

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on November 13, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

25. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. H. Pike (on behalf of Dr. J. Ashton), Dr. S. Birnie-Lefcovitch, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. M. Bluechardt, Ms. L. Busby, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. T. Gordon, Dean G. Gorman, Dean R. Gosine, Ms. E. Healey, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean R. Tremblay, Dean L. Walker, Dr. S. Abhyankar, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. E. Andrews, Mr. K. Baker, Dr. J. Connor, Ms. B. Conran, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. G. George, Dr. J. Harris, Mr. D. Haynes, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. F. King, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. K. Mearow, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. D. Pike, Mr. R. Roche, Professor W. Schipper, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. J. Wright, Dr. J. Wyse, Ms. K. Greenfield.

Dr. Meisen opened the meeting by extending a special welcome to Ms. Lorraine Busby, University Librarian. He also extended a special welcome Dr. Jim Wyse, the newly re-elected member from the Faculty of Business Administration.

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. C. Loomis, Ms. R. Cochrane, Dr. J. Ashton, Dean A. Collins, Dr. S. Kenney, Dr. A. Muhammad, Professor G. Riser, Mr. K. Chowdhury, Ms. S. Power, Mr. D. Smith.

27. MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 9, 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

Consent Agenda Item 3.B. was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda at the request of Dr. Sharpe.

It was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Jablonski and carried that the consent agenda, comprising the items listed in 28 through 29 below, be approved as follows:

28. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

28.1 Department of Religious Studies

Page 140, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.25.4 Course List, following the entry for Religious Studies 3811, insert the following new course:

“3812 Religion and Disney: Not Just Another Mickey Mouse Course provides an in-depth examination of religious themes and issues arising from and within the philosophies of Walt Disney, the Disney animated films, other Disney feature films, and the Disney theme parks. Theoretical models drawn from the field Religion and Popular Culture will provide the lens through which the religious dimensions of Disney and Disney fandom will be explored.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: None. Completion of Religious Studies 2812, Religion and Popular Culture, is recommended but not required.”

Page 139, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.25.1.1 Major in Religious Studies, clause 1.c., insert “3812” between 3811 and 3820.

28.2 Women’s Studies Minor Program

Page 147, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.28.2 Course List, subheading Elective Courses, insert “Sociology 4213” after Sociology 4210.

28.3 Department of English - Diploma in Professional Writing

Page 86, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 3.12.2 Admission Requirements, after English 2010, add “2020”.

Page 86, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 3.12.3 Program of Study, delete clauses 1 and 2 and replace with the following:

“1. One of English 2010 or English 2020

2. English 3910, English 3920, English 3817 and English 4914

3. One of English 3001, English 3900, English 3901, English 3902, English 3903, English 4910, English 4911, English 4912 or English 4913

4. English 5200 Instructional Field Placement”

28.4 Department of Folklore

Page 109, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.12.2 Major in Folklore, amend clause 2 to read as follows:

“2. Six credit hours from Group A - Folk Literature Genres: 3100 ... 3612, 3618, 4810;”

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Page 109, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.12.6 Course List, amend Folklore 3601-3620 to read as follows:

“3601-3620 (Excluding 3606, 3612, and 3618) Special Topic in Folklore”

Add the following new course:

“3612 Urban Legend provides an introduction to the study of one of the most rapidly expanding and exciting areas of folk narrative research. The course looks at the main features of the urban legend and the topics they cover. Examination is also made as to how, when, where and why stories of this type are used, including their incorporation into television programs, films and literature.

Prerequisite: Folklore 1000.”

28.5 Diploma in Police Studies

Page 85, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 3.11.4 Course List, immediately preceding the entry for Police Studies 5000, insert the following new course:

“2000 Introduction to Policing in Canada is an introduction to Policing in Canada: This course will examine the concept of policing, its organization and operation. It will provide an overview of the history and development of policing in Canada, with a focus on Newfoundland and Labrador. It will discuss the various roles and responsibilities of the police in society. It will explore the issue of police decision making, the exercise of police powers and the use of discretion by police officers. Several other issues related to policing will be discussed including police recruitment and training, professional role of the police, stress on the job, policing in a diverse society, etc.

Prerequisites: Students should have completed a minimum of 30 university credit hours or have been accepted into the police studies diploma program.”

28.6 Department of Linguistics

Page 129, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.18.1 General Degree, clause 3, amend to read as follows:

“3. Students majoring in Linguistics ... courses chosen from 1100/2100, 2060, 2105, 2210, 3104, 3105, ... at the 4000 level.”

Page 129, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 6.18.3 Minor Programs, amend clause 1.c. to read as follows:

“c. An additional 4 courses selected from: 1100/2100, 2060, 2105, 2210, 3105, ... 4950-4960.”

28.7 Department of French and Spanish

New courses

3800-3809 Special Topics in Spanish-language literature - See departmental website for particulars.

Credit Restrictions: May vary with each new course. Currently N/A.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: Spanish 2001 or equivalent. May vary with each new course.

3850-3859 Special Topics in Spanish-language culture - See departmental website for particulars.

Credit Restrictions: May vary with each new course. Currently N/A.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: Spanish 2001 or equivalent. May vary with each new course.

28.8 School of Pharmacy

Page 311, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 3.1 General Information, insert as item 4 the following:

“4. The School of Pharmacy does not require Criminal Record Checks or other screening procedures as a condition of admission to its program. However, students should be aware that such record checks or other screening procedures may be required by facilities used by the University for clinical or structured practice experiences related to academic course assignments required for graduation. Such facilities may refuse to accept students on the basis of information contained in the record check or other screening procedure thus preventing the student from completing a practice experience or other clinical requirement. As a result, such students may not be eligible for promotion or graduation.

It is the students’ responsibility to have such procedures completed as required and at their own expense.

Please note that the screening procedures of any given facility may change from time to time and are beyond the control of the University.”

Page 314, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 7 Appeal of Regulations, delete the second bulleted item “A student obtaining ... release of grades.”

Page 313, 2007-2008 Calendar, add a new section 6 and renumber the current 6, 7, and 8 as 7, 8, and 9:

“6 Supplementary Examination Regulations

A student has the right to request to write a supplementary examination in courses offered by the School of Pharmacy that have written final examinations. In the case of Pharmacy courses, where the final examination is not cumulative, a student may be permitted to write one supplementary examination, at the discretion of the course co-ordinator, if they fail any one of the term examinations.

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In addition to meeting the general academic regulations of the University, upon successful completion of the supplementary examination, a student must also meet the promotion regulations of the School. For further information refer to **Promotion Regulations**.

1. Students who wish to write a supplementary examination must submit to the Office of the Director a "Request for Supplementary Examination" form within one week of release of grades. Normally the supplementary examination will be written no later than the first week of the semester immediately following the one in which the course was failed. The examination will be similar in length and degree of difficulty as the original examination.

2. A student who has satisfied the academic criteria for continuance at the University may write a supplementary examination in one Pharmacy course if the final grade obtained is 45-49% (F). In the case of a Pharmacy course that has a final pass mark greater than 50%, a student who obtains a final grade that is within five marks below the established pass mark may be permitted to write a supplementary examination.

3. The student must pass the supplementary examination in order to pass the course. The new grade obtained from successfully passing the supplementary examination will be calculated using the same weighting scheme used in the course, but with the result of the supplementary examination replacing that of the original failed examination. Any additional course requirements, including a requirement to pass the laboratory/practical session, will continue to apply.

4. The new course grade will replace the original grade on the student's transcript and will indicate that the course result was earned as the result of supplementary examination.

5. A student may write a supplementary examination in a particular course only once; if the course result following the supplementary examination is a fail then the course must be repeated and successfully completed.

6. A student will be permitted to write a maximum number of one supplementary examination during each year of the Pharmacy program."

Page 314, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 8 Course Descriptions, in the course description for Pharmacy 3103 delete "LH: 1; attendance is required".

Delete the following courses:

5001 Human Toxicology
5005 Communication and Patient Counselling
5009 Pharmacoepidemiology
5017 Pharmaceutical Technology
501W Seminar
5104 Therapeutics

28.9 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Page 218, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 8.3 Academic Term 3 Courses, amend the prerequisites for Engineering 3425 to read as follows:

“PR: Mathematics 1001 and 2050”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 3934 to read as follows:

“PR: Physics 1050, Mathematics 1001, 2050”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 4425 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 3425”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 6951 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 5951”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 7716 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 6713”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 8751 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 6713”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 8903 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 6901”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 8937 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 4932, 6933”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 8964 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 6961, ENGI 6933”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 5800 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 4841, ENGI 4854, ENGI 4862”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 6030 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 3054, ENGI 4020”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 7045 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 3901, ENGI 6933”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 7903 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 6901”

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Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 7911 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 5911”

Amend the prerequisites for Engineering 8945 to read as follows:

“PR: ENGI 6901”

On pages 206-214, in all nine charts in Regulations 4.1-4.5, replace rows as shown:

- replace “Winter 001W” with “Winter 001W or 002W”

- replace “Fall 001W (if not previously completed) or 002W” with “Fall 001W or 002W or 003W”

- replace “Spring 002W (if not previously completed) or 003W” with “Spring 002W or 003W or 004W”

- replace “Winter 003W (if not previously completed) or 004W” with “Winter 003W or 004W or 005W (optional)”

- replace “Fall 004W (if not previously completed)” with “Fall 004W or 005W (optional) or 006W (optional)”

Amend the course title of Engineering 8863 to read as follows:

“**8863 Introduction to LSI Design** (same as Computer Science 4725)”

Page 356, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.4.11.4 Fourth Year Courses, amend Computer Science 4725 to read as follows:

“**4725 Introduction to LSI Design (W)** (same as Engineering 8863) - inactive course.”

Page 218, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 8.3 Academic Term 3 Courses, add the following credit restriction to Engineering 3821 as follows:

“CR: Physics 3550”

Page 371, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.9.7. Course List, add the following note to Physics 3550 as follows:

“*Note: Credit may not be obtained for both Physics 3550 and Engineering 3821.*”

Page 218, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 8.3 Academic Term 3 Courses, add the following credit restriction to Engineering 3861 as follows:

“CR: Computer Science 3723”

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Page 356, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.4.11.3 Third Year Courses, add the following note to Computer Science 3723 as follows:

“Note: Credit may not be obtained for both Computer Science 3723 and Engineering 3861.”

Page 224, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 8.8 Academic Term 8 Courses, amend the credit restriction for Engineering 8894 to read as follows:

“CR: ENGI 7863, Computer Science 4721”

Page 356, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.4.11.4 Fourth Year Courses, add the following note to Computer Science 4721 as follows:

“Note: Credit may not be obtained for both Computer Science 4721 and Engineering 8894.”

28.10 Major in Historical Studies- Sir Wilfred Grenfell College

Page 420, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 11.17 History, add the following new course:

“3320 Early Modern France, 1500-1789 is French History from 1500 to 1789, with a focus on such themes as the Renaissance, political and social change, gender history and the Enlightenment.
Prerequisites/Co-requisites: Students normally cannot register in this course unless they have successfully completed six credit hours in courses that have the initial digit ‘2’.”

Page 389, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 7.2 Major in Historical Studies, in clause 2.a. Early Western History, add “History 3320”.

28.11 Department of Biology

Page 347, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.2.7 Course List, add the following new course:

“4405 Landscape Ecology is an introduction to the theory and principles of landscape pattern and processes, including issues related to scale, networks, landform and vegetation patterns, species distributions, and natural and human-caused aspects of landscape change. Three hours of lecture and three hours of laboratory per week.
Prerequisite: BIOL 2600 (Principles of Ecology) and 18 credit hours in Biology OR permission from the course instructor.
Prerequisite or Co-requisite: Statistics 2550 or equivalent.”

28.12 Department of Earth Sciences

Page 360, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.5.8.2 Second Year, add the following new course:

“2917 Gems: the science and politics introduces students to precious and semi-precious stones both from the perspective of their nature and origin and

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from the perspectives of geography and the socio-political issues of mining, recovery, trade and cartels. The properties that confer value upon gems (colour, clarity, cut and carat), the techniques used to enhance, fake and imitate gems and the techniques used to detect fraudulent “gems” will be covered. The course will include discussion of the diamond industry in Canada and consideration of some famous gems.

