

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on November 10, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

28. PRESENT

The President Pro Tempore, Dr. R. Tremblay, Dr. M. Abrahams, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. A. Card, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. N. Golfman, Dr. T. Gordon, Ms. K. Kennedy, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dean J. Rourke, Dr. N. Roy, Dr. S. Abhyankar, Professor M. Beaton, Dr. J. Brunton, Professor D. Carroll, Dr. J.J. Connor, Dr. J. Connor, Dr. S. Ghazala, Dr. G. George, Dr. G. Jenner, Dr. D. Kelly, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. P. Marino, Dr. R. McGowan, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. D. Peters, Mr. B. Riggs, Professor G. Riser, Mr. R. Roche, Professor W. Schipper, Dr. C. Sharpe, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. E. Warkentin, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. J. Wyse, Mr. S. Despres, Ms. S. Lawlor, Mr. R. Marshall, Ms. H. Morris, Ms. R. Winsor.

Dr. Loomis welcomed two newly elected/re-elected Senators: Professor Vivienne Kuester, School of Human Kinetics and Recreation, and Dr. Christopher Kovacs, Faculty of Medicine. He noted that Dr. Kovacs sends his regrets as he is at a speaking engagement out of the country.

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. L. Hensman, Dr. J. McFetridge-Durdle, Dr. F. Balisch, Mr. C. Clarke, Dr. A. Fiech, Mr. D. Haynes, Dr. C. Kovacs, Dr. K. Mearow, Dr. P. Trnka, Ms. C. Jalbert, Mr. T. Randell.

30. MINUTES

It was moved by Professor W. Schipper, seconded by Dr. Sharpe and carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting held on October 13, 2009 be taken as read and confirmed.

31. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At the request of Dr. McKay, consent agenda item 3.B. was moved from the consent agenda to the regular agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Golfman, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising the items listed in 32 and 33 below, be approved as follows:

32. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

32.1 Department of History

Page 136, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 8.19.3 Course Descriptions, add the following new courses:

**“1009 Issues in Ancient and Medieval History** will introduce students to the methodology of studying ancient and/or medieval history through a close

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examination of textual and material remains. The course will be taught around a particular theme and/or historical period each year. This course qualifies as a research and writing course.

**2050 Introduction to the Medieval Middle East** provides an introduction to the medieval Middle East (330-1453). Students will examine the Byzantine Empire, the Sasanian Empire, and the various Islamic Empires, as well as the minority groups living under these empires, including the Coptic, Armenian, and Syriac communities.

**3925 The Pre-Islamic Empires of Iran** introduces students to the history of Iran from the rise of the Achaemenid Empire, through the Parthian and Sasanian Empires, to the advent of the Islamic era. Through the use of primary source material, students will be introduced to the types of historical sources available for Iran, the problems associated with this evidence, and the different ways that we construct ancient history.

**3930 Byzantine History to 1453** will introduce students to the history of Byzantine society from its beginnings under Constantine to the fall of Constantinople to the Turks in 1453. In addition to the chronological history, students will also encounter several characteristics of Byzantine society, including religion, urbanization, and interaction with the Persian Empire.

**3935 Islamic History to 1453** will introduce students to the history of Islamic society from its beginnings under Muhammad to the rise of the Ottomans and the fall of Constantinople in the fifteenth century. We will also discuss the non-Muslim communities which co-existed with the Muslim umma or community. Through the use of primary source material, students will be introduced to the types of historical sources available for Islamic history, as well as the problems associated with this evidence.

PR: None, although History 2050 strongly recommended.”

32.2 Department of Philosophy

Page 147, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 8.25.5 Course Descriptions, add the following new course:

“**2541 Philosophy and Western Spirituality** will examine Western theories and practices of soul-care which parallel and resonate with Eastern approaches. We will learn what is distinctive to Western approaches with selections from Socrates, Jesus, Paul, Plotinus, Augustine, Eckhart, Alchemy, Freud, Jung and Foucault. Students will not only gain knowledge of this lost road in Western culture, but also an understanding of themselves.”

32.3 Department of Women's Studies

Page 163, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 8.32.3 Course Descriptions, subheading Elective Courses, delete the course Women's Studies 2001 from the list.

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

33.1 Environmental Engineering and Applied Science Program

Page 497, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 3.2 Environmental Engineering and Applied Science, delete this entire section up to 3.3 Environmental Systems Engineering and Management.

33.2 Ethnomusicology Program

Page 586, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 26.13.2 Program Requirements, delete the last sentence of clause 2, which currently reads “An oral defence ..... of the written examination.” and replace with the following:

“The Comprehensive Examination Committee will normally schedule a consultation with the student to discuss the written essays within one month following the completion of the written examination.”

33.3 School of Music

Page 540, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 15.3 Evaluation, subheading Courses, Special Topics Courses, insert the following new block of special topics numbers:

“6900-6909”

Page 540, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 15.3 Evaluation, subheading Courses, Applied Courses, insert the following new course:

“6510 - Seminar in Performance Issues”

33.4 Faculty of Business Administration

Page 518, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 7.2 Deadlines for Applications, amend to read as follows:

“7.2 Deadlines for Applications

Applications and all supporting documents must be received not later than May 1 from Canadian.....must submit complete documentation by March 1.....time and resources permit.”

Page 519, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 7.6 Evaluation, subheading Courses, Table II - Master of Business Administration Schedule of Required Courses - Direct Entry, amend the title of Business 8107 to read as follows:

“8107 Managing Ethics and Responsibility”

**REGULAR AGENDA**

34. REVISED CONSTITUTION OF THE SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

A memorandum dated September 24, 2009 was received from the Academic Council of the School of Pharmacy proposing amendments to its Constitution.

It was moved by Dr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Collins, and carried that the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Academic Council of the School of Pharmacy be approved for submission to the Board of Regents.

35. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SENATE ELECTIONS

A memorandum dated October 21, 2009, was received from the Committee on Senate Elections advising that the following individuals have been elected/re-elected to the Senate for a term of office commencing immediately and expiring August 31, 2012:

Human Kinetics & Recreation	Professor Vivienne Kuester
Medicine	Dr. Christopher Kovacs

In the memorandum dated October 21, 2009, the Committee reported that in the eleven constituencies where vacancies existed, an extension of the deadline for nominations resulted in two further nominations being received in addition to the other nominations received in the first and second calls. In four constituencies where vacancies still existed, a third extension of the deadline resulted in two more nominations being received. The end result is that while 15 seats have been filled, three vacancies remain (one in Medicine, one at the Marine Institute, and one in Social Sciences). The Committee on Senate Elections recommends that these vacancies stand until there is a call for a by-election from eligible voters or until the next cycle of Senate elections whichever occurs earlier.

36. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

A memorandum dated October 29, 2009, has been received from Ms. Sheila Singleton, Secretary, Committee on Committees, recommending the following nomination for representation on Senate committees:

**University Planning and Budget Committee**  
Nathan Wilke - Graduate Students' Union Student Representative

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mr. Despres, and carried that this nomination be approved.

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

37.1 Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

It was moved by Dr. McKay, seconded by Dr. Quicoe, and carried that on page 497, 2009-2010 Calendar, under the heading 3.1.4. Evaluation, subheading Courses, delete 9801 Computer Engineering Project (6 credit hours) and replace with the following:

“980A/B Computer Engineering Project”

38. Items for Information

38.1 The Executive Committee of Senate approved the following appeals:

ECS 2009-10: #5 - Appeal against the decision of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science to deny the student promotion to Academic Term 3.

ECS 2009-10: #7 - Appeal against the decision of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Faculty of Business Administration to have

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their late Work Report for Work Term 3 of the Bachelor of Commerce (Co-operative) degree program accepted and graded.

38.2 The Executive Committee of Senate denied the following appeal:

ECS 2009-10: #6 - Appeal against the decision of the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies not to allow the student to proceed to an oral examination of their thesis.

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

Dr. Loomis advised Senate that he provides a summary of activities report to the Board of Regents for each meeting. He noted that these reports are included in the Board of Regents minutes and he invited Senators to read these reports via these minutes of the Board.

Dr. Loomis reported on several of his major activities during the last month as follows:

- On October 15, 2009, Dr. Loomis hosted the Galbraith Dinner and attended the lecture with Anthony Daniels as guest speaker.
- On October 16, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended a Social Work Accreditation Site Visit.
- On October 16, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended the Gateway Program Announcement and Reception.
- On October 21, 2009, Dr. Loomis met with the School of Pharmacy Accreditation team.
- On October 23, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended three Convocations. Honorary Degrees were awarded to Elizabeth Blackburn and Michael Harris. He noted that Elizabeth Blackburn is a Nobel Prize Winner. Professores Emeritii and the Librarian Emeritus were also recognized.
- On October 27, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended the I Love MUN Days launch.
- On October 27, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended the Entrance Scholarship luncheon.
- On October 27, 2009, Dr. Loomis met with Morgan Cooper regarding an update on MUNFA bargaining. He noted that the negotiations look promising.
- On October 27, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended the Alumni Tribute Awards Dinner where this year's recipients were: The Honourable Dr. Edward Roberts, Ms. Priscilla Mooney, Mr. Harold Mallowney, and Mr. Tom Burse.
- On October 28 and 29, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended AUCC Membership meetings in Ottawa.

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

- On November 10, 2009, Dr. Loomis attended the Wood Group Chair announcement.

Dr. Paul Wilson noted that the Board of Regents Minutes are not usually posted on the website until months after the meeting. Dr. Loomis advised he would look into this.

Dr. Paul Wilson asked Dr. Loomis for an update on the report regarding the creation of a joint University/Government Committee on Autonomy which he gave to Senate at its meeting held on October 13, 2009.

Dr. Loomis advised that while he has nothing further to report at this time, he will have an update for the next meeting of Senate.

40. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY