

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on June 22, 2012 at 10:05 a.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

114. PRESENT

The President, Mr. G. Blackwood, Mr. B. Belbin, Dr. A. Card, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. N. Golfman, Dr. J. McFetridge-Durdle, Dr. J. Rourke, Professor P. Ayres (for Dr. L. Rankin), Dr. E. Waterman, Mr. P. Brett, Dr. J.J. Connor, Dr. J. Connor, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. A. Fiech, Dr. K. Gallagher, Dr. S. Ghazala, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. D. Kelly, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. S. Mulay, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. J. Parsons, Dr. D. Peters, Mr. B. Riggs, Dr. A. Rose, Dr. C. Sharpe, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. P. Wilson, Mr. J. Donnelly, Ms. M. Fitzsimmons, Mr. H. Sleem, Mr. D. Campbell, Ms. K. Carroll, Ms. E. Edwards, Mr. R. Leamon, Ms. C. Simms.

Dr. Kachanoski welcomed and thanked all Senators for coming to this extra ordinary meeting of Senate and in particular new MUNSU student representatives, Kayla Carroll, Travis Perry, and Rebecca Stuckey, as well as new GSU student representatives, Hisham Sleem, Michelle Fitzsimmons, and Joey Donnelly.

115. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. D. Wardlaw, Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. M. Abrahams, Dr. A. Al-Krenawi, Dr. K. Anderson, Ms. L. Busby, Dr. L. Hensman, Dr. F. Basset, Dr. S. Corbin-Dwyer, Dr. G. Farrell, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. G. George, Dr. D. Gustafson, Dr. S. LeFort, Professor G. Riser, Dr. M. Wernerheim.

116. Recommendation from Planning and Budget Committee that Senate create an APR Committee

A proposal dated June 3, 2012, to create a Senate Committee on Academic Program Review was received from David Wardlaw, Provost and Vice-President (Academic) and Chair of Planning and Budget Committee.

As Dr. Wardlaw was not able to attend today's meeting, Mr. Collins commented that the Executive Committee of Senate discussed this proposal at a meeting held on June 14, 2012. On behalf of the Planning and Budget Committee, Mr. Collins noted that at a meeting on May 17, 2012, the following motion was passed:

“The Planning and Budget Committee recommends to Senate that Senate approve formation of a standing Academic Program Review (APR) Committee.

Implicit in this recommendation is:

- a) That all references to academic program review in the current terms of reference for PBC would be removed if Senate were to approve the new committee; and

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- b) That Senate initially approve formation of an APR Committee in principle, with terms of reference for the new APR committee and appropriately modified terms for PBC to be developed subsequently following established procedures.”

It was moved by Mr. Collins, seconded by Dr. Wilson, and carried to approve this motion in principle.

Mr. Collins noted that the Planning and Budget Committee will draft the revised terms of reference and forward them to Senate for approval through the Committee on Elections and Committees.

117. Review of Academic Appeals Regulations

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Senate held on June 14, 2012, the Committee agreed to forward the above-noted documents to Senate for information and to serve as an introduction of the proposed major changes to the appeals regulations before formal consultation is undertaken with faculties/schools/campuses. In this context, Mr. Riggs presented the draft calendar changes for the undergraduate academic appeals regulations and Dr. Golfman presented the draft calendar changes for the graduate appeals regulations.

It was then moved by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Dr. Golfman, and carried that the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies undertake formal consultations regarding the review of the Academic Appeals Regulations with faculties/schools/campuses during summer and early fall. Following these consultations, the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies and the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies will make any necessary changes to the documents with a view to forwarding the final documents to Senate for approval in October, 2012.

118. Report of the Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies

118.1 New Doctor of Philosophy Program, Nursing

It was moved by Dr. Golfman, seconded by Dr. McFetridge-Durdle, and carried to approve the following calendar changes.

Page 630, 2011-2012 Calendar, insert the following new section immediately before the heading 28.26 Pharmacy as follows and renumber accordingly:

“28.26 Nursing

Professor and Dean
J. McFetridge-Durdle

Professor and Associate Dean
S.M. Solberg

The degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is offered in Nursing in areas reflective of the strength and expertise of current faculty members in the School of Nursing. All candidates will be required to attend as full-time students during the first six semesters (two academic years) of the program.

New Doctor of Philosophy Program, Nursing (cont'd)

The following regulations must be read in conjunction with the **General Regulations** of the School of Graduate Studies.

28.26.1 Qualifications for Admission

1. Admission to the program is limited and competitive.
2. To be considered for admission an applicant must normally hold a Master of Nursing degree or equivalent from a recognized university and have a strong academic record.
3. Applicants must have completed either a graduate level course(s) in research that included both qualitative and quantitative approaches with some advanced statistical analysis in the quantitative work, or a graduate level statistics course.
4. Applicants must hold an active practicing license from the Association of Registered Nurses of Newfoundland or must be currently registered as a practicing nurse in another Canadian jurisdiction. Applicants from other countries who do not meet the above criteria will be assessed on an individual basis and must submit proof of registration as a practicing nurse (or an equivalency) from their country or jurisdiction.
5. Applicants must submit a statement about a research focus that is compatible with expertise within the current faculty of the School of Nursing.

28.26.2 Program of Study

1. A Supervisory Committee shall be appointed for each candidate in accordance with **General Regulations, Supervision** of the School of Graduate Studies.
2. Candidates normally be required to successfully complete a minimum of 18-credit hours of program courses as follows: Nursing 7011, Nursing 7012, Nursing 7100, Nursing 7101, one of Nursing 7200-7210 (or another approved research course at the doctoral level), and one of Nursing 7300-7310 (or another approved course at the doctoral level in the area of the student's research interest). All courses will normally be completed within the first two semesters of the program.
3. Candidates will normally be required to complete a minimum of two mandatory, non-credit internships/institutes during the first two years of the program. The internships/institutes are designed to provide an opportunity for students to gain substantive knowledge of, and engage in, collaborative research and/or teaching. An internship/institute will be selected based on the student's area of interest and learning needs and will have a set or negotiated time limit during a semester depending on the nature and scope of the work.
4. Candidates will be required to participate in graduate seminars of 2 hours per week in the Fall and Winter semesters in each of the first two academic years of the program.

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5. Candidates must develop and maintain a professional portfolio that includes experience in research, teaching, and academic and professional service.
6. Candidates shall submit to a comprehensive examination in accordance with **General Regulations, Comprehensive Examinations** of the School of Graduate Studies. The Comprehensive Examination will consist of a written component and an oral component. The examination will normally be scheduled in the first semester of the second year of the program, but no later than the end of the student's seventh semester in the program.
7. Candidates must submit a written thesis proposal for presentation to the School, normally within six weeks of completion of the comprehensive examinations, but no later than the end of the fifth semester of the program.
8. Candidates must submit a thesis, examined and defended in accordance with **General Regulations, Theses and Reports** of the School of Graduate Studies.
9. Candidates are required to spend a minimum of six semesters (two academic years) of full-time study in residence.
10. In keeping with the **General Regulations** for the School of Graduate Studies, the time limit to complete the degree is 7 years.

28.26.4 Courses

A selection of the following courses will be offered to meet the requirements of candidates, as far as the resources of the School of Nursing will allow:

7011 Nursing: The Science
7012 Nursing: The Profession
7100 Nursing Research I: Conceptualizing Research
7101 Nursing Research II: Conducting Research
7200-7210 Reading Courses in Research Methodology
7300-7310 Reading Courses in a Substantive Area for Research”

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

119.1 Power Outage

Dr. Kachanoski noted to Senators that as they may be aware from Newsline, Facilities Management is planning for major infrastructure upgrades to the main campus electrical systems which will require a campus-wide electrical outage spanning five days, Friday, July 6, 6 p.m., to Tuesday, July 10, 5 a.m. The outage is required to enable the replacement of several power distribution cables and to avoid any repetition of the unfortunate power outage that closed student residences for several days in March, 2012.

Several buildings on campus have emergency power systems which will be used to maintain critical systems in those facilities. Other stakeholders have been identified and localized emergency power has been arranged to those

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areas. This outage will not affect the Health Sciences Centre. The university community is requested to plan for normal power to be disrupted during this period and to make arrangements which will limit the disruption to their operations.

Dr. Kachanoski thanked members of the campus community for their patience and understanding during this very necessary power disruption.

119.2 Remarks

Dr. Kachanoski reported on his major activities since the last meeting noting in particular activities relating to planning for construction of a new Core Science Facility, Convocations at the Grenfell Campus and St. John's Campus; Research Portfolio Review; a number of major donor announcements; the official opening of the Academic Building at Grenfell Campus; Service Awards Luncheon and Dinner; enrolment planning; Engagement Framework; status of the Joint Government/University Committee on University Autonomy, the Access Copyright issues and discussions with government concerning the University's core mandate in the context of core mandate analysis of provincial government services and systems. Several Senators noted the importance of being involved, informed and consulted regarding these important initiatives.

120. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY