

April 30, 2001

A meeting of the Senate was held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 30, 2001, in the Rosaria Board Room.

Present: S. Brown (Chair), R. Bérard, I. Blum, S. Boyd, S. Drain, C. Ferns, B. Frank, D. Furrow, P. Glenister, F. Harrington, C. Hill, B. Hodkin, K. Kienapple, B. King, M. MacMillan, C. Mathieson, D. Nevo, S. Perrott, M. Raven, T. Roberts, E. Rosenthal, R. Sampson, P. Watts, J. Woodsworth

Regrets: W. Doyle, M. Evans, N. Hill, L. Neilsen, C. Nickerson, N. Parsons, L. Theriault, R. Warne

Guests: B. Keddy (Dal), L. Cartwright, L. Christianson-Ruffman (SMU), J. Gordon, R. Jeppesen, K. Side.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by P. Watts, seconded by B. King that the agenda be approved as amended. CARRIED

The agenda was amended by moving item 7.11.2, Progress Report from WIC to item 7.12.2.

2. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2001

Moved by D. Nevo, seconded by M. Raven that the minutes of March 26, 2001 be approved as circulated. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

4. President's Announcements

S. Brown announced that the Nova Scotia Advisory Board on Colleges and Universities recently met at and toured the MSVU campus. She also announced that on April 29, MSVU hosted a successful reception at the Meadows for newly admitted students who have received scholarships.

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 Selection of honorary degree candidates

Moved by S. Drain, seconded by S. Boyd to move the meeting *in camera*. CARRIED

The first round of balloting for honorary degrees was conducted.

Moved by F. Harrington, seconded by R. Bérard to move the meeting from *in camera*.

CARRIED

7.2 Academic Appeals Committee

F. Harrington reported that the Committee was considering one case.

7.3 Academic Policy and Planning

7.3.1 B.Ed. In Association

Moved by J. Woodsworth, seconded by R. Bérard that Senate approve the B.Ed. In Association proposal. CARRIED.

7.3.2 External Review of the MA in Women's Studies

S. Brown introduced J. Gordon, K. Side, B. Keddy (Dal), and L. Christianson-Ruffman (SMU) to Senate.

Moved by J. Woodsworth, seconded by D. Furrow that Senate recommends that Graduate Admissions Program Committee (GAPC) consider the recommendations contained in *the External Review of the MA in Women's Studies* report and take steps to resolve some of the issues that will have been identified by the fall of 2001. The Deans/Directors of Graduate Studies of the three universities should meet with members of GAPC in the near future to assess the progress of their deliberations. Senate further recommends that the Vice-Presidents (Academic) meet to address registrarial and other administrative issues, also by the fall of 2001. CARRIED.

J. Gordon stated that the MSVU Women's Studies Department did make comments in response to the External Review recommendations but which did not make the current version of the document. B. Keddy stated that among the three universities there are different review processes. These processes ultimately reach the same goal, but in different sequences.

7.4 Graduate Studies

R. Sampson reported that the Committee has met to review proposals for ethical approval and to work on the Graduate Calendar.

7.5 Undergraduate Curriculum

Moved by S. Drain, seconded by S. Boyd to move the meeting *in camera*. CARRIED
Honorary Degree candidates for upcoming convocations were selected. The second round of balloting for honorary degrees was conducted.

Moved by M. MacMillan, seconded by R. Bérard to move the meeting from *in camera*. CARRIED

7.5.1 Undergraduate Curriculum (for information)

The following curriculum changes were brought to Senate for information:

7.5.1.1 Political and Canadian Studies

- a) POLS 1100 - New Name, New Description
- b) POLS 2213 - New Description
- c) POLS 2214 - New Description

7.5.2 Undergraduate Curriculum

7.5.2.1 Political and Canadian Studies

a) **Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by M. MacMillan to approve the following changes to the existing program

- i. Major (15 units)
- ii. Advanced Major (20 units)
- iii. Minor

b) **Moved** by D. Furrow, seconded by S. Perrott to approve the addition of the following new courses:

- POLS 2201 - Law, Government and Politics in Canada
- POLS 2202 - People, Power and Politics in Canada
- POLS 2203 - Canadian Foreign Policy
- POLS 2205 - Atlantic Canada: Society and Politics
- POLS 3303 - Contemporary Issues in Canadian Public Policy
- POLS 3309 - Selected Topics in Political Studies
- POLS 3310 - Selected Topics in Political Studies
- POLS 3312 - Human Rights: Theory and Practice
- POLS 4405 -Seminar on Canadian Politics
- POLS 4413 - Seminar on Political Ideas: Current Controversies

CARRIED

Moved by D. Furrow, seconded by M. MacMillan to approve the deletion of the following courses:

- POLS 2204 - Politics in Canada
- POLS 2221 - The Politics of the Educational Process
- POLS 2222 - Educational Alternatives for Political Awareness
- POLS 3311 - Conservatism, Liberalism, Socialism: Politics as Commitment
- POLS 4404 - Seminar on Canadian Politics
- POLS 4412 - Political Ideas and Issues in the Nineties

CARRIED

Moved by D. Furrow, seconded by M. MacMillan to approve the cross-listing of the following courses:

- POLS 2213 - Classical Political Thought cross-list with PHIL 2213
- POLS 2214- Contemporary Political Thought cross-list with PHIL 2214
- POLS 3312 - Human Rights: Theory and Practice cross-list with PHIL 3312
- POLS 2223 - Women and Politics cross-list with WOMS 2223
- POLS 3361 - Women, Social Policy and the Welfare State cross-list with WOMS 3361
- POLS 3391 - Gender and International Relations cross-list with WOMS 3391

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

No report.

7.8 Library

No report.

7.9 Nominations

No report.

7.10 Research and Publications

C. Mathieson announced that P. O'Neill, P. Schwenger and R. Warne were recipients of SSHRC funding. She also announced that N. Dlamini received funding from Canadian Heritage/Multicultural Program. The MSVU Release Time Award winners for the 2001-2002 academic year are: F. Bennett, K. Darvesh, K. Kienapple, and P. O'Neill.

7.10.1 Revision of the *MSVU Policies and Procedures: Ethics Review of Research Involving Humans*

C. Mathieson announced some further revisions to the existing document: under item

- 7.0, delete "Undergraduate Research,"
- Insert the "In-course graduate assignments must undergo the same departmental ethics review as that of undergraduate assignments," between item 7.1 and item 7.2 and number this item 7.2. This would result in cascading numbering of the following items.
- under item 10.2, the first sentence, delete the word "undergraduate."

Some Senators felt that the membership was not balanced between the Division of Professional Studies and the Division of Arts and Sciences. Other Senators believed that the membership would not best serve graduate studies review. C. Mathieson replied that the Tri-Council would like to see broad representation across the disciplines. She also noted that, if the Committee was faced with a proposal they could not review, the members would ask for expertise.

Upon advisement of Senate, C. Mathieson will amend item 3.2 to change "...representation comes from each of the four disciplines..." to "...representation comes from each of the four areas..." Article 3.3 will be divided into two separate articles. Article 11.4, will be changed to refer to external agencies more generically. As well, C. Mathieson will make it explicit within the document that the "research" means "research involving humans."

Moved by C. Mathieson, seconded by K. Kienapple to amend item 3.2 to read "Senate-appointed representation shall ensure the broadest discipline representation possible: one member from each of the four areas (i.e., Humanities, Social Science, Science, and Professional Studies) and two members, each of whom represent a different department that offers a graduate program."
CARRIED

K. Kienapple described the reasoning behind any repetition found within the document. He stated that this document is intended to be educational and inform the university what constitutes research.

C. Mathieson described the reasoning behind items 3.5, 4.3 and 4.5.

A Senator was concerned that the Division of Professional Studies was underrepresented on several Senate Committees, including the proposed University Research Ethics Board. K. Kienapple replied that if Senate requested, the Nominations Committee would come back in the fall with recommendations.

Moved by C. Mathieson, seconded by S. Drain to table Senate endorsement of the revised *MSVU Policies and Procedures: Ethics Review of Research Involving Humans* until May 4. CARRIED.

C. Mathieson will present an amended version of the document prior to the May 4 meeting.

7.10.2 Revision of By-law 14.3.2 (notice of motion)

At the May 4 Senate meeting there will be a motion to revise By-law 14.3.2.

7.10.3 Revision of By-law 14.8 (notice of motion)

At the May 4 Senate meeting there will be a motion to revise By-law 14.8.

7.10.4 Addition of By-law 14.12 (notice of motion)

At the May 4 Senate meeting there will be a motion to add By-law 14.12.

7.11 Student Affairs

7.11.1 Revision of By-law 14.9

Moved by C. Hill, seconded by D. Furrow that Senate approve the revisions to By-Law 14.9. CARRIED

7.12 Committee on Teaching

J. Woodsworth announced that the next Faculty Day will be held on August 30, 2001. The topic of the Faculty Day is "Balancing Teaching and Research."

7.12.1 Revision of By-law 14.10

Moved by J. Woodsworth, seconded by B. King that Senate approve the revisions to By-Law 14.10. CARRIED

7.12.2 Progress Report from WIC

S. Drain presented an oral preliminary report from WIC regarding the development of a foundation course that would develop students' writing, research and critical thinking skills. She briefly described the findings and asked Senate for guidance on how to proceed. The Committee will present a final report to Senate in September.

There were several logistic questions regarding the course. S. Drain replied that the Committee was not ready to make any recommendations on how the course should be conducted, if

conducted at all. The Committee hopes that another body such as a task force or ad hoc committee would refer to WIC's final report and develop the course. Some Senators believed that the course should not be mandatory as it would be hard to determine exemption for some skill sets such as motivation and time management. Some members of Senate believed that the course should be credited whereas others felt that the course should not be credited. S. Drain stated the WIC will take Senate's suggestions under advisement.

7.13 Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

No report.

8. Other Reports

8.1 Board of Governors

C. Ferns reported that the Board of Governors were working on the planning of a new MSVU Capital Campaign.

8.2 Students' Union

T. Roberts announced that the turnover of the Students' Union executive membership occurs on May 1, 2001.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Items for Communication

The Senate Office will make the changes to the By-laws.

D. Furrow will inform the affected departments of curriculum changes. These changes will appear in the 2002-2003 Calendar.

11. Other Business

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Moved by C. Ferns, seconded by M. Raven that the meeting be adjourned at 9:37 p.m.
CARRIED.