

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The special meeting of Senate was held on September 12, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

1. PRESENT

The President, Dr. E. Campbell, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. J. Ashton, Dr. S. Bernie-Lefcovitch, Mr. G. Blackwood, Mr. R. Ellis, Dr. T. Gordon, Dr. J. Parsons (on behalf of Dean G. Gorman), Dean R. Gosine, Dr. L. Hensman, Dean C. Jablonski, Dr. S. LeFort, Dean R. Lucas, Dean R. Tremblay, Dean L. Walker, Ms. D. Whalen, Dr. R. Adamec, Mr. K. Baker, Dr. E. Brown, Dr. V. Bubenik, Dr. G. Clark, Ms. B. Conran, Dr. M. Daneshtalab, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. G. George, Dr. J. Harris, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. L. Hermanutz, Dr. O. Janzen, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Professor V. Kuester, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. D. Moralejo, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. D. Pike, Dr. J. Quaicoe, Professor G. Riser, Professor W. Schipper, Dr. C. Sharpe, Dr. K. Szego, Mr. R. Trenholm, Dr. D. Tulett, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. J. Whitehead, Dr. J. Wright, Mr. S. Sullivan, Mr. R. Drinkall, Mr. A. Hollett, Ms. E. Martin, Ms. S. Power, Mr. D. Singh.

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming Senators back for the first meeting of Senate for the Fall Semester. He extended a special welcome to the following new and re-elected Senators:

New Ex-officio Senator

Dr. Reeta Tremblay, Dean, Faculty of Arts

Newly Elected Senators

Ms. Bernadine Conran	Library
Dr. Glyn George	Engineering and Applied Science

Re-elected Senators

Mr. Kenneth Baker	Marine Institute
Dr. Mohsen Daneshtalab	Pharmacy
Dr. Luise Hermanutz	Biology
Dr. Serpil Kocabiyik	Mathematics and Statistics
Professor Vivienne Kuester	Human Kinetics and Recreation
Dr. John Quaicoe	Engineering and Applied Science

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dean A. Collins, Dean G. Gorman, Dean J. Rourke, Mr. E. Andrews, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Mr. J. Farrell.

3. REVIEW OF THE DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Meisen opened the special meeting by providing Senate with an overview of the Strategic Planning Process in which the University has been engaged for the past year. In doing so, he reminded Senators that *Bill 39: An Act to Enhance the Transparency and Accountability of the Government and Government Entities to the People of the Province*, requires that a new strategic plan and framework be approved for the University by March, 2007. He also reminded Senate that today's meeting has been organized to garner the reaction of Senators to the draft plan. It is anticipated that the final version of the Strategic Plan will be brought to Senate for approval later in the Fall Semester on the assumption that the draft is broadly reflective of the views of the University community.

Dr. Meisen then provided an overview of the draft Strategic Plan. In doing so, he welcomed comments from Senators on the following:

- the proposed revisions to the Mission Statement
- the strategies and actions defined within the draft plan
- possible omissions from the document.

A wide ranging discussion ensued after the presentation covering topics such as:

- the need for clear, concise and inclusive wording in both the mission statement and the draft plan.
- the necessity to ensure that the Strategic Plan balances the projected growth of the University in its many dimensions with the timely provision of the physical, financial and human resources needed for such growth.
- the need to begin the process of reviewing the research plan as soon as possible.
- the importance of ensuring that all units and divisions represent the University in a consistent and mutually reinforcing manner.

Following the discussion, Dr. Meisen thanked Senators for the useful discussion and he then invited Senators to forward their comments and suggestions to strategic@mun.ca.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY

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The regular meeting of Senate was held on September 12, 2006, at 5:10 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

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6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dean A. Collins, Dean G. Gorman, Dean J. Rourke, Mr. E. Andrews, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. D. Kimberley, Dr. C. Popadiuk, Mr. J. Farrell.

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the special and regular meetings held on June 15, 2006 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 2.A.(i) was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda at the request of Dr. Janzen and Professor Kuester.

Consent Agenda Item 2.A.(ii) was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Regular Agenda at the request of Dr. Clark and Professor Kuester.

It was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Jablonski, and carried that the consent agenda, comprising the items listed in 8 below, be approved as follows:

8. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

8.1 Diploma in Police Studies

Page 155, 2006-2007 Calendar, following the entry 3.11.1 Admission Requirements, add the following entry:

“Continuation Requirements

Students dismissed as recruit cadets by the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary will be required to withdraw from the Diploma in Police Studies.”

Page 155, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 3.11.3 Course List, in the course Police Studies 5000, amend the last sentence to read as follows:

“Enrolment in this course is restricted to students admitted to the Diploma Program in Police Studies and who remain in good standing as recruit cadets of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary.”

Page 155, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 3.11.3 Course List, delete the section Required Courses and replace with the following:

“Required courses:

Political Science 3521 (Law and Society)
Political Science 3720 (Canadian Constitutional Law)
Psychology 2800 (Drugs and Behavior)
Psychology 2150 (Forensic Psychology)
Psychology 3640 (The Psychology of Abnormal Psychology)
Social Work 3310 (Introduction to Forensic and Police Interviewing)
Sociology 3290 (Deviance)
Sociology 3306 (Juvenile Justice and Delinquency)
Sociology 3395 (Criminal Justice and Corrections)
Sociology 4212 (Issues in Policing)
Police Studies 5000 (Instructional Field Placement in Police Studies)
Offered in Spring Semester. Six credit hours.”

Following the course 5000, delete and replace the paragraph with the following:

“In order to maintain the mandatory course load of 15 credit hours in each of the Fall and Winter semesters, students who have previously completed one or more of the required courses will select courses from the alternate list below, or other appropriate courses as recommended by the Program Coordinator.”

Diploma in Police Studies (cont'd)

Delete the entry Alternate Courses and replace with the following:

“Alternate Courses

Anthropology 2414 (Regional Studies: North American Indians and Inuit)
Anthropology 2492 (Forensic Anthropology)
English 2160 (North American Aboriginal Literature)
Geography 2495 (Regional Geography of Labrador)
History 3813 (Women in North American Society: Newfoundland and Labrador)
History 3560 (A History of Human Rights)
Law and Society 2000 (An Introduction to Law in Canadian Society)
Philosophy 2802 (Contemporary Issues: Mental Health Ethics)
Philosophy 2810 (Contemporary Issues: Restorative Justice)
Political Science 3791 (Newfoundland Corrections: Policy and Practice)
Psychology 2100 (Attitudes and Social Cognition) OR Psychology 2120 (Interpersonal and Group Processes)
Religious Studies 2610 (Introduction to Religious Ethics)
Religious Studies 3650 (Religion and Social Justice)
Sociology 4095 (Criminology)
Sociology 4210 (Sexual Abuse)
Sociology/Anthropology 2260 (War and Aggression)
Sociology/Anthropology 2270 (Families)
Sociology/Anthropology 3240 (Regional Studies: Contemporary Native Peoples of Canada)
Women’s Studies 2000 (An Interdisciplinary Introduction to Women’s Studies)”

8.2 Aboriginal Studies Program

Page 156, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 6.1.1 Regulations, amend the paragraph to read as follows:

“Students who minor Education, English, Geography, History, Law and Society, ... for the Aboriginal Studies Minor.”

Page 156, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 6.1.2 Course List, add in alphabetical order the following:

“Geography
Geography 2495”

8.3 Department of Computer Science

New Courses

1510. An Introduction to Programming for Scientific Computing. This course introduces students to basic programming in the context of numerical methods with the goal of providing the foundation necessary to handle larger scientific programming projects. Numerical methods to solve selected problems from Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics will be covered.

Department of Computer Science (cont'd)

Lectures: Three hours per week.

Lab: Two hours per week.

Prerequisite: Mathematics 1000.

Note: Students can receive credit for only one of Computer Science 1510 or Computer Science 2602.

4800-4825. Special Topics. This is for special topics courses, so only the course numbers would be listed.

Prerequisites/Co-requisites: Special topics' courses are not offered on a regular basis, but whenever departmental resources permit. For these reasons, the prerequisites can vary each time the courses are offered.

8.4 School of Pharmacy

Page 369, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 3.3 Admission Requirements to the School, clause 2, delete "Business 2000" and amend "English 1080 or English 1000" to read as follows:

"English 1080 or English 1000; and English 1101 or English 1001, or equivalent"

Page 370, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 4.1 Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) for Students Entering the 1 + 4 Program, Table 1 Bachelor of Science (Pharmacy) (1 + 4 program), under Required Courses, first block, delete "Business 2000" and amend "English 1080 or English 1000" to read as follows:

"English 1080 or English 1000; and English 1101 or English 1001, or equivalent"

For the Fall Academic Term 1, under the heading Required Courses, add "Business 2000" and under the heading Elective Courses, delete "3 credit hours".

REGULAR AGENDA

9. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

9.1 Department of History

The Department of History is proposing the introduction of two new courses. Dr. Janzen expressed concern that there was no consultation with Sir Wilfred Grenfell College and apparently with other related departments within the Faculty of Arts. While he noted that his own department supported the creation of these two new courses and is planning to develop similar courses, he emphasized the greater strength in collaboration and he urged departments to undertake consultations in such processes. Dean Tremblay noted that before submitting future proposals, the Faculty will ensure that consultation takes place with appropriate academic units.

Department of History (cont'd)

The motion to approve the proposed new courses “2665. Sickness and Health in Western Society” and “3030. Environmental History”, which was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Tremblay, carried.

New Courses

2665. Sickness and Health in Western Society. This course examines changing understandings of disease causation and how the human body functions, the evolution of formal medical education, and the rise of medical institutions. Examples of fine art, literature, and popular culture will be integrated into lectures and seminars to help provide a comprehensive overview of what it has been like to be ill and well over the last three millennia.

3030. Environmental History. This course examines the history of human relationships to the natural environment. The focus of the course is the history of environmental changes caused by humans, the reciprocal influence of the natural environment on human cultures and societies. Case Studies will introduce patterns of ecological change associated with broad historical transformations such as colonialism, military conflict, the development of world economies, etc.

9.2 Department of English

Senate considered a memorandum dated May 3, 2006 from Professor Donna Walsh, Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of English, entitled “Proposed Calendar Changes - Department of English”. The proposed amendment to the regulation was intended to follow the pattern and percentages set by the Department of French and was designed to ensure that an appropriate number of English courses are taken at Memorial University by students majoring and minoring in that discipline. However, it was suggested that the proposed amendment would be too restrictive for students transferring into the program and is much more restrictive than Clause 3 of General Regulation 4.3.2 (Residence Requirements, First Degree) which requires students who complete courses in the subject of their major at another university to complete at least 12 credit hours in that subject at this University. In addition, it was suggested that the proposed amendment is not in keeping with the spirit of promoting student mobility as outlined in the Pan-Canadian Protocol on transfer credit as endorsed by Senate on May 9, 1995.

As a result, it was agreed to refer the proposed amendment back to the Department of English for further study taking the above factors into account.

Page 172, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the 6.9.2 Honours Degree With English as Major Subject, amend clause 2.1. to read as follows:

“1. Nine credit hours in additional English courses, six of which must be at the 4000-level.”

Department of English (cont'd)

New Course

3175. Irish Literature. A study of major Irish writers such as Yeats, Joyce, O'Casey, Heaney, Friel and O'Brien.

Note: This course may not be taken for credit by students who have completed any of English 3171 or 3172 or 3173.

Page 172, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 6.9.4 Course List, amend second paragraph to read as follows:

“Some sections of English 2000, 2001, 2002, 2211, 2214 and 3817 may qualify as Research/Writing courses ... R/W designation.”

Add the following final sentence to the course descriptions for English 2010 and 2020:

“This course qualifies as a research/writing course.”

9.3 Recommendation that Transfer Credit be Awarded for Courses Completed through the Canadian Armed Forces

A memorandum dated June 13, 2006 from Ms. Maria Murray, Assistant Registrar/Admissions Manager, notes that the Office of the Registrar has received requests from current or former members of the Canadian Armed Forces who wish to pursue degree studies at Memorial University, that courses completed through the Armed Forces should be considered for transfer credit. The Office of the Registrar is recommending that under regulation “2.5.6 Other Universities, College and Institutes”, and subject to departmental evaluation and approval, Memorial University recognize for transfer credit courses completed through the Canadian Armed Forces.

The motion that regulation “2.5.6 Other Universities, College and Institutes”, be amended as recommended above, which was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Dr. Sharpe, carried.

9.4 Section 2.2 English Language Proficiency Requirements of the regulations Governing Admission/Readmission to the University (Undergraduate)

It was moved by Professor Walsh, seconded by Mr. Collins and carried that the regulations governing proof of English proficiency be updated to reflect an appropriate minimum score for the new Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) internet-based test (iBT) as follows:

Page 48, 2006-2007 Calendar, under the heading 2.2.3 Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), amend first paragraph to read as follows:

“A minimum score of 550 is required on the paper-based test or 213 on the computer-based test of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL). A minimum score of 79 with at least 20 in each of Reading and Writing, and no less than 17 in Listening and Speaking is required on the internet-based TOEFL. The official results ...”

10. MARINE INSTITUTE ACADEMIC COUNCIL CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

In order to make further editorial changes to the Marine Institute Academic Council Constitution and By-Laws, Mr. Blackwood withdrew the current proposal noting it will be brought back for the consideration of Senate at a future date.

11. REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

It was moved by Dr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Collins and carried that the following nomination from the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students' Union for representation on the Senate Committees on Research be approved:

Ms. Robin Cloustin

Dr. Clark noted that there are three vacancies for Senators to serve on the Committee on Committees. The Committee on Senate Elections will be calling for nominations in the near future and he encouraged Senators to volunteer for one of these three vacancies.

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

A letter dated August 31, 2006 was received from the Secretary of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial advising that the University Marshal has informed the President and Vice-Chancellor that he does not intend to seek another term after the expiration of his current term of office on December 31, 2006. In view of this, the Committee will be soliciting nominations as outlined in the Senate Procedures and Criteria for University Marshal and will report to Senate at a later date.

Mr. Collins also reminded Senators that the term of office for the Deputy Public Orator expired on August 31, 2006. In accordance with Clause V.C.4 of the Handbook of Senate By-laws and Procedures, a call for nominations will be circulated to the University.

Mr. Collins advised Senate that a letter dated 29 August 2006 was received from Professor Shane O'Dea, Public Orator expressing his interest in being considered for another term as Public Orator of the University. In accordance with Clause V.D.5. of the Handbook of Senate By-Laws and Procedures, a review of the Public Orator will be initiated.

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

- The Chairman reminded Senators about the importance for members of the community and particularly members of Senate to nominate candidates for Honorary Doctorates. The Committee will be examining nominations in the Fall and is expected to report to Senate in December 2006 or January 2007.

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

- Dr. Meisen encouraged members of Senate to nominate qualified individuals to serve on the Senate for the following vacancies:

Business Administration - one vacant seat

Library - one vacant seat

Medicine - three vacant seats

Social Sciences - one vacant seat

- On June 25, 2006, Dr. Meisen welcomed to Memorial the Canadian Science Writers' Association. He also welcomed the Canadian Council of Deans of Science Conference Opening and noted that Dean Robert Lucas hosted the event.
- In early July, the President travelled to Beaumont Hamel regarding the 90th anniversary ceremonies of the Battle of the Somme. He also attended a meeting with representatives of UNESCO regarding collaboration in science, post-secondary education and gender issues.
- Dr. Meisen attended the graduation ceremonies for the graduates in the Diploma in Police Studies program held on August 26, 2006 in Corner Brook.
- On August 29, 2006, Dr. Meisen attended the Newfoundland and Labrador Merchant Navy Memorial and Merchant Navy Veterans Day ceremonies.
- The President gave a Memorial welcome to parents of new students on September 2, 2006 and a welcome to new students at orientation held on September 3, 2006.
- The orientation for new faculty held on September 5, 2006 was also attended by the President.
- On September 11, 2006, Dr. Meisen attended the Chancellor's dinner and the reopening of the D.F. Cook Recital Hall.
- Today, Dr. Meisen attended the 9th Annual Memorial University Scholarship Golf Tournament noting that to date, approximately \$150,000 has been raised for scholarship funding.
- Dr. Meisen noted that he would be briefing the University community on the report of Dr. Shirley Katz on Wednesday, September 13, 2006 and he encouraged Senators to attend.

In response to a question posed by Dr. Adamec regarding travel to Harlow, Dr. Meisen noted that he has contacted representatives of Air Canada and has received a response from them. He advised that with the cancellation by Air Canada of its direct flight from St. John's to London, England in early September, 2006, students, faculty and staff traveling to the United Kingdom will have to use alternate flights.

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

Mr. Sullivan commented that many students were confused with the scheduling of the Fall timetable where the first Friday of the semester was scheduled as a Monday. Mr. Sullivan noted that new students did not have time to adjust and he suggested that the rescheduling should have been done at a later date in the semester. The Secretary noted that this would be brought to the attention of the Advisory Committee on the University Timetable.

Mr. Ellis advised that the graduating class exhibition for the 2006 Visual Arts graduates was on display at the Library in the *First Space* gallery and he encouraged Senators to view the interesting pieces of work.

14. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

14.1 Correspondence from Dr. Kevin Keough

A letter dated August 2, 2006, in which he conveyed his appreciation to Senate, was received from Dr. Kevin Keough who was recently advised by the Board of Regents that he had been awarded the title of Professor Emeritus.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY