

1 March 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. M. Abrahams
Mr. E. Ambtman
Prof. D. Amundson
Ms. L. Archer
Prof. F. Berkes
Prof. R. Bhullar
Dean H. Bjarnason
Prof. B. Blakley
Prof. J. Boyd
Prof. A. Braid
Prof. R. Bruno-Jofre
Prof. D. Chow
Prof. W. Christie
Dean D. Collins
Prof. E. Comack
Prof. J. Cooper
Mr. J. Cox
Dean M. Cox
Dean F. de Toro
Dean J. de Vries
Dean B. Dronzek
Prof. H. Duckworth
Mr. J. Edwards
Prof. M. Feld
Dean N. Fetterman
Dean D. Fuchs
Prof. M. Gabbert
Dr. J. Gardner
Ms. P. Gill
Prof. T. Howorth
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Dean J. Jamieson
Ms. M. Jay
Prof. P. Kaufert
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. E. Kroeger
Prof. R. Kueneman
Mr. J. Leclerc
Ms. M. Lee
Prof. J. Long
Prof. I. Macdonald
Prof. M. McKay
Ms. H. McKeen
Ms. M. Magsino

Dean R. Magsino
Dr. D. Morphy
Dean R. O'Kell
Dr. V. Olender
Prof. J. Page
Prof. B. Payne
Dean A. Percival
Prof. G. Ramu
Recteur P. Ruest
Dean D. Ruth
Mr. P. Saydak
Dean A. Secco
Dean H. Sector
Prof. B. Sherriff
Prof. K. Simons
Mr. N. Singh
Mr. S. Stanley
Rector J. Stapleton
Prof. M. Stern
Prof. G. Tabisz
Prof. M. Thomas
Prof. K. Vessey
Mr. D. Wahl
Dr. G. Walz
Ms. B. Sawicki,
University Secretary
Ms. S. Plett,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present:

Dean R. Bird
Prof. P. Blunden
Prof. B. Cameron
Mr. P. Dueck
Prof. N. Halden
Mr. R. Levin
Dr. R. Lobdell
Prof. K. Ogden

Also Present:

Prof. J. Brewster
Prof. M. Byrne
Ms. N. Callaghan
Dean T. Hogan
Dr. L. Smith
Ms. B. Usick

Regrets:

Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. R. Bose
Dr. G. Glavin
Ms. L. Grabowecky
Dean J. Gray
Dean D. Gregory
Prof. L. Guse
Dean B. Hennen
Prof. N. Holliday
Prof. L. Horne
Prof. L. Kaminski
Prof. W. Kops
Mr. M. McAdam
Prof. B. McKenzie
Dr. A. Mauro
Mr. R. Mehta
Ms. C. Presser
Prof. W. Rennie
Dean B. Stimpson
Mr. K. Toyne

Absent:

Prof. S. Abeysekera
Prof. I. Adamson
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. R. Burleson
Prof. R. Chernomas
Prof. M.L. Duckworth
Mr. W. Ewanchuk
Mr. G. Fletcher
Mr. S. Fletcher
Mr. S. Foucault
Prof. J. Gartner
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. G. Giesbrecht
Prof. A. Gole
Mr. J. Hochman
Warden J. Hoskins
Mr. E. Janzen
Ms. L. Karanja
Mr. C. Koscielny
Prof. J. Kwong
Mr. E. Latif
Dr. R. Legal
Dr. B. Levin

Ms. G. Lewis
Prof. S. Macdonald
Prof. G. McClarty
Prof. C. Mossman
Mr. A. Neufeld
Prof. N. Pettigrew
Dr. J. Raymond
Ms. K. Rutledge
Ms. D.A. Selymes
Prof. S. Simonovic
Prof. D. Smyth
Prof. D. Strong
Ms. W. Thiessen
Prof. R. Wedgewood
Ms. C. Wood
Ms. R. Wover
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Prof. P. Zahradka

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 MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

1. Report of the Senate
Committee on Awards

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Mr. Dueck advised that the *Drs. R. E. Jordan and M. Suzuki Award in Operative Dentistry* (page 29) was being withdrawn at the request of the donor.

Professor Feld drew attention to the fifth criterion in the *Louis Riel Bursaries at the University of Manitoba* (page 26). He found it somewhat disturbing that an organization external to the University would determine students' eligibility based on racial background.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that some vehicle is needed in order to identify individuals who may be eligible for the award, and the Manitoba Métis Federation is a charitable non-profit organization which conducts genealogical research into applicants' backgrounds.

Dean O'Kell wondered whether this award is setting a precedent in terms of directing funding to specific ethnic groups rather than for students in a particular program.

Mr. Dueck replied that it is not setting a precedent. When a group in the past has been found to be significantly under-represented at the University, the institution has been able, through policy 419 on *Non-Acceptance of Discriminatory Scholarships, Bursaries and Fellowships*, to establish awards for specific groups.

Ms. Sawicki advised that the sixth sentence of the second paragraph of the *Manitoba Association of Home Economists - Ruth Berry Award* (page 24) should be corrected to read: "Dr. Berry has served as a President of the Manitoba **Association of Home Economists** and the Consumers' Association of Canada (Manitoba) and is currently the Past-President of the Canadian Home **Economics** Association" [change shown in bold face].

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

MOVED by Dean Jamieson, seconded by Dean Magsino, that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the ten new awards, fourteen award amendments and two award withdrawals as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated 4 February 2000.

CARRIED

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

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

MOVED by Dean Dronzek, seconded by Professor Blakley, that Senate approve the course changes as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes dated 25 January 2000.

CARRIED

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Actions of the Board of Governors of Interest to Senate Page 43

2. Annual Report of the Office of Student Advocacy 1 September 1998 to 31 August 1999 Page 45

Dr. Szathmáry noted that this report covers the period from 1 September 1998 to 31 August 1999, and it includes information on the activities of the Student Advocate's Office pertaining to services, programs, community outreach and staff. She added that Ms. Nancy Callaghan, Ms. Brandy Usick and Dr. Lynn Smith of the Student Advocate's Office as well as Dr. Dave Morphy, Vice-Provost (Student Affairs), were present to respond to any questions.

3. Final Report on the Survey of University One Students 1998-1999 Page 63

Dr. Szathmáry indicated that a survey was undertaken of University 1 students for the 1998-99 academic year. The purpose of the survey was to obtain a demographic profile of the students and to compile information on various items, some of which included: their decision to attend the University of Manitoba; their views of University 1 orientation; their use of the library; their experiences with the registration process; their contact with and assessments of the Help Centre; their utilization of Computer Services; etc.

Professor Cameron advised that the survey had been designed by Professor Currie and a graduate sociology class, and that it had been conducted in March of 1999.

Professor Chow drew attention to the table on page 83, which stated that only 33% of the students had expressed themselves satisfied with the Office of Student Advocacy.

Dr. Smith thought that was because the sample was very small (18).

Professor Vessey noted that 68% of the respondents were female (page 67), and he wondered how that related to enrolment.

Professor Cameron replied that University 1 enrolment was 46% male and 54% female, which meant that the response rate was higher for female students.

Professor Vessey referred to the dismal approval rating of the convocation exercise (page 75), and he asked whether any action had been taken as a result.

Dr. Szathmáry responded that the convocation exercise had been discontinued. She had been reluctant to do that, as she thought it was a formal way to begin the socialization of students into university life, which is very different from high school.

Professor Cameron added that the convocation had been replaced with an opening ceremony, which appeared to have been very well received.

Rector Stapleton was pleased to see that 59% of students had expressed satisfaction with university life (page 88). He wondered whether there was any way to determine students' level of satisfaction with the academic programming of University 1.

Dr. Morphy indicated that overall some 85% of students expressed their satisfaction with the university experience.

4. **Summary of Course
and Program Changes 1995-1999**

Page 94

This item contains information on course and program changes which have taken place since 1995, broken down by Faculty and School.

Dr. Gardner noted the tables had been developed in answer to the charge that the University does not change.

Professor Amundson drew attention to the 102 modifications in the School of Art in 1998 (page 95). It seemed to him this was somewhat misleading, as the changes were simply revisions in pre-requisites.

Dr. Lobdell indicated that it is often difficult to separate minor modifications from more significant changes, as many course changes set off ripple effects in other units.

Professor Cooper referred to such minor modifications as "background noise", which she thought was essential and very healthy.

IV **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Szathmáry advised that no further information is available with respect to this year's operating grant, and that a formal announcement is not expected until late April at the earliest.

There was some reason for optimism in the recent federal budget in the modest increase to transfer payments to the provinces, which should see Manitoba receiving \$95-96 million over the next four years. In addition, the 21st Century Research Chairs program was announced, although the decision on the distribution of the chairs is not yet complete. There was also three years of funding for safety and biotechnology, as well as funds to mount Canadian cultural material on the Internet.

Dr. Gardner noted that the lack of restoration of the transfer payments is a matter for concern for the institution, both in terms of operating grants and in funding for health care. The University of Manitoba is responsible for the supply and training of health care professionals in Manitoba, and the province's ability to address the supply of such professionals is not good. Furthermore, the province is providing funding to reinstate the two-year diploma program for registered nurses at Assiniboine Community College and Red River College, even though the Faculty of Nursing had developed a 25-month degree program for diploma nurses. This will likely have a negative impact on the University as students transfer out.

The total student enrolment at 1 February 2000 is 22,087, which is marginally higher than at 1 February 1999. The number of undergraduate credit hours is slightly lower, with the number of part-time students up by approximately 80% over the same time last year. The number of applications to first year is up by 15-20%.

Dean Cox had met a number of individuals at the recent Info Days who said high school teachers were unaware of this event, and he wondered how it was being marketed.

Mr. Dueck indicated that a great deal of time and money was spent in marketing Info Days, but that he would take the comments back to his office.

Professor McKay expressed thanks to Dr. Gardner for pointing out the difficulties being faced by the Faculty of Nursing, and she asked for the support of members of the University community in dealing with this. She believed this was an assault not only on higher education but also on the autonomy of the licensing body.

Dr. Keselman advised that the recent federal budget had included \$900 million for the Canada Foundation for Innovation, which means the program will now fund awards until 2005.

Dr. Keselman invited members of the University community to attend Showcase 2000 on 2 March. This second research fair focuses on research in Agricultural and Food Sciences. It will include a variety of displays, a poster competition, a speaker on functional foods and nutraceuticals, as well as a panel discussion on genetically modified foods.

V **QUESTION PERIOD**

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

VI **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF 2 FEBRUARY 2000**

MOVED by Mr. Leclerc, seconded by Dean Jamieson, that the minutes of the Senate meeting held on 2 February 2000 be approved with the following amendments: Dean M. Cox should be listed as present, and Professor L. Kaminski should be shown as having sent regrets.

CARRIED

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

VIII **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 had completed consideration of program proposals for the moment. The Committee was at present working on streamlining its procedures and would spend some time on considering future initiatives.

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

1. **Report of the Faculty
Council of Graduate Studies
re Elimination of Master
of Actuarial Mathematics Program** Page 98

- a) **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 104

The Faculty of Management's proposal to discontinue the Master's program in Actuarial Mathematics is in response to a reorganization of the actuarial curriculum. The program is no longer central to the overall mission of the Faculty, and is to be replaced by a Basic and an Advanced Diploma in Actuarial Studies.

Dean de Toro indicated that the program is being discontinued as part of the accreditation process by the American Assembly of Colleges and Schools of Business.

Professor Halden advised that the plan to discontinue the program was developed with wide consultation, and that SPPC agreed with the proposal.

Dean Secco advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to Senate.

MOVED by Dean de Toro, seconded by Dean Jamieson, that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that the Master of Actuarial Mathematics Program be eliminated as part of an overall reorganization of the Actuarial Curriculum, as endorsed by the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated 1 February 2000.

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Faculty
Council of Management
on Proposals for a
Basic Diploma in Actuarial Studies and
an Advanced Diploma in Actuarial Studies** Page 105

- a) **Report of the Senate Committee
on Curriculum and Course Changes** Page 125

- b) **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 126

These two diplomas were developed to replace the Master of Actuarial Mathematics which was just eliminated.

Dean Hogan advised that the diplomas were being proposed to meet the needs of students who are preparing themselves for the examinations of the Canadian Society of Actuaries.

Dean Dronzek indicated that all the courses are drawn from existing undergraduate courses in the Faculties of Management, Science and Arts.

Professor Halden noted that the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee was concerned that these diplomas be established only if the master is eliminated, as the financial resources for the diplomas depend upon the discontinuance of the master.

Dean Secco advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to Senate.

MOVED by Dean Hogan, seconded by Dean Dronzek, that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of a Basic Diploma in Actuarial Studies and an Advanced Diploma in Actuarial Studies, subject to the reports of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes dated 27 January 2000 and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated 1 February 2000.

CARRIED

3. **Report of the Faculty
Council of Graduate Studies
re Proposal for a Master of
Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Sciences** Page 127

- a) **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 159

The proposal is aimed at employees of industry and business, offering them the opportunity to meet specific company needs. The program is interdisciplinary both in concept and structure, and furthers the mission of the University of Manitoba in its intent to enhance its contacts and partnerships with outside agencies.

Dean de Toro stated that this was a very welcome program which will develop important relationships with industry.

- Professor Halden noted that there is a program fee of \$10,500 for eighteen months. Of this amount, \$4500 will be a differential fee to be used to cover the costs of mounting special courses or courses outside of regularly scheduled times, and the extra administrative costs associated with overseeing the practicum.

Dean Secco advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to Senate.

MOVED by Dean de Toro, seconded by Professor Cooper, that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of the Master of Mathematical, Computational and Statistical Sciences, in accordance with the recommendation set out in the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated 1 February 2000.

CARRIED

4. **Reports of the Senate Committee
on Admissions Concerning
Proposals from the Faculty of
Management for Assigning Transfer Credit**

a) **Keewatin Community College Graduates** Page 160

In May 1997 and in June 1999, Senate approved policies granting block transfer credit to graduates of the Business Administration Diploma programs at Red River College and Assiniboine Community College. The Committee on Admissions is now recommending that graduates of the Business Administration Diploma program (University Stream) at Keewatin Community College be granted block transfer credit as well.

Dean Secco advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to Senate.

MOVED by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Mr. Edwards, that Senate approve the proposal establishing block transfer credit to qualified graduates of the Keewatin Community College Business Administration Diploma Program who are admitted to the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Program, as recommended in the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions, undated.

CARRIED

b) **École technique et professionnelle graduates** Page 167

The Committee on Admissions is also recommending that graduates of École technique et professionnelle be granted transfer credit.

Dean Secco advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to Senate.

MOVED by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Recteur Ruest, that Senate approve the proposal establishing block transfer credit to qualified graduates of the École technique et professionnelle Business Administration Program who are admitted to the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) Program, as recommended in the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions, undated.

CARRIED

5. **Report of the Senate
Committee on Admissions
Concerning a Proposal from the
Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies** Page 174

In October 1999, the Faculty Council of Physical Education and Recreation Studies approved a proposal that successful completion of *071.125 Biology B* be a requirement for admission to the Athletic Therapy program. Biology is required for entrance to the School of Medical Rehabilitation, and is therefore a pre-requisite for the three anatomy courses taken by Athletic Therapy students in the School of Medical Rehabilitation in second year.

Dean Secco advised that the Executive Committee endorsed the proposal to Senate.

MOVED by Dr. Gardner, seconded by Professor Cooper, that Senate approve the proposal that the successful completion (with a minimum grade of "C") of *071.125 Biology B* be a requirement for admission to the Athletic Therapy program (BESS degree), as recommended in the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions, undated.

CARRIED

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. Graduation Notwithstanding

Hand-out

Dr. Szathmáry explained that the memorandum from the Faculty of Education had been received after the 16 February Senate Executive meeting, and was circulated to Executive Committee members. No objections were made to including this item on the Senate agenda.

Dean Magsino explained that Stephen Grahame, student #5816143, was eligible to graduate from the PBCE program in 1997, but for some reason he did not apply to graduate until February 2000. In between finishing his coursework requirements and his applying for graduation, one of his courses expired, i.e. was now more than nine years old. The Student Records Office determined that, since Mr. Grahame was approved for graduation notwithstanding a deficiency in a course which expired in May of 1999, Senate would have to grant specific approval for him to graduate.

Dean Braid wondered whether any consideration had been given to granting his degree as of May 1997, which would mean approval notwithstanding would not be required.

A number of Senators believed that there were mechanisms to deal with such cases at the Faculty level.

MOVED by Dean Dronzek, seconded by Dean O'Kell, that this item be tabled.

CARRIED

2. Last Senate Meeting for Students

Dr. Szathmáry noted that this was the last meeting for student Senators, whose terms expire on 31 March 2000, and she recognized their efforts and wished them well. This was met with a round of applause.

Mr. Leclerc stated that he had first been elected to Senate in April of 1997, and he expressed thanks to all those who had helped to make his term a rewarding and valuable one. This was met with a round of applause.

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

These minutes, pp. 1 to 9, together with the material handed out at the door as well as the agenda, pp. 15 to 175, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on 1 March 2000.

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