

2 February 2000

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. I. Adamson
Mr. E. Ambtman
Prof. D. Amundson
Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. F. Berkes
Prof. R. Bhullar
Dean H. Bjarnason
Prof. J. Boyd
Prof. A. Braid
Prof. R. Burleson
Prof. D. Chow
Prof. E. Comack
Prof. J. Cooper
Mr. J. Cox
Dean F. de Toro
Dean J. de Vries
Dean B. Dronzek
Prof. H. Duckworth
Mr. J. Edwards
Mr. W. Ewanchuk
Prof. M. Feld
Dean N. Fetterman
Dean D. Fuchs
Prof. M. Gabbert
Dr. J. Gardner
Ms. P. Gill
Ms. L. Grabowecky
Dean J. Gray
Prof. L. Guse
Prof. N. Holliday
Warden J. Hoskins
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Dean J. Jamieson
Ms. M. Jay
Prof. P. Kaufert
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. E. Kroeger
Prof. R. Kueneman
Mr. E. Latif
Mr. J. Leclerc
Ms. G. Lewis
Prof. J. Long
Prof. I. Macdonald
Prof. M. McKay

Ms. H. McKeen
Prof. B. McKenzie
Mr. A. Neufeld
Dean R. O'Kell
Dr. V. Olender
Prof. J. Page
Prof. B. Payne
Dean A. Percival
Ms. C. Presser
Dean D. Ruth
Mr. P. Saydak
Dean A. Secco
Prof. B. Sherriff
Prof. K. Simons
Prof. D. Smyth
Mr. S. Stanley
Rector J. Stapleton
Prof. M. Stern
Prof. G. Tabisz
Mr. K. Toyne
Prof. K. Vessey
Mr. D. Wahl
Dr. G. Walz
Prof. R. Wedgewood
Ms. R. Wover
Ms. B. Sawicki,
University Secretary
Ms. S. Plett,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present:

Dean R. Bird
Prof. P. Blunden
Mr. P. Dueck
Mr. G. Fletcher
Dr. G. Glavin
Prof. N. Halden
Prof. W. Kops
Mr. R. Levin
Dr. R. Lobdell
Prof. K. Ogden

Also Present:

Dean D. Jenkinson
Ms. D. McCallum

Regrets:

Ms. L. Archer
Prof. R. Bose
Prof. W. Christie
Prof. M.L. Duckworth
Dean D. Gregory
Dean B. Hennen
Prof. L. Horne
Prof. T. Howorth
Ms. M. Lee
Dr. B. Levin
Mr. M. McAdam
Ms. M. Magsino
Dean R. Magsino
Dr. A. Mauro
Dr. D. Morphy
Prof. C. Mossman
Prof. G. Ramu
Prof. W. Rennie
Recteur P. Ruest
Ms. K. Rutledge
Dean H. Secter
Dean B. Stimpson
Ms. W. Thiessen
Prof. P. Zahradka

Absent:

Prof. S. Abeysekera
Prof. M. Abrahams
Prof. B. Blakley
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. R. Bruno-Jofre
Prof. B. Cameron
Prof. R. Chernomas
Dean D. Collins
Dean M. Cox
Mr. S. Fletcher
Mr. S. Foucault
Prof. J. Gartner
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. G. Giesbrecht
Prof. A. Gole
Mr. J. Hochman
Mr. E. Janzen
Prof. L. Kaminski
Ms. L. Karanja

Mr. C. Koscielny
Prof. J. Kwong
Dr. R. Legal
Prof. S. Macdonald
Prof. G. McClarty
Mr. R. Mehta
Prof. N. Pettigrew
Dr. J. Raymond
Ms. D.A. Selymes
Prof. S. Simonovic
Mr. N. Singh
Prof. D. Strong
Prof. M. Thomas
Ms. C. Wood
Prof. K. Wrogemann

Dr. Szathmáry reminded Senators to identify themselves and their constituencies when they rose to speak.

I **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - nil**

II **CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES,
DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES - FEBRUARY 2000**

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MOVED by Dean Ruth, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that the list of graduands provided to the University Secretary by the Director of Student Records be approved, subject to the right of Deans and Directors to initiate late changes with the Director of Student Records up to 4 February 2000.

CARRIED

III **MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE**

1. **Report of the Senate
Committee on Awards**

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Dean Ruth advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the report to Senate.

MOVED by Dean Secco, seconded by Professor Anderson, that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the five new award offers and seven award amendments as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated 20 January 2000.

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Senate Committee
on Curriculum and Course Changes**

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Dean Dronzek advised that on pages 27 and 29 there were a number of instances where "no change" in course number was proposed. That was an error, as there would indeed be corresponding new numbers.

MOVED by Dean Dronzek, seconded by Professor Cooper, that Senate approve the minor course changes recommended by the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes at its meeting on 21 January 2000.

CARRIED

IV **MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

1. **Correspondence re Minor in Environmental Science**

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2. **Report on Research Contracts Received**

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Dr. Szathmáry advised that this was the information which Professor Gabbert had requested be made available to Senate, and that it would be provided on a periodic basis from now on.

Dr. Keselman added that the report represented all the research contracts entered into between July and December of 1999.

Professor Gabbert noted that the list did not include all the research contracts which were currently in place, and Dr. Keselman indicated that information could be made available upon request to her office.

3. **Annual Report of the University Discipline
Committee: 1 September 1998 to 31 August 1999** Page 44

Dr. Szathmáry advised that in previous years this annual report was entirely in narrative format, which made it difficult to see patterns, if any. The format of the report was markedly changed this year - there are two sections (academic dishonesty and inappropriate behaviour), and disciplinary matters within each of these sections have been grouped together for easier reference. In future years, statistical comparisons will be available as a result of the new format.

Dean Jenkinson acknowledged Ms. Shore of the University Secretariat for her work in developing this new format, which he believed would be more straightforward and accurate. He added that the new structure had been imposed after the reports of the individual units had been received. He thought the units would be providing additional information in future, which would result in fewer empty cells.

Professor Chow drew attention to page 47, which stated that 33 students had worked together on an assignment, and she expressed concern that students may not be receiving the guidance they need as to what constitutes inappropriate collaboration.

Dean Jenkinson agreed, but noted that these types of issues should be addressed within the classroom.

Professor Feld liked the new format, however, he had problems reading the small print, and he wondered whether future versions could have larger print.

Mr. Toyne inquired about the definition of "unsolicited e-mail" (page 50).

Although Dean Jenkinson was unable to answer that, he undertook to find out.

Dr. Gardner added that unsolicited e-mail was a serious problem which was arising more frequently. He indicated that such messages would be tracked in future.

Professor Payne inquired about the difference between aggravating and mitigating factors.

Dean Jenkinson advised that an example of an aggravating factor may be of a student being warned about something but who then did it anyway. A mitigating factor on the other hand would be a situation which would cause an offender to be dealt with more leniently.

Professor McKenzie wondered whether definitions of these terms could be provided in future, and Dean Jenkinson responded that that would be done.

4. **Bi-Annual Report on the Status of Recommendations
Made in the Task Force Report *Building on Strengths*** Addendum

Dr. Szathmáry explained that this was the third report on the status of Task Force recommendations, as was required under Recommendation #95.

Professor Chow drew attention to Recommendation #55, which stated that the shuttle bus service had been extended to St. Boniface General Hospital Research Centre. Ms. McCallum indicated that a number of negative comments had been received because the trip was now significantly longer. Her office was collecting ridership data to determine usage rates. It was her impression however, based upon comments received, that the majority of individuals would prefer to go back to the old schedule.

V REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry advised that she, together with the Chancellor and the Chair of the Board of Governors, had met with Premier Doer on 17 January. One of the items discussed had been the results of the feasibility study regarding a capital campaign by the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Szathmáry also reported that in each of the past two years, the amount of monies raised by Private Funding increased quite significantly, with a growth of some 34% in terms of the funds raised since 1998.

The Alumni Association decided to eliminate the annual membership fee, and all alumni now receive free subscriptions to the *Alumni Journal*. It is gratifying to note that in lieu of their membership fee a large proportion of alumni are donating funds to the University.

The presidents of Manitoba's universities met in early January with the new Deputy Minister of Training and Education, Dr. Ben Levin. Dr. Levin is well aware of the dire situation for the universities if tuition fees are frozen. An \$8 million shortfall is possible for the University of Manitoba, based on the assumption that the operating grant will not be higher than 2%, and there will be no tuition increase. Given that the University is not permitted to run a deficit, and given that the University has only two primary sources of revenue, namely tuition fees and government operating grants, the outlook is not promising.

The University's financial problem is compounded by the fact that it pays property and payroll taxes. Manitoba is the only province that requires this of its universities. Dr. Szathmáry noted that the incumbent government had voted against the transferral of responsibility for property taxes to the universities when it was in opposition, and it was her hope that something will be done about this horrendous problem. This was met with a round of applause.

Dr. Gardner indicated that searches are underway for 80-some faculty members, and he hoped the budget will support the hiring of these individuals. In addition, searches are being held for deans in the Continuing Education Division and Human Ecology, as well as for a director for Music. The number of applications to first year is significantly higher than at this time last year.

Dr. Keselman advised that thirteen letters of intent had been submitted to the transition programs for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. The deadline for the Canada Foundation for Innovation Awards was 1 February, and 14 applications were submitted for a total amount of \$40 million. Her office received 17 applications from new researchers under the New Opportunities Program; the deadline for this is 1 March.

The results of the September competition to the Medical Research Council included eight applications being funded for a total of \$2.8 million.

On the research promotion front, Dr. Keselman advised that the second research fair is scheduled for 2 March. The Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences will be showcased this time. A new *On*

the Edge lecture series is being planned to take place at the Legislative Building, in an effort to bring our researchers to the attention of the provincial government, and to demonstrate that the work we do is of benefit to the entire province.

Ms. McCallum advised that a Campus Master Plan is being developed, under the leadership of Professor Eduard Epp of the Faculty of Architecture. This plan, which will serve as a road map for the future development of the campus, will address issues including architectural guidelines for new construction, signage guidelines, the development of green space, and pedestrian and vehicular traffic. A key element in the development of the plan will be widespread consultation with academic and administrative staff members, students and the community at large.

Mr. Leclerc inquired about the recent broken water pipe in University College.

Ms. McCallum explained that it had happened during the first day of testing of the chilled water distribution project. The water had spread into the costume room next to the Black Hole Theatre. Ms. McCallum advised that the University would be making an insurance claim for this incident.

Dean Fuchs asked whether the Institute for Barrier-Free Design would be involved in the development of the campus plan, and Ms. McCallum responded that it would be, as accessibility is one of the University's guiding principles.

Professor Cooper suggested that ergonomic design be included in the master plan.

Dr. Szathmáry offered congratulations to the Bison men's and women's teams on winning the Duckworth Challenge. This was met with a round of applause.

VI **QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions had been submitted in written form, nor were any asked from the floor of Senate.

VII **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF 5 JANUARY 2000**

MOVED by Dean Cox, seconded by Professor Anderson, that the minutes be approved with the following amendment: Mr. P. Saydak should be shown as having sent regrets.

CARRIED

VIII **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - nil

IX **REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF SENATE
AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

1. **Report of the Executive
Committee of Senate**

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2. **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Halden reported that SPPC was currently considering proposals for a Basic and an Advanced Diploma in Actuarial Studies and for a Masters in Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Sciences.

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

1. **Report of the University
Research Committee of Senate
on the Review of the Transport Institute** Page 53

Dr. Szathmáry advised that a sub-Committee of the University Research Committee of Senate had conducted a review of the Transport Institute in accordance with the requirements of policy 1405 *Research Centres, Institutes and Groups*. The sub-Committee found that the Transport Institute has made great strides in achieving its mission, has a high profile, and has an impressive list of research publications and conference proceedings.

Dean Ruth advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the report to Senate.

MOVED by Dr. Keselman, seconded by Dean de Toro, that the Transport Institute be renewed for a term of five years from 1 July 1999 through 30 June 2004 (as recommended by the University Research Committee of Senate).

CARRIED

2. **Report of the University
Research Committee of Senate on
Guidelines for the Establishment of Chairs** Page 56

Dr. Szathmáry advised that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

3. **Proposal to Create a New
Program in Linguistics and American
Sign Language/English Interpretation** Page 64

a) **Report of the Senate Committee
on Curriculum and Course Changes** Page 74

b) **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 79

Dr. Szathmáry advised that the Faculty Council of Arts had passed a motion on 5 October 1999 proposing the establishment of a new program in Linguistics and American Sign Language/English Interpretation to be taught jointly with Red River College.

Dean O'Kell explained that the joint program will incorporate the existing Deaf Studies Program at Red River College. He added that implementation of the program will be contingent upon additional funding from the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

Dean Dronzek stated that the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes was recommending approval of the proposal.

Professor Halden noted that the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee was recommending approval of the proposal contingent upon additional funding being made available. He added that a basic protocol on joint governance had been established.

Dean Ruth advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the report to Senate.

MOVED by Dean O'Kell, on behalf of the Faculty of Arts, that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of a new program in Linguistics and American Sign Language/English Interpretation to be taught jointly by the Linguistics Department at the University of Manitoba and the ASL/English Interpretation Program at Red River College, leading to a Bachelor of Arts (General) degree, subject to the conditions set out in the related reports of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes (dated 22 October 1999) and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (dated 2 November 1999).

CARRIED

XI ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - nil

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

These minutes, pp. 1 to 7, together with the material handed out at the door as well as the agenda, pp. 15 to 80, and the addendum, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 2 February 2000.

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