

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on October 10, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

16. PRESENT

Dr. E. Campbell (Acting Chair), Dr. J. Ashton, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. M. Bluehardt, Dean A. Collins, Mr. G. Collins, Mr. R. Ellis, Dean G. Gorman, Dr. R. Venkatesan (on behalf of Dean. R. Gosine), Dr. S. Jerkic (on behalf of Dean C. Jablonski), Dr. S. LeFort, Dean J. Rourke, Dean R. Tremblay, Ms. D. Whalen, Mr. E. Andrews, Mr. K. Baker, Ms. B. Conran, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Dr. G. George, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. F. King, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. D. Pike, Professor G. Riser, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. P. Wilson, Dr. J. Wright, Ms. K. Greenfield, Mr. S. Sullivan, Mr. A. Hollett, Mr. Igho-Osagie.

The Chair opened the meeting by extending a special welcome to the following newly elected Senators:

Dr. Dale Foster          Faculty of Business Administration  
Ms. Lisa Goddard      University Library

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from the President Dr. T. Gordon, Dr. R. Gosine, Dr. L. Hensman, Dr. C. Jablonski, Dr. L. Walker, Dr. R. Adamec, Dr. V. Bubenik, Captain J. Ennis, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Dr. J. Whitehead, Mr. J. Farrell.

18. MINUTES

The Minutes of the special and regular meetings held on September 12, 2006 were taken as read and confirmed.

19. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES AND CEREMONIAL

The Secretary reported that the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial wished to defer its report until either the November or December meeting of Senate.

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 Dr. Jerkic, seconded by Professor Walsh, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising items 20 through 21, be approved as follows:

20. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

A memo dated 9 September 2006 from the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies, noted that Professor Donna Walsh was elected as Chair for the 2006-2007 academic year.

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

21.1 Department of French

Page 470, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 5.11 French, subheading Courses, insert the following:

**“French Course for Students in Other Disciplines**  
6900 Reading in French for Students in Other Disciplines”

Page 471, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading FRANÇAIS, subheading COURS, insert the following:

**“Cours de français pour étudiants d’autres disciplines**  
6900 Reading in French for Students in Other Disciplines”

21.2 Department of Chemistry

Page 511, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 19.8 Chemistry, subheading Courses, insert the following new course:

“6381 Surface and Interface Science”

21.3 Faculty of Medicine

Page 525, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 21.2.2 Program Requirements, change the course number for “Medicine 6272 Epidemiology II” (approved at Senate in March 2006) to “Medicine 6275 Epidemiology II”.

21.4 Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology

Page 513, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 19.9.1 Master of Science, and under the subheading Courses, rename all courses currently named “Biopsychology (BIOP)” to “Cognitive and Behavioural Ecology (CABE)”.

Following the section Courses, insert the following table:

“Table of Course Restrictions  
(Credit may be obtained for only one course from each of the pairs  
of courses listed in this table.)

Present Course	Former Course
CABE 6240	Biopsychology 6240
CABE 6350	Biopsychology 6350
CABE 6351	Biopsychology 6351
CABE 7000	Biopsychology 7000”

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

22. **INTERIM REPORT OF THE SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF UNDERGRADUATE APPEALS PROCEDURES**

At a meeting held on February 14, 2006, Senate approved the membership and terms of reference for an ad hoc Committee to Conduct a Review of Undergraduate Appeals Procedures. On behalf of the ad hoc Committee, Professor Donna Walsh presented the interim report (a copy of which is located in the Senate files) and in doing so, noted the following:

- the background of the Committee
- the anticipated scope of the Committee's work
- the direction in which the Committee intends to focus its efforts over the next few months as it rewrites the University's undergraduate appeals procedures in clear, concise and student centered language and in the context of a revised University Strategic Plan.

Professor Walsh noted that since the focus of the Committee's work is undergraduate appeals procedures, the report would also be directed to the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies for feedback.

Following Professor Walsh's introduction, a discussion ensued on topics such as: 1) the desirability of giving an appellant the opportunity to appear in person when his/her appeal is considered; 2) the importance to continue having student representation on appeals committees; 3) the importance of treating students as learners and not just as consumers; 4) the importance of establishing guidelines for appeals committees in different faculties and schools to ensure consistency across units; and 5) support for the ad hoc Committee's intention to (a) ensure that appeals are resolved at the lowest possible level and (b) decrease the levels of appeals to one at the faculty/school level and one at the Senate level.

Following the discussion, Professor Walsh invited Senators to forward additional comments to the Committee.

23. **INTERIM REPORT OF THE SENATE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A CODE OF ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

At a meeting held on January 10, 2006, an ad hoc Committee was appointed to Develop a Code of Academic Integrity. At today's meeting, the Chair of the ad hoc Committee Dr. Gardner, presented the interim report of the Committee (a copy of which is lodged in the Senate files).

Dr. Gardner reported that the Committee met on several occasions and progress has been made towards its mandate. However, he noted that the mandate of the Committee overlaps with other initiatives including the work of a subgroup of the Enrolment Planning Working Group and a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies. On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Gardner raised the following questions:

Interim Report of the Senate ad hoc Committee to Develop a Code of Academic Integrity (cont'd)

- should there be an overarching statement that articulates the University's position on the broad area of conduct and integrity?
- should the review of the Academic Misconduct regulations be made a formal part of the development of a Code of Academic Conduct?
- how should the possible implications of the Katz report be taken into account?
- should all of the above processes be rolled into a single, major initiative?

During discussion of the interim report, several Senators reiterated the desirability of developing a Code of Academic Integrity for the entire University community, which would include students, faculty and staff on all campuses of the University. It was suggested that such a broader code, should help build a more cohesive and integrated community. Several Senators also suggested that the process of developing a Code of Academic Integrity and revising the Academic Misconduct regulations should be coordinated. Dr. Gardner agreed to take these views into account as the ad hoc Committee resumes its discussions.

At the request of several Senators, Dr. Campbell then provided an update on the Katz investigation. He noted that on September 13, 2006, the President briefed the University community on Dr. Shirley Katz's investigation. As a result of the investigation, there are 12 actions to be taken for which 12 groups have been assigned one to each action. It is anticipated that the President will report back to the University community once recommendations have been made and considered.

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

- Dr. Campbell reported that since the presentation of the Draft Strategic Plan at the meeting of Senate held on September 12, 2006, many revisions have been made to the document. He noted, for example, that at a Deans and Directors Retreat held on September 20 - 21, 2006, the Draft Strategic Plan was the major topic for consideration and as a result, a large amount of useful feedback was received. It is anticipated that the final version of the Strategic Plan will be brought to Senate for consideration within the next two months.
- On October 3, 2006, the "Memorial Presents" was held in Bay d'Espoir. Dr. Campbell noted the importance of these seminars and encouraged Senators to participate where possible.

25. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

25.1 The Executive Committee of Senate denied the following appeal:

ECS 2006-07: #1 - Appeal against the decision of the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies to terminate the student's enrolment in the Master of Oil and Gas Studies program.

26. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY