

Senate Meeting

Rosaria Boardroom December 4, 2000

A meeting of the Senate was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, December 4, 2000, in the Rosaria Board Room.

**Present:** S. Brown (Chair), R. Bérard, I. Blum, S. Boyd, B. Casey, W. Doyle, M. Evans, C. Ferns, B. Frank, D. Furrow, P. Glenister, F. Harrington, C. Hill, N. Hill, B. Hodkin, K. Kienapple, B. King, M. MacMillan, C. Mathieson, L. Neilsen, C. Nickerson, S. Perrott, M. Raven, T. Richards, T. Roberts, R. Sampson, L. Theriault, R. Warne, P. Watts, J. Woodsworth.

**Regrets:** B. Taylor.

**Guests:** R. Jeppesen, M. Riley.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved** by T. Richards, seconded by S. Boyd that the agenda be approved as circulated.  
CARRIED

### **2. Approval of the Minutes of October 30, 2000**

**Moved** by P. Watts, seconded by W. Doyle that the minutes of October 30, 2000 be approved as amended. CARRIED

The minutes were amended under item 9.1ii, to change the sentence "Another Senator added that the Committee should redefine the Calendar's entry for plagiarism to make it consistent with the Committee's definition" to "Another Senator agreed that the calendar content on plagiarism is clear and is consistent with Western intellectual convention; however, she said she might support a change to the calendar content if that would result in a better fit between stated policy and actual practice." The minutes were also amended to indicate B. Harvey as not present.

### **3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising.

### **4. President's Announcements**

S. Brown reported that there was a review of the "post Shapiro" report. Various people assisted with a response that will be submitted to the Nova Scotia Advisory Board on College and Universities tomorrow.

### **5. Question Period**

There were no questions.

### **6. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business

### **7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)**

#### **7.1 Senate Executive**

##### **7.1.1 Revisions of By-laws 1.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.3.1, 14.3.3, 14.5, 14.6, 14.9, 14.10 and 14.10.1**

**Moved** by T. Roberts, seconded by C. Mathieson that By-laws 1.1, 14.2, 14.3, 14.3.1, 14.3.3, 14.5, 14.6, 14.9, 14.10 and 14.10.1 be revised to change the phrase "Student Union" and "Student Council" to "Students' Union." CARRIED

#### **7.2 Academic Appeals Committee**

L. Theriault reported that there are two appeals before the Committee.

#### **7.3 Academic Policy and Planning**

##### **7.3.1 Academic Calendar**

**Moved** by L. Theriault, seconded by J. Woodsworth that the Academic Calendar be approved as circulated. CARRIED

L. Theriault discussed the rationale behind closing on Friday before Remembrance Day, instead of closing the following Monday. This will ensure that the term has a sufficient number of Monday classes, since the Thanksgiving Holiday falls on a Monday in October. She discussed the reasoning behind having an earlier Winter term start date, as compared to other universities. L. Theriault stated that SMU had a later starting date because they consider Saturdays as teaching days, they allow less time for grade submissions, and they schedule classes later in the day.

## **7.4 Graduate Studies**

The following calendar changes were brought to Senate for information:

### **7.4.1 Calendar Description Revision: Child & Youth Stud**

### **7.4.2 Calendar Description Revision: Education**

R. Sampson reported that the Committee continued to meet to review graduate thesis proposals for ethics.

## **7.5 Undergraduate Curriculum**

### **7.5.1 Undergraduate Curriculum (for information)**

The following curriculum changes were brought to Senate for information:

#### **7.5.1.1 Applied Human Nutrition**

- a) NUTR 2205 - New Prerequisites, New Description
- b) NUTR 3315 - New Prerequisites, New Description

#### **7.5.1.2 Biology**

- a) BIOL 2201 - New Description
- b) BIOL 2214 - New Course Name

#### **7.5.1.2 Family Studies & Gerontology**

- a) FSGN 1100 - New Description
- b) FSGN 1101 - New Description
- c) FSGN 2207 - New Description
- d) FSGN 2212 - Removed Prerequisites
- e) FSGN 2312 - Removed Prerequisites
- f) FSGN 2315 - New Prerequisites
- g) FSGN 3342 - New Number
- h) FSGN 3305 - New Prerequisites
- i) FSGN 3306 - New Prerequisites
- j) FSGN 3307 - Removed Prerequisites
- k) FSGN 3313 - New Prerequisites
- l) FSGN 3319 - New Prerequisites
- m) FSGN 3327 - New Prerequisites
- n) FSGN 3340 - New Prerequisites
- o) FSGN 3350 - New Prerequisites, New Description
- p) FSGN 4408 - New Prerequisites
- q) FSGN 4410 - New Prerequisites

- r) FSGN 4431 - New Prerequisites
- s) FSGN 4447 - New Prerequisites
- t) FSGN 4450 - New Description
- u) FSGN 4480 - New Prerequisites
- v) FSGN 4490 & 4491 - New Prerequisites, New Description

#### **7.5.1.4 Fine Arts**

- a) FINE 3333 - New Prerequisites

#### **7.5.1.5 Information Technology**

- a) INTE/CMPS 2245 - New Prerequisites

#### **7.5.1.6 Mathematics & Computer Studies**

- a) CMPS 2255 - New Description
- b) CMPS 2270 - New Description
- c) MATH 1130 - New Prerequisites
- d) MATH 2208 - New Prerequisites

#### **7.5.1.7 Modern Languages**

- a) FREN 2203 - New Prerequisites
- b) FREN 2214 - New Prerequisites

#### **7.5.1.8 Philosophy & Religious Studies**

- a) PHIL/RELS 3301 - New Description
- b) PHIL 3350 - New Course Name, New Description
- c) RELS 2207 - New Prerequisites
- d) PHIL/RELS 2250 - New Description
- e) RELS 3303 - New Course Name, New Description
- f) PHIL/RELS 4414 - New Course Name, New Description
- g) PHIL/RELS 4416 - New Course Name, New Description
- h) Change to Existing Program

### **7.5.2 Undergraduate Curriculum (for action)**

#### **7.5.2.1 Child & Youth Study**

- a) **Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by K. Kienapple to approve the addition of CHYS 4429 and CHYS 4439 - Special Topics in Child & Youth Study. CARRIED

#### **7.5.2.2 Cultural Studies**

- a) **Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by N. Hill to approve the addition of a Cultural Studies Program. CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by M. Raven to approve the addition of Minor requirements for Cultural Studies as a Minor. CARRIED

b) **Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by C. Ferns to approve the addition of the following courses:

CULS 1101 - Cultural Studies: An Introduction<  
CULS 2201 - Cultural Studies: Special Study  
CULS 4401 - Cultural Studies: Directed Study  
CULS 4402 - Cultural Studies: Directed Study  
CULS 4403 - Cultural Studies: Directed Study

CARRIED

D. Furrow stated that several departments have two full units of directed study.

### **7.5.2.3 English**

a) **Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by C. Ferns to approve the addition of the following courses:

ENGL 3375 - Studies in Medieval Culture  
ENGL 3376 - Studies in Medieval Literature

CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by F. Harrington to approve the deletion of the following courses:

ENGL 3325 - Chaucer and Medieval Literature I  
ENGL 3326 - Chaucer and Medieval Literature II

CARRIED

### **7.5.2.4 Fine Arts**

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by B. King to approve the revisions to the film minor list of courses. CARRIED

### **7.5.2.5 Information Technology**

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by B. Casey to approve the change to program electives in Bachelor of Applied Arts (IT). CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by B. Casey to approve the change to Business/Computer Studies electives. CARRIED

### **7.5.2.6 Mathematics & Computer Studies**

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by I. Blum to approved the changes to the Honours degree statement. CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by I. Blum to approve the addition of CMPS/INTE 2253 - Advanced Business Programming. CARRIED **Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by I. Blum to approve the deletion of CMPS 1152 - Introduction to Computer Studies II. CARRIED

### **7.5.2.7 Philosophy & Religious Studies**

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by S. Perrott to approve the administrative amalgamation of Philosophy and Religious Studies Departments. CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by T. Richards to approve the addition of a Philosophy and Religion program. CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by M. MacMillan to name the new amalgamated program "Philosophy and Religious Studies." CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by M. MacMillan the addition of an Advanced Major in Philosophy. CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by M. MacMillan the addition of an Advanced Major Certificate in Philosophy. CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by M. Raven to approve the following changes to existing program:

Revisions to the Major in Religious Studies

Revisions to the Advanced Major in Religious Studies

CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by Nick Hill to approve the following changes to existing courses / addition of new courses:

PHIL 1010 - Introduction to Philosophy

PHIL / RELS 2217 - Reason and Religious Belief

PHIL / RELS 2219 - Does God Exist?

CARRIED

D. Furrow stated that the trend was to move from full unit courses to half unit courses. As well these 2000 level courses cover some introduction material.

A Senator stated that having only a half unit introductory philosophy course is a cause of some concern to him.

D. Furrow replied that the philosophy offerings are not being diluted.

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by F. Harrington to approve the following changes to existing courses / addition of new courses:

RELS 2231 - Introduction to Hebrew Scriptures  
RELS 2232 - Introduction to Christian Scriptures  
RELS 2204 - Myths, Symbols, and Rituals  
RELS 3304 - Spiritualities

CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by R. Warne to approve the following changes to existing courses / addition of new courses:

PHIL / RELS 2229 - Contemporary Moral Problems  
RELS 2220 - World Religions: Eastern Traditions  
RELS 2230 - World Religions: Western Traditions  
PHIL / RELS 3380 - Selected Topics in Philosophy/Religious Studies  
PHIL / RELS 3381 - Selected Topics in Philosophy/Religious Studies  
PHIL / RELS 3382 - Selected Topics in Philosophy/Religious Studies

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by R. Warne to approve the following changes to existing courses / addition of new courses:

RELS 4411 - Directed Study  
RELS 4412 - Directed Study  
RELS 4413 - Directed Study

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by R. Warne the addition of the following new courses:

PHIL / RELS 3351 - The Nature of Faith  
PHIL 3352 - Feminist Ethics  
PHIL / RELS 2218 - The Nature of God  
HIST / RELS 2233 - Christian Tradition(s)

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by R. Warne the addition of the following new courses:

RELS 3305 - Founders PHIL / RELS 3320 - Science and Religion

CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by R. Warne to approve the deletion of the following courses:

PHIL 1100 - Introduction to Philosophy (one unit)  
PHIL 2205 - Reason and Religious Belief  
PHIL 2206 - Does God Exist?  
RELS 1100 - Introduction To Hebrew Scriptures  
RELS 1101 - Introduction to the Christian Scriptures  
RELS 2206 - Christian Spirituality  
RELS 2209 - Contemporary Morals Problems

RELS 2210 - World Religions (one unit)  
RELS 3330 - Selected Topics in Religious Studies  
RELS 3331 - Selected Topics in Religious Studies  
RELS 3332 - Selected Topics in Religious Studies  
RELS 4415 - Great Religious Thinkers  
PHIL 2210 - Justice: Ideas and Issues (half unit)  
PHIL 2211 - Ethics and Human Life (half unit)  
PHIL 2260 - Major Western Thinkers (half unit)  
PHIL 3302 - The Philosophy of Rights (half unit)  
RELS 2200 - Religion, Faith and Personal Development  
RELS 2201 - Human Dynamics and Christian Personality  
RELS 2202 - Studies in the Hebrew Scriptures  
RELS 2215 - A Study of the Four Gospels  
RELS 2216 - Who is Jesus of Nazareth?  
RELS 3302 - The Community Founded by Jesus of Nazareth  
RELS 3309 - Spirituality and Older Women  
RELS 3328 - The Question of God

CARRIED

**Moved** by R. Warne, seconded by N. Hill that Senate reconsider the earlier motion to name the new amalgamated program "Philosophy and Religious Studies." CARRIED .

R. Warne stated that the new program will better represent its offerings if named Philosophy/Religious Studies. This name will distinguish the two parts of the program, as students can complete the Religious Studies portion without taking Philosophy courses, or vice versa. Clearly this name will stress the fact that students can do either part of the program or both.

**Moved** by R. Warne, seconded by C. Nickerson to rename the Philosophy and Religious Studies program "Philosophy/Religious Studies." CARRIED

### **7.5.2.8 Psychology**

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by C. Mathieson to approve the addition PSYC 3370 - Psychological Tests and Measures. CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by C. Mathieson to approve the deletion of PSYC 4411 - Assessment of the Young Child (half unit). CARRIED

### **7.5.2.9 Public Relations**

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by T. Richards to approve the following changes to existing program: New program course requirements.  
Proposed curriculum structure



CARRIED

P. Watts reminded Senate that all consultation with Open Learning and/or DUET should come through the Department of Distance Learning & Continuing Education.

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by B. King to approve the addition of the following new courses:

PBRL 1010 - Foundations of Public Relations  
PBRL 2012 - Public Relations Writing: Theory and Practice  
PBRL 2013 - Communication: Theory and Practice  
PBRL 2014 - Organizational Context of Public Relations  
PBRL 2015 - Audiovisual Communications  
PBRL 3012 - Persuasive Public Relations Writing  
PBRL 3013 - Mass Media and Public Opinion  
PBRL 3014 - Managing Organizational Public Relations  
PBRL 3016 - Research Methods in Public Relations  
PBRL 4012 - Text-Based Media: Theory and Practice  
PBRL 4014 - Advanced Public Relations Management  
PBRL 4015 - Media Relations  
PBRL 4017 - Public Relations Ethics  
PBRL 4019 - Crisis Communication Management  
PBRL 4100 - Special Topics in Public Relations  
PBRL 4101 - Employee Relations  
PBRL 4102 - Public Relations in the Not-for-Profit Sector

CARRIED

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by C. Nickerson to approve the deletion of the following courses:

PBRL 1100 - Introduction to Public Relations  
PBRL 1112 - News Writing  
PBRL 1130 - Interpersonal Communication  
PBRL 2212 - Feature Writing

CARRIED

#### **7.5.2.10 Bachelor of Arts Co-operative Education Route with Integrated Major (History/Information Technology)**

**Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by B. Casey to approve the addition of a Bachelor of Arts Co-operative Education Route with Integrated Major (History/Information Technology) program.

CARRIED

## **7.6 Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators (CAPTPAA)**

No report

## **7.7 Committee on Information Technology and Services**

J. Woodsworth stated that D. Forbes will attend the next Senate meeting to report and that the Committee has been meeting regularly.

## **7.8 Library**

M. Raven reported that the Committee held its annual meeting with Library Coordinators and Departmental Chairs. During the meeting the new Ebsco database was demonstrated. She reported that D. Forbes attended the last meeting and demonstrated a commitment to work with the Library regarding technology issues. Talks continue with Physical Plant regarding Library lighting and the location of the book drop.

## **7.9 Nominations**

K. Kienapple reported that the Committee is in the process of filling two Committee positions due to resignations. A call for nominations will occur in January.

## **7.10 Research and Publications**

C. Mathieson reported that results of internal grant adjudications will be announced in the upcoming Research Bulletin. She stated that a draft of the Strategic Plan was reviewed by the Committee and forwarded to CAPP. On December 6, the National Council on Ethics in Human Research will be on campus to meet with specific groups of people. This meeting should promote dialogue between the NCEHR and MSVU. The Committee has begun a preliminary discussion on streamlining and revising of some articles in the *MSVU Policies and Procedures: Ethical Review of Research Involving Humans*. The Committee is discussing the creation of a free-standing ethics committee. New policies and procedures should be available for Senate discussion by March.

## **7.11 Student Affairs**

C. Hill reported that the Committee has drafted its agenda for the rest of the year.

## **7.12 Committee on Teaching**

J. Woodsworth reported that the Committee has inherited P. Watts from the Committee on Extending Learning. Revised terms of reference will be available for Senate approval at a later date. SCOT will call for nominations for the Award for Instructional Leadership. As well the Committee is planning to invite some recent winners of the AAU Award for Instructional Leadership to campus for a discussion on how they demonstrated instructional leadership.

## 7.13 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

L. Theriault reported the Committee is meeting regularly. She stated that the Scholar's Reception was held on November 7 and was well attended. Many scholars appeared pleased to meet the scholarship donors.

## 8. Other Reports

### 8.1 Board of Governors

S. Brown reported that during the Board planning session the Blueprint 2000 action plans were discussed. A presentation was held the next day on national and international trends in enrollment, faculty recruitment, technology development, etc. to provide background for the Blueprint 2000 action plans.

### 8.2 Students' Union

C. Nickerson reported that the Students' Union has hired a new General Manager, K. Fitzpatrick. The Students' Union sponsored two students to attend the Canadian Commonwealth of Education Ministers meeting. An inservice day for executive members of the Students' Union is arranged for December 16. The Students' Union held its annual Christmas party at Vinny's Pub where each participant donated a toy for Bryony House. The purple and white ribbon campaign is underway. C. Portolesi is preparing for the December 6 Day of Remembrance for the victims of the Montreal Massacre.

A Senator asked the reasoning behind the recent funding cut to the Student newspaper, the *Picaro*. C. Nickerson replied that the Students' Union recently passed its budget and there were several cuts. Another Senator stated that several members on the *Picaro* are being put into a difficult situation. C. Nickerson provided some background information regarding the *Picaro* situation and reiterated that the issue was budgetary. T. Roberts stressed that the Students' Union does not own the *Picaro*. The Students' Union did not receive financial statements from the *Picaro* last year. C. Nickerson asked that Senators contact her personally with any questions regarding the *Picaro*. Several Senators stated that it is very important to have a student voice on campus.

**Moved** by S. Perrott, seconded by R. Warne that all parties involved take the necessary steps to resolve the issue in a satisfactory matter. WITHDRAWN

S. Perrott clarified that the parties involved are the staff of the *Picaro* and the Students' Union. C. Nickerson stated that this problem is not an interpersonal one, but budgetary.

**Moved** by I. Blum, seconded by S. Perrott that Senate is concerned by the potential demise of the student paper, the *Picaro*, as Senate believes that the student paper is an important aspect of academic life. CARRIED (3 opposed)

## 9. New Business

### **9.1 Graduation List (Jamaica Convocation)**

**Moved** by T. Roberts, seconded by M. Raven to move the meeting *in camera*. CARRIED

Senate approved the awarding of the following degrees:

Master of Education (Adult Education) R. Sampson/L. Theriault

CARRIED

**Moved** by R. Sampson, seconded by B. King that Senate permit the Registrar to add an individual's name to the Graduation List if the requirements are completed prior to the Convocation Ceremony and, further, to adjust any student's distinction status if so warranted. CARRIED

**Moved** by R. Warne, seconded by L. Neilsen to move the meeting from *in camera*. CARRIED

### **10. Items for Communication**

Academic calendar

Students' Union change in By-laws

Jamaica convocation graduation list

### **11. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **12. Adjournment**

S. Brown thanked B. Casey and T. Richards who are completing their terms for their contribution to Senate.

**Moved** by C. Ferns, seconded by M. Raven that the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m. CARRIED.