Credit Restriction: Not acceptable as one of the required courses for the Minor, Major or Honours programs in Earth Sciences.

Note: Earth Science 2917 is designed for students taking Earth Sciences as an elective subject. This course complements traditional disciplines such as history, economics, and political science and should be of particular interest to teachers. Earth Science 2917 is not acceptable as one of the required courses for the Minor, Major or Honours programs in Earth Sciences.”

28.13 Department of Physics and Physical Oceanography

Page 371, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.9.7 Course List, add the following new course:

“3800 Computational Physics is a project-based course intended to train students to become functional in computational methods, by writing and compiling computer code (C/Fortran) in a Unix environment to solve problems drawn from different areas of physics. Students will complete several projects selected from different areas of physics. Projects will introduce the students to a particular class of numerical methods. Lectures and tutorials will cover the theory that underlies the computational methods and background for code development and the application of the required numerical methods.

Lectures and Tutorials: Up to five hours per week.

Prerequisites: Computer Science 1510, Physics 2820, Mathematics 3202, Mathematics 3260.

Corequisites: Any two 2xxx-level Physics course plus at least one other 3xxx-level Physics course.”

Page 371, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 5.9.7 Course List, add the following note to the end of Physics 3550 as follows:

“Note: Credit may not be obtained for both Physics 3550 and Engineering 3821.”

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

29.1 Ph.D. Program in Management

Page 554, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 25.19.3.1 Courses, in clause 1, delete “Philosophy 6XXX Philosophy of Science” and replace with “Philosophy 6015 Theory of Knowledge”.

29.2 General Regulation 1.2.1.5.6

Page 450, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 1.2.1.5 English Proficiency Requirements, amend clause 6 to read as follows:

“6. Submission of the official results of the English Language Testing Service (ELTS) Test with an average band score of 6.5 or higher.”

REGULAR AGENDA

30. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

30.1 Department of Biochemistry

On October 25, 2007, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies approved the introduction of a new course, Biochemistry 2005 Food Safety and Health.

In this regard, a memorandum dated November 6, 2007 was received from the Executive Committee of Senate advising that at a meeting held on November 1, 2007, the Committee considered a letter dated October 30, 2007 from Dr. Sue Ghazala, Department of Biochemistry, regarding the new course, Biochemistry 2005 in which she requested the following:

- that she be allowed to present (in person) at today’s Senate meeting, facts with regard to the proposed new course Biochemistry 2005 being offered in the winter Semester 2008 by the Department of Biochemistry; and
- that she be permitted to make a written submission to be included in the agenda package for today’s meeting.

The Executive Committee of Senate noted that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has been delegated authority to approve new courses and therefore, the course has already been approved. However, Senate has the right to question new courses approved by that Committee. The Committee agreed that Dr. Ghazala’s written submission be included with the Senate agenda, a copy of which was distributed with the agenda package for today’s meeting. With regard to Dr. Ghazala’s request that she be permitted to present (in person) facts about the new course Biochemistry 2005 being offered in the Winter Semester 2008, the Committee ruled that this is a privilege that should be decided upon by the Senate itself.

Dr. Meisen then advised Senate that Dr. Sue Ghazala and Dr. Martin Mulligan conveyed to him their request to speak at today’s Senate meeting. With no objection being noted from Senators, Dr. Meisen advised Dr. Ghazala and Dr. Mulligan that they were granted permission to speak following Professor Walsh’s introduction of the course, Biochemistry 2005 Food Safety, and Health.

Professor Walsh noted that the Department of Biochemistry received approval via the following normal process to introduce a new course Biochemistry 2005 Food Safety and Health:

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- At a faculty meeting of the Department of Biochemistry held on August 29, 2007, it was agreed to forward the proposed new course Biochemistry 2005 to the Faculty of Science Committee on Undergraduate Studies.
- The Faculty of Science Committee on Undergraduate Studies met on September 26, 2007 and agreed that the proposed new course be forwarded to the Faculty of Science Faculty Council. It was noted the Committee approved the addition of the credit restriction with Biochemistry 2000.
- The Faculty of Science Faculty Council met on October 17, 2007 at which time it was agreed to forward the proposed new course to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies.
- The Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, at a meeting held on October 25, 2007, approved the proposed new course Biochemistry 2005. It was also noted that Dr. Martin Mulligan, Head of the Department of Biochemistry and member of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, abstained from voting on the motion to approve the course.
- At a meeting held on November 1, 2007, the Executive Committee of Senate received and considered the report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies which included the proposed new course, Biochemistry 2005. The Executive Committee also considered a request from Dr. Sue Ghazala as referenced above.

Dr. Meisen then reminded Senators that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has been delegated authority to approve new courses and therefore, the course has already been approved. However, he noted that Senate has the right to question new courses approved by that Committee. He suggested that if there is no motion to refer the proposed new course Biochemistry 2005 back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, then the course would be considered to be approved. He then invited Dr. Ghazala to speak.

Dr. Ghazala thanked Senate for granting her request to present at today's meeting. She then reviewed and expanded upon her written submission to Senate dated November 2, 2007 wherein she alleges that:

- during the process for approval of the new course Biochemistry 2005, the Department of Biochemistry and Faculty of Science violated the academic process for approval of new courses.
- the introduction of the new course without a laboratory component will lead to a deterioration of the academic quality of programs offered by the Department.
- by introducing this new course, the Department is attempting to replace the existing course, Biochemistry 2000, which she teaches.

Dr. Meisen then thanked Dr. Ghazala for her presentation and invited Dean Lucas and Dr. Mulligan to respond. Dr. Lucas then noted that when reviewing proposed new courses, Senators should be concerned with the quality of the course, whether the course overlaps with existing courses and whether the approval process has been followed properly. With regard to the issue of the approval process, Dr. Lucas noted that the policies and procedures

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for the approval of a new course have been properly followed. He reported that Dr. Ghazala had been given the opportunity, on four different occasions, to present her argument with regard to the proposed new course. As well, at the Faculty of Science Faculty Council meeting held on October 17, 2007, Dr. Ghazala, along with members of the Faculty Council had been given the opportunity to vote on the proposed course, but he noted Dr. Ghazala's abstention from the vote. He also noted that the Department and the Faculty are committed to responding to the needs of students and will deal with potential capacity issues in both Biochemistry 2000 and Biochemistry 2005 by utilizing the normal tools of registration such as waitlists and reserved seating.

Dr. Mulligan then remarked that the Department of Biochemistry is embarking on a review of the nutrition program and the offering of the course Biochemistry 2005 is the first step in the review process. The course will be offered in the winter semester 2008 to permit students an early opportunity to begin the revised program. Dr. Mulligan also remarked that the proposed course was developed following a review of nutrition programs across Canada. He noted that there is not a significant overlap between Biochemistry 2000 and Biochemistry 2005 and estimated the overlap to be 20-25%.

A discussion then followed regarding the proposed new course. It was suggested that while the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies has the authority to approve new courses, such courses should not be added to the registration system until Senate has had the opportunity to review them. It was agreed to revisit this practice at a future meeting of Senate.

It was also suggested by Dr. Adamec and following agreement from Dr. Mulligan and Professor Walsh, Senate agreed that the credit restrictions for Biochemistry 2005 be removed.

The Chairman then reminded Senators that since a motion to refer the proposed course Biochemistry 2005 back to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies was not presented for the consideration of Senate, the decision of that Committee to approve the course stands.

New course

“2005 Food, Food Safety, and Health introduces the concepts of the composition of foods, and how the processing of food affects sensory appeal, shelf life and nutrient composition. Common food and water-borne illnesses (risks and prevention) are covered in the course content. Students will also be introduced to food biotechnologies, including genetically modified organisms, nutraceuticals and the development of functional foods.
Lectures: Three hours per week.
Corequisites: Chemistry 2400 or 2440”

31. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL OF THE SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES
- 31.1 General Regulations Governing Comprehensive Examinations and Evaluation of Ph.D. Theses

Dr. Jablonski introduced the proposed calendar changes to the General Regulations Governing Comprehensive Examinations and Evaluation of Ph.D. Theses. He noted that with regard to Regulations 1.2.8.1.3.(d) and 1.2.8.2.4.(d., e.i.), the proposed changes clarify the consequences of a simple majority vote. With regard to the proposed changes to Regulation 1.2.8.2.2, it recommends that the participation of the Dean of Graduate Studies can be requested by the academic unit or the student and that such requests must be recommended by the head of the academic unit.

During discussion of the proposed revisions to Regulation 1.2.8.2.2, several Senators observed that the reduction in the composition and size of the Comprehensive Examination Committee may have a negative impact on university-wide standards and quality assurance. As a result, it was agreed to refer the proposed revisions to Regulation 1.2.8.2.2 back to the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies for further consideration.

The motion to approve the revisions to Regulations 1.2.8.3.(d) and 1.2.8.2.4.(d., e.i.) which was moved by Dr. Jablonski, seconded by Dr. Lucas, carried.

Page 455, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 1.2.8.1 Master's Comprehensive Examination, amend clause 3.d. to read as follows:

“Students awarded a “fail” are deemed, by unanimous vote of the Comprehensive Examination Committee, to be unable to demonstrate an adequate understanding of their research area. The candidate’s program is terminated. A simple majority vote will default to the award of “re-examination”.”

Page 455, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 1.2.8.2 Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination, amend clause 4.d. to read as follows:

“Students awarded a “fail” are deemed, by unanimous vote of the Comprehensive Examination Committee, to be unable to demonstrate an adequate understanding of their research area. The candidate’s program is terminated. A simple majority vote will default to the award of “re-examination”.”

Page 457, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 1.2.10.4 Evaluation of Ph.D. Theses, amend clause 3.e.i. to read as follows:

“i. Passed with distinction (Awarded to candidates who demonstrate superior knowledge of their chosen field; this category requires unanimous support of the Board. A simple majority vote will result in a recommendation of “passed”.)”

31.2 INTERDISCIPLINARY PH.D. PROGRAM

Dr. Jablonski introduced the proposed Interdisciplinary Ph.D. program. In doing so, he noted that the program would provide students and faculty with opportunities for creative academic programming and research that cross the boundaries of traditional disciplines.

A discussion then ensued regarding the financial implications of implementing this program and it was suggested that such implementation not have a negative impact on existing programs. Following discussion, the motion to approve the Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program, which was moved by Dr. Jablonski, seconded by Dr. Tremblay, carried.

Page 449, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading 1 General Information and Regulations Governing All Graduate Students, amend paragraph 2 to read as follows:

“Interdisciplinary study is ... Master of Women’s Studies, and Doctor of Philosophy (Interdisciplinary).”

Page 536, 2007-2008 Calendar, under the heading Regulations Governing the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy and Specific Program Regulations, amend second paragraph to read as follows:

“Tuition leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy is offered in selected areas in Anthropology ... History, Interdisciplinary, ...”.

Page 552, 2007-2008 Calendar, insert the following new entry and renumber current 25.18 - 25.26 as 25.19 - 25.27:

“25.18 Interdisciplinary

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (in Interdisciplinary) is offered by part-time and full-time study.

The **General Regulations** of the School of Graduate Studies and the regulations outlined below will apply.

25.18.1 Administration

1. The program shall be administered by a Director, together with the School of Graduate Studies Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Committee (ID Ph.D. Committee).

2. The program of study of each student will be guided for the duration of the program by a **Supervisory Committee** of either three (3) or five (5) faculty members, appointed by the Dean of Graduate Studies on the recommendation of the ID Ph.D. Committee at the time of admission.

In addition, the Director shall be an ex officio member of each Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Supervisory Committee.

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Duties of this Committee shall involve supervising the overall program of study, including the recommendation of appropriate courses, the setting and scheduling of comprehensive examinations, the development of research proposal, and the thesis-writing and final examination.

The Supervisory Committee is also responsible for recommending fellowship support to the ID Ph.D. Committee and to the Dean of Graduate Studies at the time of admission and throughout the student's program.

3. Normally, the "academic home" for the student is in the department or faculty/school of the primary supervisor.

25.18.2 Deadlines for Applications

1. The deadline for fall admission is March 1 for commencement in September, October 1 for commencement in January, and February 1 for commencement in May. Students seeking admission to the program should start preparing their admission file well in advance of the application deadline.

Admissions shall be considered by the ID Ph.D. Committee and recommendations shall be made to the Dean of Graduate Studies.

25.18.3 Admission

1. Prospective students should normally hold a Master's degree and have an excellent academic record. Applications for admission must include:

- Three letters of reference
- A detailed research proposal
- Letters expressing a commitment to the research project and to supervisory duties from three Memorial University faculty members, one of whom is prepared to assume the role of academic supervisor or co-supervisor and at least one whose unit of primary responsibility is a Ph.D. granting department.
- Letters of endorsement from the administrative heads of each of the units involved in the proposed program.
- A statement from the University Librarian indicating the adequacy of Library resources to satisfy the demands of the research program.

25.18.4 Program of Study

1. a. Students will normally be required to take 12-18 credit hours of courses to be determined by the Supervisory Committee. These must include at least one course from each participating discipline. Directed reading courses may be included to support the development of the thesis work.

b. Where appropriate, extra language and/or methodology courses may be prescribed. (See General Regulation 1.2.7.2.4 concerning language(s) requirement.)

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2. Comprehensives

The scope, format, and number of required Comprehensive Examinations shall be determined by the Supervisory Committee in consultation with the student and in accordance with the needs of his/her particular program of study. Students will be required to take a comprehensive examination after the completion of all required course work, which can be no later than the end of the seventh semester of study. Comprehensive Examinations shall follow procedures in accordance with General Regulation **Comprehensive Examinations, Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination**, with the exception of 1.2.8.2.2.

3. Thesis

a. A thesis proposal, including a working title, statement of purpose and research scope, outline of theoretical and methodological approach, working plan, and preliminary bibliography, must be submitted to the Supervisory Committee no later than the end of the fifth semester of study. If approved by the Committee, the proposal shall be recommended to the I.D. Ph.D. Committee for final approval.

b. Students must complete a thesis, examined and defended in accordance with General Regulation 1.2.10 governing **Theses and Reports** of the School of Graduate Studies. The thesis shall give evidence of the candidate's ability to develop independent and original research.”

32. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COURSE EVALUATIONS

Dr. Michael Sherrick, Co-chair of the Senate Committee on Course Evaluations (SCCE), presented the Annual Report of the Committee, noting that the Terms of Reference require the Committee to present an annual report, a copy of which is lodged in the Senate files. Dr. Sherrick also reported that there are no changes being recommended to the Committee's Terms of Reference or Administrative Policies and Procedures.

Dr. Meisen thanked Dr. Sherrick and the Senate Committee on Course Evaluations for its report, but noted the lack of general findings in the report which go beyond those findings associated with individual undergraduate and graduate courses such as students' views concerning the adequacy or lack thereof of University facilities. Dr. Meisen also noted that Senate would appreciate receiving any additional findings in this regard since such findings would be valuable to the University in determining priorities for capital expenditures and in negotiations with government for additional resources.

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

- Dr. Meisen reported that on October 12, 2007, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College held its first fall Convocation. He also noted that three sessions of Convocation were held in St. John's on October 19, 2007.

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

- The Alumni Tribute Awards Ceremony was held on October 25, 2007. The President encouraged Senators to attend as well as to nominate worthy individuals for next year's awards.
- The President noted that he attended two Affinity Newfoundland and Labrador events which were recently held in Ottawa and Toronto. Dr. Meisen also noted that he was also a guest speaker at an ACOA roundtable event held on November 6, 2007 in Boston, USA.
- "*I Love MUNdays*" was held at the University during October 23 - 27, 2007. "*I Fell for Grenfell*" was held at Sir Wilfred Grenfell College during the same period.
- The President expressed his concern with regard to the recent events where students have shown unusual behaviour and noted the importance of communicating any unusual behaviour to the Campus Enforcement and Patrol.
- The President announced that he will finish his term as President on December 31, 2007. He noted that the search for his successor is currently underway and anticipated that an announcement will be made early winter 2008.

34. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY