Minutes of a meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room E3-262 Engineering and Information Technology Complex

**Members Present**

Dr. D. Barnard, Chair  
Prof. S. Abeysekera  
Ms. K. Adams  
Prof. W. Akinremi  
Mr. J. Alho  
Prof. S. Alward  
Prof. John Anderson  
Prof. Judy Anderson  
Prof. T. Anna  
Prof. J. Asadoorian  
Dean C. Axworthy  
Dr. M. Ballance  
Prof. T. G. Berry  
Ms. C. Bone  
Prof. M. Brabston  
Rector D. Bracken  
Prof. M. Campbell  
A/Dean D. Clarke  
Dean D. Collins  
Prof. E. Comack  
Prof. R. Cossar  
Dr. E. Cowden  
Prof. I. Davidson-Hunt  
Dean J. Doering  
Mr. T. Dueck  
Prof. M. Edwards  
Prof. J. Embree  
Dr. M. Enns  
Dean G. Feltham  
Dean H. Frankel  
Prof. A. Frederiksen  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Rectrice R. Gagné  
Dr. G. Glavin  
Ms. J. Guise  
Prof. N. Hansen  
Dr. J. Hoskins  
Prof. P. Hultin  
Ms. K. Hurst  
Ms. E. Kim  
Prof. W. Kinsner  
Mr. E. Kuz  
Mr. L. Liu  
Dr. A. MacDiarmid  
Mr. J. McGurran  
Dr. R. McIlwraith  
Prof. D. McMillan  
Prof. A. McNicol  
Prof. E. Milliken  
Dr. D. Morphy  
Mr. M. Ostadrahimi  
Prof. J. Owens  
Ms. M. Pauls  
Dean R. Perron  
Prof. S. Pistorius  
Mr. R. Pudavick  
Dr. I. Ripstein  
Dr. J. Ristock  
Mr. J. Roberts  
A/Dean R. Roshko  
Dean D. Ruth  
Dean D. Sandham  
Prof. M. Scanlon  
Ms. J. Sealey  
Dean G. Sevenhuysen  
Dean R. Sigurdson  
Prof. L. Simard  
Prof. W. Simpson  
Dr. D. Smith  
Prof. T. Sullivan  
Dr. R. Tate  
Prof. C. Taylor  
Prof. J. Trotter  
Dr. van Ineveld  
Dean L. Wallace  
Dean J. Watkinson  
Mr. B. Weedmark  
Dean J. Wiens  
A/Dean K. Wittenberg  
Mr. B. Wong  
Dr. E. Worobec  
Prof. A. Young  
Mr. J. Leclerc, University Secretary  
Ms. M. Brolley, Recording Secretary  
Prof. J. Blatz  
Mr. P. Dueck  
Dr. K. Grant  
Dr. R. Lobdell  
Mr. N. Marnoch  
Prof. K. Matheos  
Dr. L. Smith  
Mr. M. Trippe  
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Prof. K. MacKendrick  
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**Regrets**

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**Absent**

Prof. J. Bartlett  
Mr. A. Birjandi  
Dr. C. Blais  
Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
Ms. N. Chislett  
Prof. L. Coar  
Prof. K. Coombs  
Dr. G. Cronin  
Dean E. Dawe  
Dean I. Diallo  
Prof. Y. Gong  
Prof. G. Hatch  
Dean A. Iacopino  
Prof. J. Irvine  
Prof. K. Jensen  
Prof. E. Judd  
Prof. S. Kirby  
Prof. S. Kouritzin  
Prof. D. Kuhn  
Mr. C. Martel  
Prof. C. Morrill  
Mr. P. Nawrot  
Prof. P. Nickerson  
Prof. D. Polyzos  
Mr. O. Qureshi  
Mr. S. Rashid  
Ms. N. Sajan  
Prof. D. Smyth  
Dr. R. Soni  
Ms. K. Thompson  
Mr. A. Vahedi  
Prof. M. Vrontakis  
Prof. A. Wright  
Ms. M. Amyot  
Mr. D. Chmielewski  
Ms. S. Coyston  
Mr. M. Hearson  
Ms. S. Petz
The Chair informed Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Tom Berry.

I  MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

In keeping with past practice, the minutes of this agenda item are not included in the circulated minutes but appear in the original minutes which are available for inspection by members of Senate.

II  MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE  - none

III  MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1.  Report of the Senate Committee on Awards  Page 17

The Senate Committee on Awards met on November 10, 2009, to approve seven new offers, eight amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer.

2.  In Memoriam Professor Robert E. Roughley  Page 25

Dean Karin Wittenberg spoke of the loss of Professor Rob Roughley to the entomological and the University communities. Professor Roughley completed his studies at the University of Guelph and the University of Alberta. He accepted a faculty position in the Department of Entomology at the University of Manitoba prior to completing his PhD and remained here until his untimely death. Professor Roughley was an untiring supporter of entomology collections and collection management in Canada and was integral in the implementation of one of the first bar-coded databases for entomological museums in Canada. Rob had a big voice, a big personality and a big heart; few were more generous with their time or expertise. He was endlessly supportive of students and provided the encouragement and enthusiasm which inspired so many of them. Professor Roughley has been an important component of the entomological community in Canada and he will be sorely missed.

3.  In Memoriam Professor Eric Duncan Macpherson  Page 26

Dean John Wiens spoke of Professor Macpherson’s 35 years in the University community. Professor Macpherson was Dean Emeritus and Senior Scholar in the Faculty of Education and continued to be present in the faculty on a daily basis. He continued teaching and advising students to the end. Professor Macpherson epitomized what it meant to be an academic and scholar. He was very influential in all mathematics curricula in North America at the school level. Eric was also a good friend to many on campus who will deeply miss him.


Dr. Lobdell reported that the first round of graduate program reviews would be completed this summer. These reviews have been very successful resulting in changes to programs to improve quality. The Faculty of Graduate Studies is currently reviewing the process by which these reviews were conducted and the Senate Committee on
Academic Review is expecting minor revisions to the process in the next few months; these changes will be presented to Senate in due course. The second round of graduate program reviews will begin in the fall of 2010.

Dr. Lobdell noted that undergraduate program reviews fall into two categories: for those programs which receive external accreditation, the accreditation report is used as the program review with the Provost adding further points if necessary; the second category is for those programs which do not have an external accreditation. Dr. Lobdell reported that a number of undergraduate program reviews have been completed to date and a number are nearing completion.

5. Items approved by the Board of Governors

   November 17, 2009

IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President reported that Mrs. Elaine Goldie, Vice-President (External), retired in December and expressed his appreciation for the warmth of engagement expressed at her farewell events. Prior to her departure, Mrs. Goldie reported that $22 million had been raised and that the fundraising was still on track to meet the targets for the end of the fiscal year. Mr. John Alho currently has acting responsibilities for this portfolio.

The President also reported on the retirement of Chancellor Bill Norrie and the election of the new Chancellor Harvey Secter, who is known to many in the room. He further expressed his appreciation for the warmth of engagement expressed at the farewell events for Dr. Norrie.

V QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received prior to 10:00 a.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2009

Professor Frederiksen MOVED, seconded by Dean Wiens THAT: the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on December 2, 2009 be approved as circulated.

   CARRIED

Professor Judy Anderson noted that it would be helpful if the minutes were linked to the pdf of the agenda. The University Secretary agreed to look into this.

VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – none

VIII REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

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2. Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee

Professor Blatz reported that a number of programs are currently under review. Four programs are currently with the curriculum sub-committee: PhD in Food Science, PhD in Human Nutritional Sciences, Master of Dentistry in Pediatric Dentistry, and a Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Studies. These proposals will be reported on to Senate in the near future.

IX REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE, FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS

1. Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on
   a new Business-Government Relations joint Concentration
   between the MBA and MPA Programs

Dean Doering reported that the MBA program is composed of 60 credit hours, 48 of which are core courses and 12 credit hours which are electives. The MPA program is composed of 48 credit hours of which 21 credit hours are electives. The joint concentration proposed would seek to merge 12 credit hours of common electives to provide synergies to these programs. This will allow participating students to develop reciprocal understandings of each other's management environments and the critical business-government interface by encouraging inter-program course registration. The concentration would be jointly managed by the two programs.

Dean Doering MOVED, seconded by Dean Feltham THAT: Senate approve the proposal for a Business-Government Relations joint Concentration between the MBA and MPA programs.

CARRIED

2. Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on
   a new Management Accounting Concentration in
   the MBA program

Dean Doering reported on the proposal for a Management Accounting concentration to be offered in cooperation with the Society of Management Accountants of Manitoba. Such a program is currently in place in many Ontario universities as well as at UBC and the University of Alberta. Such a proposal will provide marketing and branding benefits to both programs. Dean Doering reported that the primary concern of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was to maintain the standards and autonomy of the MBA program and that the Faculty is confident that this has been addressed.

Dean Doering MOVED, seconded by Professor Brabston THAT: Senate approve the proposal for a Management Accounting Concentration in the MBA program.

CARRIED
3. Reports of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation

a) Postgraduate Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine: Evaluation, Remediation and Dismissal Policy   Page 55

Dr. Grant noted that this policy focuses on residents enrolled in postgraduate training programs within the Faculty of Medicine which is not a degree granting program but is the next phase of training for those who have received their MD. This document seeks to ensure procedural fairness and proper feedback to residents during their training.

Dr. Grant MOVED on behalf of the committee THAT: Senate approve the Postgraduate Medical Education Policy on Evaluation, Remediation and Dismissal.

CARRIED

b) Viewing of Final Exams   Page 69

Dr. Grant reported that the Committee is currently reviewing the Exam Regulation Policy which has not been updated for some time. She indicated that the policy was developed at a time when final exams might constitute 50% or more of the final grade. Currently, courses often have more weight placed on term work than in the past. She further indicated that the Committee will continue to review the policy and would report to Senate later in the academic term with further recommendations.

There was a discussion on the Faculty of Science pilot project referred to in the report. Dr. Grant noted that the number of students pre-viewing their exams was very small in relation to the total number of registrations in the Faculty. She further noted that there are other faculties who routinely review final exams with students prior to the appeal deadline as a matter of pedagogical principle. The change proposed here would accommodate the fall 2009 exam period while the Committee continues to review the policy.

Dean Ruth commented that, in the winter 2009 term, of the 59 students who viewed their exam, 51 did not go on to file an appeal. In respect to resources, he suggested that students might be required to view their exams prior to filing an appeal in order to reduce the number of appeals filed. Professor MacMillan suggested that a time frame for students to view their exam might be helpful to avoid students wishing to see their exams at the last minute. Dr. Grant responded that the processes of faculties and the nature of exams differ between faculties and, by not specifying such details, faculties would have the flexibility to develop and employ practices that work in their environment.

Dr. Worobec commented that the Faculty of Science proposed the pilot project due to a recognition that there was a wide variation from department to department in how pre-viewing was conducted and the Faculty went to great lengths to create an equitable, formalized system. She suggested that this item be tabled and the pilot project extended. Dr. Grant responded that adopting this
modification at this time would allow the Faculty of Science to continue their current process.

Professor John Anderson expressed concern about comments in the report on the $5 fee charged to the students by the Faculty of Science, indicating that the report submitted to SCIE by the Faculty of Science indicated that the fee was a requirement to allow this project to run as funding was required to cover costs such as photocopying exams and paying personnel to administer the viewing, as necessary. He noted that there was concern about the Faculty being inundated with students in courses required for medicine, pharmacy, etc., wanting to look at their exams due to the highly competitive nature of these disciplines. Dr. Grant noted that, while the data presented was merely a snapshot, only $540 was generated over the calendar year and questioned the value of this. She further indicated that the discussion at SCIE quickly became a discussion on pedagogy as some faculties do this a matter of routine. She indicated that departments and faculties could develop procedures that work for them and could even specify time requirements.

Professor Brabston noted that, if fewer appeals result, there would be a reduced resource burden that would make up for the fees charged. Professor Berry indicated that, in this pilot project, no fee was charged if the instructor was involved; if, however, a graduate student or office assistant was needed to conduct the pre-viewing, a $5 fee was charged to the student. The Chair reminded Senate that fees are outside the purview of Senate. Professor Embree noted that it would cost the University more to administer such a fee than the $5 fee was worth.

Dean Wiens noted that the proposal to allow pre-viewing was pedagogically sound and that, in addition, there were resource advantages to reducing the time spent on appeals. Dean Collins noted that few students took advantage of the opportunity to view their paper and asked how widely information on this opportunity was distributed. Dr. Worobec responded that the option was posted on the Faculty of Science website, information was sent to other faculties with students taking courses in the Faculty, posters were posted within units in the Faculty, and professors were directed to make an announcement to their class or include the information in the course syllabus. Dean Wallace noted that, for online courses, Extended Education continues to work towards a technological solution to allow students to view exam papers.

Professor John Anderson noted that, rather than as a disincentive to view their paper, the $5 fee was an incentive for the student to show up at the arranged time. He also questioned whether SCIE has jurisdiction to make recommendations on fees. Dr. Grant responded that the Committee’s recommendation was for approval of the change to the exam regulation; the observation regarding fees reflected the discussion at the Committee.

Professor Judy Anderson noted that the request to pre-view exams had originally come from students who were facing inconsistencies in viewing their exams between professors with some professors allowing viewing and some not. This
came about as a process to address differences across departments. Dr. Smith further indicated that this issue has been raised for the last 12 years in the Student Advocacy report. Dr. Smith also referred to the default if this proposal was not approved, the current policy which states: "Informal consultation, provided both instructor and student are available and willing, may take place during the period in which access to the scripts is not required."

Dr. Grant MOVED on behalf of the Committee THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation [dated November 10, 2009] regarding a modification to section 2.6.3 (a) of the Exam Regulations Policy on student access to final examinations.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions

RE: Faculty of Pharmacy

Dr. Morphy spoke to this proposal to simplify the calculation of the admission GPA for the Faculty of Pharmacy and to revise the use of repeated courses to a single repeat of one core course. He reported that an ad hoc committee reviewed admission criteria over the past couple of years. It was noted that the act of repeating multiple courses inflates the admission GPA and that the inflated admission GPA attained this way does not translate into student success in the program. While the report is silent on the effective date, Dr. Morphy indicated that the proposal is for an effective date of September 2011. Dean Collins reported that this proposal would be a fairer admission process and reduce the admission GPA issues which are becoming more prevalent. Dean Ruth questioned how the admission procedure would work for those students who use the “start afresh” program. Mr. Peter Dueck indicated that admission requirements are determined by the program and approved by Senate; students must submit all of their transcripts to apply to a program so the Faculty would be able to make a determination in such cases.

Dr. Morphy MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions [dated November 24, 2009] regarding the Faculty of Pharmacy and that the effective date be September 2011.

CARRIED

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - none

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7 combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 73 distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on January 6, 2010.

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