

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The special meeting of Senate was held on November 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

14. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Simpson, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. H. Pike, Dr. M. Abrahams, Mr. B. Belbin, Dr. P. Fisher (for Mr. G. Blackwood), Ms. L. Busby, Dr. A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. N. Golfman, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dr. N. Roy, Dr. R. Shea, Dr. E. Waterman, Dr. F. Balisch, Professor M. Beaton, Dr. J. Brunton, Professor D. Carroll, Dr. J.J. Connor, Dr. S. Corbin-Dwyer, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. A. Fiech, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. K. Gallagher, Dr. S. Ghazala, Dr. G. George, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. A. Muhammad, Dr. D. Peters, Mr. B. Riggs, Professor G. Riser, Dr. E. Warkentin, Dr. M. Wernerheim, Dr. P. Wilson, Mr. S. Despres, Mr. N. Hartmann, Ms. K. Keats, Mr. C. Corcoran, Mr. B. Evoy, Mr. G. Furey, Ms. A. Highway, Ms. M. McCarthy, Ms. J. McCormick, Mr. T. Randell, Mr. M. Walsh, Mr. C. Wass.

Dr. Kachanoski welcomed all members to this Special Meeting of Senate and extended a special welcome to the following four Senators:

Mr. Carl Clarke, who has been re-elected from the Marine Institute

Dr. Evan Simpson, Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor, Pro Tempore. He noted that Dr. Simpson is no stranger to Senate having served as Vice-President (Academic) and Pro Vice-Chancellor from 1999 - 2003. He has now been appointed to that same position in a pro tem capacity effective October 4, 2010.

Mr. Colin Corcoran and Mr. Chris Wass, student representatives from MUNSU replacing Mr. Ryan Murphy and Mr. Eddy St. Coeur.

15. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. A. Al-Krenawi, Ms. K. Kennedy, Dr. J. McFetridge-Durdle, Dean W. Zerbe, Mr. C. Clarke, Dr. J. Connor, Dr. D. Kelly, Dr. A. Rose, Dr. W. Schipper.

16. INTERNATIONALIZATION

Dr. Kachanoski noted that it is customary for Senate to hold two special meetings a year (usually November and March). The agenda for these meetings is the responsibility of the Planning and Budget Committee. He remarked that these special meetings are considered to be informal sessions where the intention is to open up a complex and wide-ranging topic for a free and full discussion without formal motions and without necessarily arriving at a decision. He noted that he looks forward to this presentation and subsequent discussion.

In this regard, he welcomed Ms. Sonja Knutson, Acting Director of the International Office, and asked Dr. Simpson to introduce Ms. Knutson. Dr. Simpson briefly reviewed the history of the International Centre and welcomed Ms. Knutson to Senate in her capacity as Acting Director of the Centre.

Internationalization (cont'd)

Ms. Knutson opened her presentation on “Internationalization” by emphasizing that she would like to hear Senators’ comments and ideas on internationalization at Memorial.

She noted that a definition of Internationalization is “the process of integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, functions or delivery of post-secondary education”.

Ms. Knutson noted that the mandate for the International Centre is to:

- Report to the VPA Office
- Lead
- Partner
- Support
- Facilitate development of an internationalization strategy for Memorial University

Its core functions are to:

- Work with AVPA on international related initiatives
- Act as International Liaison Office (AUCC link)
- Maintain *We are International* website
- Maintain MOU database, international research project database and faculty international expertise and partnerships database
- Develop Desire to Learn (D2L) for study/work abroad
- Provide information resources and professional development on internationalization
- Develop and/or standardize protocols and procedures for undertaking international activities.

Its role in internationalization is to:

Facilitate development of an internationalization strategy for Memorial University.

Ms. Knutson then outlined the current trends and tensions facing the International Centre as noted below:

1. Internationalization strategy - should it stand alone or be integrated into the MUN Strategic Plan?
2. Measurements for internationalization - how do we know it is happening?
3. Role of “intercultural” in internationalization - can one be successful without the other?
4. “Global presence” vs. “internationalization at home” - are we ignoring our domestic students?

A lively discussion then ensued with questions and comments from the floor covering such topics as:

- enrolment trends for international students at Memorial and Memorial students who study abroad
- the contribution of faculty and staff who originate from outside Canada

Internationalization (cont'd)

- funding and services for international students and Memorial students who study abroad
- academic success rates for international students and students who study abroad
- measurable benefits of internationalization both to students who study abroad and those who do not study abroad
- the need for more workshops on topics such as academic behaviour.

The President then thanked Ms. Knutson for her very informative presentation and Senators for their contribution to a productive question and answer session.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY