

Senate Meeting

2003

October 27,

Rosaria Boardroom

7:30 p.m.

Present: S. Brown (Chair), P. Baker, K. Blotnicky, S. Bornemann, B. Casey, K. Darvesh, K. Dewar, S. Drain, M. Fitzgerald, C. French, F. French, P. Glenister, K. Harding, F. Harrington, C. Hill, M. Lyon, A. MacGillivray, R. MacNeil, J. McLaren, S. Medjuck, J. Mills, D. Nevo, P. O'Neill, D. Plumb, L. Steele, L. Theriault, S. Walker, P. Watts, D. Woolcott

Regrets: R. Farmer, D. Norris, S. Seager, A. Whitewood

Guests: M. Landreville

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by M. Fitzgerald, seconded by D. Nevo to approve the agenda. CARRIED.

2. Approval of Minutes of September 29/October 6, 2003

The Minutes were corrected to note the meeting was held at The Meadows, not the Rosaria Boardroom.

Moved by F. French, seconded by F. Harrington to approve the Minutes of September 29/October 6, 2003. CARRIED.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Changes to Business and Tourism degree requirements, removing ENGL 1120 as a requirement and replacing it with one half unit of Humanities elective (from meeting of April 28, 2003).

S. Medjuck reported that the Chairs of the Business and Tourism and English Departments had met to discuss the proposed change. S. Drain subsequently wrote a memo to S. Medjuck confirming that the English Department had no objection to the change.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by A. MacGillivray changes to the Business and Tourism degree requirements removing ENGL 1120 as a requirement and replacing it with one half unit of Humanities elective. CARRIED.

4. President's Announcements

S. Brown reminded Senators that nominations for Honorary Degree Candidates were due by Friday, October 31, 2003 for consideration by the Tributes Committee at its next meeting.

5. Question Period

A Senator asked about the deadline the University had to meet with respect to filling its quota of Canada Research Chairs, since the most recent nominee had declined the offer of a Tier One Chair. D. Woolcott replied that, based on discussions with CRC officials in Ottawa concerning our capacity to put forward another nomination, she believes the CRC will be able to accommodate us so that we do not lose the

Chair allocation. For the next round of CRC positions there is presently an advertisement for two Tier Two Chairs or one Tier One Chair, reflecting the flexible approach that was adopted following the last round of advertisements.

A Senator asked if the change in the fall Convocation start time was made to accommodate the schedule of one of the Honorary Degree Recipients. S. Brown replied that this was in fact the case, noting that the change in time had generated positive feedback. She encouraged Senators to make their opinions about this known to the Convocation Committee through the Registrar.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

7.1 Senate Executive

7.1.1 Notice of Motion: Revision to By-Law 14.10 SCOTL

Moved by B. Casey, seconded by K. Dewar, Revision to By-Law 14.10 SCOTL. CARRIED.

P. Watts pointed out an error in By-Law 14.10, noting that in the last point under the section entitled “Functions” on page sixteen of the By-Laws the word “Review” should be replaced with “and Recognition”. Accordingly, the point should read “To act as an appeal committee for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition.” S. Brown directed the Secretary to correct this typographical error.

7.1.2 Notice of Motion: Revision to By-Law 14.12 UREB

Moved by K. Darvesh, seconded by J. McLaren, Revision to By-Law 14.12 UREB. CARRIED.

7.2 Academic Appeals Committee

There was no report.

7.3 Academic Policy and Planning

7.3.1 Academic Plan Implementation Recommendations (For Information)

D. Woolcott presented a progress report to Senate for information containing the recommendations of the Academic Plan along with a brief description of implementation to date.

A Senator pointed out the potential advantage of implementing recommendation 13 -- consideration of an office of instructional development (not yet acted upon) -- in relation to the Distance Learning initiatives contained in a number of other recommendations. With respect to recommendation 20 -- partnerships, the Senator commented that articulation agreements should often be broached with caution.

7.4 Graduate Studies

There was no report.

7.5 Undergraduate Curriculum

7.5.1 Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals (For Information)

7.5.1.1 Applied Human Nutrition

a) Change in existing courses - New Prerequisites

i. NUTR1102

ii. NUTR1103

iii. NUTR1209

iv. NUTR1210

7.5.1.2 Modern Languages

- a) Change in existing courses
 - i. LING2252 - New Prerequisites, New Description
 - ii. FREN3384 - New Prerequisites, New Description
 - iii. LING3384 - New Description

7.5.1.3 Philosophy/Religious Studies

- a) Change in existing courses - Drop Prerequisites
 - i. RELS2220
 - ii. RELS2230
- b) Change in existing courses - New Description
 - i. RELS3320
 - ii. PHIL3320
 - iii. RELS2201

7.5.2 Undergraduate Curriculum Proposals (For Approval)

7.5.2.1 Chemistry/Physics

- a) Change in existing courses - New Descriptions
 - i. PHYS1120
 - ii. PHYS1130

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by F. Harrington the changes to PHYS 1120 and PHYS 1130. CARRIED.

7.5.2.2 Modern Languages

- a) Change to Existing program
 - i. Change to Certificate of Proficiency in French Program
(Creation of a basic Certificate Level)

S. Medjuck requested several minor editorial changes on pages 36 and 37 of the Senate documentation. Referring to section four of the curriculum proposal, she instructed the deletion of the word “basic” where it appears twice in paragraph one, and once in item six.

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by L. Steele the change to the Certificate of Proficiency in French Program. CARRIED.

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

There was no report.

7.7 Committee on Information Technology and Services

There was no report.

7.8 Library

F. French reported that the Library Committee had recently met to approve the Library Acquisitions Budget for the current year. Noting that the acquisition formula has not been reviewed in quite some time, F. French advised that during his sabbatical T. Paris is reviewing allocation formulae used by other institutions of a similar size and with a similar range of programs. A report to the Library Committee will follow. F. French also clarified that a motion made at the April 11 meeting regarding the formation of

a committee to advise the University Archivist had been amended as follows: “That the University Librarian should create a working group to advise the University Archivist.” The membership of this group has not yet been determined, but it would be comprised of faculty members, students, and others with an interest in the archives who, together with the University Librarian, would advise the University Archivist and report to the Library Committee. The next meeting on November 20th will precede a meeting with the Library Coordinators.

7.9 Nominations

A. MacGillivray reported that the committee is in the final stages of staffing committees and will have this information ready to come forward at the next Senate meeting.

7.10 Research and Publications

P. O’Neill reported that the committee has not met this year. The deadline for Internal Grant Applicants was extended due to Hurricane Juan, and the proposals are presently being circulated to committee members.

7.11 Student Affairs

There was no report.

7.12 Committee on Teaching and Learning

D. Nevo reported that the committee met on October 9 and re-elected E. Hicks as Chair. J. Scrimger and M. Raven reported on Faculty Day, and members appointed P. Watts as the WIC representative. J. Scrimger is our representative on the AAU Committee on Faculty Development. The Atlantic Universities Teaching Showcase took place the previous weekend at UCCB and was attended by five representatives from MSVU. D. Nevo announced that next year’s Teaching Showcase will be at Dalhousie University.

7.13 Writing Initiatives

There was no report.

7.14 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

L. Theriault reported that the committee has not met. She announced that the Annual Scholars Reception is scheduled for October 30th at lunch hour.

7.15 University Research Ethics Board

P. O’Neill advised that the committee has met once. He reminded Senators that Brenda Gagné is now the secretary for this committee and all enquiries should be directed to her.

8. Other Reports

8.1 Board of Governors

There was no report.

8.2 Students’ Union

R. MacNeil reported that the athletics teams are doing very well. He provided a complete update on fundraising activities by the Union and others, noting that this year’s Shine-a-rama raised \$6,000.00 for cystic fibrosis, an increase of \$1,000.00 over the previous year. The Students’ Union Annual General Meeting will be held on November 28 at 12:00 noon. The Union is preparing to hold a preliminary debate on the issue of a Universal Bus Pass, as well as the introduction of a Canadian Federation of Students provincial membership fee. They will also discuss the creation of a new Education representative on their council in response to the creation of a Faculty of Education.

9. New Business

9.1 Annual Reports of Senate

i. Academic Appeals

Moved by M. Fitzgerald, seconded by B. Casey to receive as submitted the annual report of the Academic Appeals Committee. CARRIED.

ii. Academic Policy and Planning

Moved by J. McLaren, seconded by K. Blotnicky to receive as submitted the annual report of the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning. CARRIED.

iii. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators

Moved by A. MacGillivray, seconded by M. Lyon to receive as submitted the annual report of the Committee on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators. CARRIED.

iv. Graduate Studies

Moved by M. Lyon, seconded by L. Theriault to receive as submitted the annual report of the Graduate Studies Committee. CARRIED.

v. Information Technology and Services

Moved by S. Drain, seconded by F. Harrington to receive as submitted the annual report of the Information Technology and Services Committee. CARRIED.

vi. Library

A Senator asked if the word “attached” in section three of the report referred to a document that was supposed to have been attached to this report. S. Walker replied that it probably referred to a document that was circulated at the original meeting. S. Brown instructed that the word “attached” appearing at the end of the second sentence of section three be removed.

Moved by F. French, seconded by S. Walker to receive as submitted the annual report of the Library Committee. CARRIED.

vii. Nominations

Moved by A. MacGillivray, seconded by F. Harrington to receive as submitted the annual report of the Nominations Committee. CARRIED.

viii. Research and Publications

Moved by F. Harrington, seconded by P. O’Neill to receive as submitted the annual report of the Research and Publications Committee. CARRIED.

ix. Senate Executive

Moved by S. Drain, seconded by B. Casey to receive as submitted the annual report of the Senate Executive Committee. CARRIED.

x. Student Affairs

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by J. McLaren to receive as submitted the annual report of the Student Affairs Committee. CARRIED.

xi. Student Discipline Appeals

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by F. French to receive as submitted the annual report of the Student Discipline Appeals Committee. CARRIED.

xii. Student Judicial

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by J. McLaren to receive as submitted the annual report of the Student Judicial Committee. CARRIED.

xiii. Teaching and Learning

Moved by K. Dewar, seconded by P. Watts to receive as submitted the annual report of the Senate Committee on Teaching and Learning. CARRIED.

xiv. Writing Initiatives

Moved by S. Drain, seconded by A. MacGillivray to receive as submitted the annual report of the Writing Initiatives Committee.

xv. Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

Moved by L. Theriault, seconded by S. Medjuck to receive as submitted the annual report of the Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships Committee. CARRIED.

xvi. Undergraduate Curriculum

Moved by S. Medjuck, seconded by J. McLaren to receive as submitted the annual report of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. CARRIED.

xvii. University Research Ethics Board

Moved by F. Harrington, seconded by P. O'Neill to receive as submitted the annual report of the University Research Ethics Board. CARRIED.

10. Items for Communication

Changes to By-Laws and undergraduate curriculum changes.

11. Adjournment

Moved by M. Lyon to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Speirs
Acting Recording Secretary of Senate