

September 1, 1999

Minutes of a meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room 245, Engineering Building

Those Present:

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry
Chair

Prof S. Abeysekera
Prof. I. Adamson
Prof. J.E. Anderson
Prof. L.M. Batten
Prof. F. Berkes
Prof. R. Bhullar
Dean H. Bjarnason
Prof. B. Blakley
Prof. R. Bose
Prof. J. Boyd
Prof. E.A. Braid
Prof. R. Bruno-Jofre
Prof. R. Burleson
Prof. R. Chernomas
Prof. D. Chow
Prof. E. Comack
Prof. J. Cooper
Mr. J.E. Cox
Dean M. Cox
Dean F. DeToro
Dean B.L. Dronzek
Prof. H.W. Duckworth
Prof. M.L. Duckworth
Mr. J. Edwards
Prof. M. Feld
Dean N. Fetterman
Mr. S.P. Foucault
Dean D.M. Fuchs
Dr. J.S. Gardner
Prof. G. Giesbrecht
Ms. L.M. Grabowecy
Dean J. Gray
Dean D. Gregory
Prof. L. Guse
Dean B. Hennen
Prof. L. Horne
Warden J. Hoskins
Prof. T. Howorth
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Dean J.C. Jamieson
Prof. E. Judd
Prof. P. Kaufert
Mr. C.J. Kazina
Dr. J.C. Keselman

Prof. E. Kroeger
Prof. R. Kueneman
Prof. J. Kwong
Mr. E. Latif
Mr. J. Leclerc
Dean B. Levin
Ms. G. Lewis
Prof. J. Long
Prof. I. MacDonald
Prof. S. MacDonald
Mr. M.W. McAdam
Prof. M. McKay
Ms. H.D. McKeen
Dean R. Magsino
Dr. D.R. Morphy
Prof. C. Mossman
Mr. A. Neufeld
Dean R. O'Kell
Dr. V. Olender
Dean A. Percival
Ms. C. Presser
Prof. G.N. Ramu
Dean D. Ruth
Ms. K.L. Rutledge
Mr. P.A. Saydak
Dean A. Secco
Dean H. Secter
Prof. D. Smyth
Rector J. Stapleton
Prof. B. Stimpson
Prof. G.C. Tabisz
Ms. W. Thiessen
Prof. M. Thomas
Prof. K.Vessey
Mr. D. Wahl
Dr. G. Walz
Prof. R.B. Wedgewood
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Ms. B. Sawicki
University Secretary
Ms. L. Shore
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Prof. B Cameron
Mr. P. Dueck
Mr. G. Fletcher

Prof. N. Halden
Mr. R. Levin
Dr. R. Lobdell
Prof. K. Ogden

Regrets

Prof. D. Amundson
Prof. K. Barker
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. W. Christie
Dean J. DeVries
Mr. H. Eliasson
Prof. M. Gabbert
Dr. G. Glavin
Mr. J.B. Hochman
Prof. N. Holliday
Ms. L.N. Karanja
Prof. B. McKenzie
Ms. M. Magsino
Dr. A.V. Mauro
Prof. J. Page
Dr. J. Raymond
Rector P. Ruest
Prof. K. Simons
Prof. M. Stern
Dr. L. Wallace
Dean G. Zhanel

Absent

Ms. L. Archer
Ms. J. Basra
Dean R. Bird
Prof. P. Blunden
Mr. W.R.L. Ewanchuk
Mr. S.J. Fletcher
Prof. J. Gartner
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. A. Gole
Mr. E. Janzen
Ms. M. Jay
Prof. L. Kaminski
Mr. C. Koscielny
Ms. M. Lee
Dr. E. Legal
Prof. G. McClarty
Mr. R.K. Mehta

Prof. H. Pettigrew
Prof. W. Rennie
Ms. D.A. Selymes
Prof. S. Simonovic
Mr. N. Singh
Mr. S. Stanley
Prof. D. Strong
Mr. K.D. Toyne
Ms. C. Wood
Ms. R.M. Wover
Prof. P. Zahradka

Prior to moving to the agenda, Dr. Szathmáry introduced new deans to the Senate: Dean B. Hennen, Medicine and Dean R. O'Kell, Arts. These introductions were met with a round of applause.

She also reminded Senators to rise and identify themselves and the units they represent the first time they speak.

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - nil

II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards

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Professor Cooper reported that the Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate. Mr. Leclerc questioned the Class of '72 Scholarship in Management (pages 18 and 19) wherein there is a requirement that a student be a Canadian citizen or Permanent Resident and asked if this might not be viewed as discriminatory. Mr. Dueck advised that the Human Rights Commission does allow geographic restrictions.

Professor Feld questioned the terms of reference for the Fort Garry Unit, Army, Navy, and Air Force Veterans in Canada Bursary (page 30). While he recognized that it does not appear to violate the University's regulations with respect to discrimination on religious, sexual or other grounds, it does not appear to discriminate on the basis of need or scholarship either. If this were a new scholarship, he asked, would the Awards Committee feel an awkwardness in accepting the award on this basis? Mr. Dueck responded that it would be a Committee decision, nonetheless he suspected that it would be accepted.

MOVED by Dean Jamieson, seconded by Professor Duckworth, that the Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated August 4, 1999.

CARRIED

2. Report of the Senate Committee on Approved Teaching Centres

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Professor Cooper advised that the Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate. Dean Fuchs wondered why Senate was being asked to approve this report. Ms. Sawicki advised that it has been past practise but stated that she would look into the need for continuing the exercise. It was Professor Duckworth's opinion that the document was before Senate because it contains an amendment to a report previously approved by Senate.

MOVED by Dean Jamieson, seconded by Rector Stapleton, that Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Approved Teaching Centres dated August 14, 1999.

CARRIED

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Executive Committee of Senate Reporting Responsibilities of Members

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IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. McAdam wished to thank everyone for their forbearance and patience during the PanAm Games, particularly through the early days. He felt that the University would benefit for years to come, not only from the physical assets, but the experience; he noted also that a high percentage of student employment was generated. He announced that there would be a celebration the next day for all staff members who had made a contribution to the Games and he encouraged all to attend.

On the other hand, now that the campus is looking better than it has for some time, he warned

members that there would again be digging to install the chiller lines for the cooling upgrades south side of campus. More details will be circulated by e-memo mid-month.

Mr. McAdam reported that both the capital and operating budget process have begun and that these items would be on the agenda of the SPPC for comment prior to consideration by the Board Finance and Administration Committee on the 14th and by the Board at its September 23rd meeting.

Dr. Keselman referred to a press conference recently held by the Premier at which he announced approximately \$11M in additional funding to be provided to Manitoba researchers. This sum represents three major contributions: a contribution by the Province of Manitoba through the Manitoba Innovation Fund for the creation of a new transgenic research facility on the research floor of the Brodie Centre; \$4M matching funds towards 10 projects for which funding has been approved by CFI; and a new program from the Provincial Government to provide matching funds to the Medical Research Council Regional Partnership Program for which University of Manitoba researchers are eligible to apply. In the past these awards have only received partial support from the Medical Research Council and the challenge has been for the Research Office to find matching monies. The Province has committed the provision of \$5M over the next five years to provide assistance.

Dr. Keselman announced that Dr. Mark Renaud, President of SSHRC, would be visiting campus September 14th and 15th in order to learn more about the work being done here and to speak of the strategic directions being taken by SSHRC over the next five years. She further advised that a tentative date of October 6th has been established for a visit by Tom Brzustowski, President of NSERC, for consultations taking place by the federal government on a report on technology commercialization published by an expert panel. Additional information will be provided when dates and times can be confirmed.

Dr. Keselman reported that progress is being made on the Smart Park Project and she hopes to be in a position to make a major announcement at the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Gardner gave some preliminary enrolment figures; applications and admissions data indicate that admissions are up 5.4% over this time last year and 1997-98. The registration data at the end of the initial access period for telephone registration indicated that registrations were down from a similar period last year. A better gauge of enrolment will be available after the last date for course changes.

Dr. Szathmáry commented that, as President, she is responsible for forging strong external relationships for the University, but she also reminded everyone present that all have a share in influencing the general public's opinion about the institution.

Dr. Szathmáry reported that she had participated in a delegation of 20 Canadian university presidents, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, on a study tour of Israeli universities. She had found the tour highly informative. She commented that they had been given an opportunity to learn of Israel's political realities and the nature of its university system. There are strong links between the University of Manitoba and Hebrew University in Jerusalem; Dr. Israel Asper supports a scholarship for University of Manitoba students who would like to study in Israel for up to a year. One of the problems faced by undergraduate students wishing to take advantage of this opportunity has been that the language of instruction is in Hebrew. The Rothberg International School, associated with Hebrew University, is an exception and offers instruction in English. The President encouraged members to pass on this information in the hope that students will take advantage of this opportunity.

Dr. Szathmáry observed that there is usually a variety of ambassadors passing through Winnipeg and events surrounding the Pan Am meant that there was a greater number than usual. She is usually contacted on these visits because many of these countries are looking for opportunities for their own universities to forge academic exchange agreements. For example, the Ambassador to Mexico and the Ambassador to Belgium both met with the President to express their interest in relationships with this institution.

Dr. Szathmáry had her annual meeting with Premier Filmon who is well-informed about the University and the research activities that take place here.

Although Mr. McAdam had reported on the Pan Am Games, she added that this was the first time the University of Manitoba has had a dedication ceremony involving a member of the royal family. Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, dedicated Princess Royal Walk and the Helen Glass Centre for Nursing. She also attended an ecumenical service for the athletes held at St. John's College. Dr. Szathmáry also wished to express her gratitude for everyone's patience over this period, particularly with the airport-style security.

V QUESTION PERIOD

No questions had been received nor were any raised from the floor.

VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 7 JULY 1999

MOVED by Dean Secco, seconded by Dean Jamieson, that the minutes of July 7, 1999 be approved as circulated.

VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

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

1. Reports of the Executive Committee of Senate

- a) Meeting of 21 July 1999 Page 40
- b) Meeting of 18 August 1999 Page 41

2. Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee

Professor Halden reported that the SPPC is considering a proposal for an Internet Innovation Centre in the Faculty of Engineering, a proposal for a Research and Treatment Centre for Artherosclerosis in the Faculty of Medicine, and a grain research facility through Agricultural Engineering.

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

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Admission Appeals

Dr. Szathmáry advised that this item was removed from the agenda.

2. Reports of the Senate Committee on Appeals

- a) Warden Hoskins reported that two appeals had been scheduled for July 19th; the first appeal was against a Faculty of Arts decision not to drop a C+ received for a term test from the final grade. The rationale for the request was that the test was flawed. The Committee did not hear the appeal, its opinion being that it would

require an academic judgement which is outside its purview. The second appeal was against the Faculty of Law, detailed in the next agenda item.

b) **Report re Faculty of Law**

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MOVED by Warden Hoskins, seconded by Dean O'Kell, that Senate approve the granting of a second Gold Medal in the Faculty of Law to Mr. Mark Adkins, as recommended by the Senate Committee on Appeals in its report dated July 19, 1999.

Professor Duckworth asked if this decision indicates that the Committee believes that regulation 42 in the Faculty of Law is inappropriate. Warden Hoskins responded that the Senate Committee on Appeals considers each case on its own merits. The decision is not a judgement against the regulation in question.

CARRIED

3. **Reports of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures**

a) **Faculty/School Council By-Laws, Faculty of Graduate Studies**

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Professor Cooper reported that the Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

MOVED by Professor Braid, seconded by Dean Secco, that Senate approve the revisions to the By-laws of the Faculty of Graduate Studies as recommended in the report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures dated August 13, 1999.

CARRIED

b) **Election of Support Staff of Senate**

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Professor Cooper commented that the Executive Committee agreed with the recommendation put forth by the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures and is asking that this matter be presented to Senate as the focus point for discussion on including support staff in Senate.

Rector Stapleton supported the principle of support staff being elected to Senate on the grounds of their experience with the academic programs offered, as well as having an expertise and interest in them. Furthermore, support staff are permitted on faculty council and, in his view, they can be an informed part of Senate. Professor Chow agreed.

Professor Duckworth observed that the academic world is much more complex than it was and people with administrative responsibilities realize how important it is to get advice from their experienced support staff. He felt that some support staff have a deep understanding of academic matters and that it would be quite appropriate for them to have a voice on Senate.

MOVED by Dean Secco, seconded by Professor Blakley, that Senate supports the principle of election of support staff to Senate and requests that the appropriate steps be taken in order to achieve this goal.

Professor Braid commented that the Senate is governed by *The University of Manitoba Act* through which there is no mechanism for direct appointment or election of anyone to Senate other than those listed in the membership section. Therefore, the only possibility under the Act to provide support staff with a voting

membership on Senate might be through election by faculty/school councils. Any other way of providing for voting membership on Senate for support staff would be to have the Act changed accordingly.

In response to a question from Mr. Leclerc, Ms. Sawicki advised that once the motion has been approved by Senate, it will be necessary administratively to determine how best to comply with the wishes of this body.

The motion was then

CARRIED

4. **Report of the Senate
Committee on Nominations**

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MOVED by Dean Dronzek, seconded by Professor Feld, that Senate approve the list of nominees as recommended by the Committee on Nominations in its report dated September 1, 1999.

CARRIED

XI **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

1. **Policy on Librarian Emeritus/Emerita**

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MOVED by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Dean Secco, that Senate recommend the proposed policy to the Board of Governors.

2. **Relocation of University Secretariat**

Prior to adjournment, Ms. Sawicki notified Senate members that the University Secretariat has relocated to Room 311, Administration Building. All the phone numbers have remained the same; the fax number is that previously used by the Senate Secretariat.

3. **Relocation of Office of Research Services**

Dr. Keselman noted that the Office of Research Services has moved from 311, Administration Building to Room 244, Engineering Building.

4. **Order of Canada**

Dr. Szathmáry asked for Senate's endorsement to have its congratulations relayed by the Dean of Science to a very distinguished member of his faculty, Professor Nathan Mendelsohn, who was named a Member of the Order of Canada. She added that he is a member of the Department of Mathematics and is a very distinguished scientist. This was met by a round of applause.

XII **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

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