page 516, under the heading Mathematics and Statistics, subheading Courses, under the section “Statistics”, insert the following new courses:

“6505. Survival Analysis  
6530. Generalized Linear Longitudinal Mixed Models  
6540. Advanced Topics in Time Series Analysis  
6545. Computational Statistics  
6550. Nonparametric Statistics”

29.3 Faculty of Medicine

Page 521, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading Regulations Governing the Degree of Master of Science in Medicine, under the subheading Courses, insert the following new course:

“6296. Residency”

30. REPORT OF THE SENATE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

A memorandum dated October 6, 2005, was received from the Committee on Senate Elections advising that the following people have been elected/re-elected to the Senate for a term of office as specified:

**For a term of office commencing immediately and expiring August 31, 2008:**

Medicine	Dr. Frank King
Social Sciences	Professor Gary Riser Dr. Christopher Sharpe

**For a term of office commencing immediately and expiring August 31, 2007:**

Marine Institute	Mr. Robert Trenholm
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**REGULAR AGENDA**

31. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

31.1 General Academic Regulation 7.1.3 - Examinations

At a meeting held on September 13, 2005, Senate considered a memorandum dated 28 June 2005 from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies entitled “General Academic Regulation 7.1.3 Examinations”. At that time, several representatives from the Faculty of Medicine noted that the Faculty teaches courses in two, three or four week blocks and suggested that the adoption of this amendment would make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the Faculty to teach many of its courses. As a result, it was agreed to refer the proposed amendment back to SCUGS with a view to re-examining the regulation from the perspective of the Faculty of Medicine.

The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, having reviewed the Regulation with a view to the concerns raised by the Faculty of Medicine and the fact that other academic units may either request provision for exceptions to the rule in certain instances, or have courses which by their nature warrant on-going/standing exemptions to the rule, forwarded a proposed amendment to the General Academic Regulation 7.1.3 Examinations for the consideration of Senate.

The motion to approve the amended General Academic Regulation 7.1.3 Examinations, was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. McKay and carried.

General Academic Regulation 7.1.3 - Examinations (cont'd)

Page 62, 2005-2006 Calendar, under the heading 7 Examinations, delete clause 7.1.3 in its entirety and replace with the following:

“7.1.3 During the last two weeks of the lecturing period in any semester or the last week of the lecturing period in any session, no examinations or assignments, whether in-class or take home, shall be administered or assigned. However, assignments of which students have been notified under EVALUATION may be submitted and oral and laboratory examinations may be administered. Courses taught outside the regular time-frame are exempt from the application of this regulation. The appropriate faculty or school undergraduate studies committee may, upon the recommendation of the head of an academic unit, grant a waiver of this clause with the proviso that the total value of all examinations or assignments thereby permitted in a course shall not exceed 20% of the final mark in that course. Such waivers will be considered only in exceptional circumstances or in the case of particular courses where it can be shown that the nature of the course determines the need for evaluation during the normally prohibited period. In the latter case, students must be notified of the method of evaluation in accordance with Regulation 6 EVALUATION. At the end of each semester, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies must be notified of waivers granted.”

32. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

A memo dated October 17, 2005 was received from the Senate Committee on Committees recommending the following appointments to standing committees of Senate for a term of office commencing immediately and expiring March 31, 2006:

**Committee on Research**

Carl Howell (Graduate Students' Union)

**Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial**

Heather Forsey (Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union)

Senate agreed to accept these recommendations.

33. APPEAL TO SENATE

ECS 2005-06: #3: Appeal against the decision of the Executive Committee of Senate to deny the student probationary promotion from Academic Term 4 of the Engineering program and permission to re-write examinations for courses in that term.

The student's appeal was originally considered and denied by the Appeals Committee of the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science. The student then appealed to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and at a meeting held on September 22, 2005, that Committee considered the appeal, found that the procedure used by the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science was fair, and denied the student's request that he/she be given probationary promotion from Academic term 4 of the Engineering program and permission to re-write examinations for courses in that term.

Appeal to Senate (cont'd)

In a letter dated September 27, 2005, to the Executive Committee of Senate, the student appealed the decision of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies. In reviewing the case, that Committee took into account the extenuating circumstances cited in the student's appeal and the student's overall academic record. However, while that Committee did recognize that the student and his/her family had been dealing with very difficult circumstances, it felt that to grant the student promotion from Term 4, without a strong academic foundation would jeopardize the student's chance of future success in the Engineering program. Following consideration, that Committee denied the student's appeal.

Senate recognized that extenuating circumstances had been cited and documented in this case. During discussion, some Senators expressed the view that given the extenuating circumstances prevailing when the student wrote his Term 4 final exams, he/she should be given the opportunity to prove himself/herself through re-examination. Other Senators agreed with the Faculty of Engineering that, given that the student's performance in previous terms and in mid-term examinations in Term 4 had not been strong, it would be to his benefit to repeat Term 4 to strengthen his preparation for later terms in the Engineering program.

Following considerable discussion of the case, it was moved by Dr. Tulett, seconded by Dr. Adamec that the student be permitted to rewrite three examinations and if his/her performance is satisfactory, that he/she be granted promotion from Academic term 4 of the Engineering program. However, following discussion, the motion was withdrawn.

It was then moved by Dr. Hensman, seconded by Professor Walsh to uphold the decision of the Executive Committee of Senate, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science that the student's request to be granted probationary promotion from Academic Term 4 of the Engineering program and permission to re-write examinations for courses in that term be denied. The motion carried.

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

- On October 17, 2005, the President, Vice-President (Academic), Vice-President (Administration and Finance) and several members of the Board of Regents visited Sir Wilfred Grenfell College to meet with faculty, staff and students, to hear their views on the changes for the college, as well as to provide a better understanding of the effectiveness of current organizational arrangements and the recommendations contained in the Ivany report. The Ivany Report was not discussed by wish of the College since the report does not meet the aspirations of the College.

Dr. Meisen stated his personal commitment, as well as the commitment of others, to the growth and development of SWGC in terms of enrolments, range of programs, research, quality and recognition, emphasizing that the success and well-being of students is central.

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

Based on consultations with SWGC stakeholders, aspirations articulated by the College Principal Dr. John Ashton are:

1. a seat on the Senior Executive Committee;
2. financial certainty assured by formula funding or a direct allocation from Government;
3. the authority to approve programs; and
4. integration of the Western Regional School of Nursing into SWGC.

Dr. Meisen noted that feelings are strong at Grenfell about the Ivany Report which in their opinion does not adequately reflect the views of the College. He commented that the Report is in the public domain and cannot be withdrawn but he wanted to provide Senate with a context for later remarks and reports in the media. He stated that the primary purpose of the meeting at SWGC was to help the University administration gain a better understanding of issues and to obtain a basis for reaching conclusions regarding the disposition of the Ivany Report.

Given the shared vision for a growing and thriving SWGC, the lack of support for the Ivany Commission report and the articulation of SWGC's stakeholders expectations for change, the President concluded that there is now a sound basis for taking action. The President further reported that the Board of Regents, at its meeting on October 20, 2005, passed a resolution with respect to the Ivany Report which would authorize the University Administration to prepare proposals for changes regarding Sir Wilfred Grenfell College based on the four aspirations articulated by Dr. Ashton as noted above.

- On November 7, 2005, the Ottawa Affinity Newfoundland and Labrador dinner was held with the Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador as the keynote speaker. The President noted that the event was a success, that in the order of \$20,000 had been raised, and he expressed his thanks to the Alumni who helped to organize the event.
- The President noted that on October 19, 2005 "Celebrate Memorial" was launched and that during that time, he hosted the Annual Alumni Tributes Awards.
- Convocation was held on October 21, 2005. The Honorary Doctorate recipients were Elizabeth Penashue - Doctor of Laws and Scott Hand-Doctor of Laws.
- The President expressed his appreciation for those who attended the Strategic Planning Forum on November 4, 2005 to discuss the Key Strategic Issues.
- The President reminded Senate that November 11, 2005 is Remembrance Day and a ceremony will be held on November 10, 2005.

35. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY



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38. THE MARINE INSTITUTE: AN INSTITUTE WITHIN A UNIVERSITY - PAST SUCCESSES AND FUTURE CHALLENGES

Dr. Meisen introduced the topic for the special meeting by noting that at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of Senate, it was proposed that the topic for discussion at the special meeting of Senate being held on November 8, 2005 be a presentation from the Marine Institute. Dr. Meisen then introduced Mr. Glenn Blackwood, Executive Director, Marine Institute. Mr. Blackwood then gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “*The Marine Institute: An Institute within a University - Past Successes and Future Challenges.*”

Mr. Blackwood began the presentation by providing Senate with a history of the Marine Institute. In doing so, he noted that the Fisheries and Marine Institute was created in 1964 and became an Institute within Memorial University in 1992. An overview of the Marine Institute today was also provided. Mr. Blackwood updated Senate on what the Institute has accomplished in the past decade noting in particular building of capacity in the marine sector with a full range of programs and applied research for the fishing, marine transportation, the military and the oil and gas sectors. The Institute bases its strength on a fully integrated approach of industry training ranging from short courses to Diplomas, Degrees, Advance Diplomas and Masters Degrees.

The Marine Institute: An Institute within A University - Past Successes and Future Challenges

Mr. Blackwood then highlighted the recent report of the Marine Institute entitled “*MI Vision 20/20*”. He advised that a copy of the report would be sent to Senators. An overview of the future challenges of the Marine Institute was also provided which include the following:

- increasing linkages between MI and the other researchers at Memorial building a full range of academic programs with linkages to Business, Sciences and Engineering.
- maintaining and renewing the \$60 million specialized technologies such as the Marine Simulators, Flume Tank and others.
- developing two new schools to focus activities in Oceans Technology and Oceans Energy.
- Increasing enrolment in light of a declining student base in the Province.
- finding ways to make the system work, for students and everyone involved.

Following a brief discussion, the President thanked Mr. Blackwood for his presentation.

39. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY