

October 4, 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. J. Gardner, Chair  
Prof. M. Abrahams  
Prof. D. Amundson  
Prof. J. Anderson  
Prof. A. Angel  
Ms. L. Archer  
Ms. G. Bains  
Prof. F. Berkes  
Prof. R. Bhullar  
Dean R. Bird  
Dean H. Bjarnason  
Prof. D. Bose  
Prof. J. Boyd  
Prof. R. Burleson  
Mr. N. Chadha  
Prof. D. Chow  
Prof. J. Cooper  
Mr. B. Dalgliesh  
Dean J. de Vries  
Dean B. Dronzek  
Prof. H. Duckworth  
Prof. M. Feld  
Dean D. Fuchs  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Ms. L. Goldenberg  
Prof. A. Gole  
Prof. L. Grant  
Dean J. Gray  
Prof. L. Guse  
Dean B. Hennen  
Mr. J. Hochman  
Warden J. Hoskins  
Prof. T. Howorth  
Dean D. Hrycaiko  
Ms. K. Inskip  
Prof. J. Irvine  
Dean J. Jamieson  
Prof. E. Judd  
Prof. P. Kaufert  
Ms. T. Kowal  
Prof. R. Kueneman  
Mr. J. Kuffner  
Rector D. Lenoski  
Prof. J. Long  
Mr. Q. Luu  
Prof. K. MacKay  
Mr. M. McAdam  
Ms. H. McKeen

Dean R. Magsino  
Prof. K. Markstrom  
Ms. Michaud-Oystryk  
Dr. D. Morphy  
Prof. C. Mossman  
Dean R. O'Kell  
Dr. V. Olender  
Prof. J. Page  
Mr. R. Patterson  
Prof. B. Payne  
Dean A. Percival  
Ms. C. Presser  
Prof. R. Roughley  
Recteur P. Ruest  
Dean D. Ruth  
Ms. N. Sabljic  
Dean A. Secco  
Prof. K. Simons  
Prof. D. Smyth  
Prof. M. Stern  
Dean B. Stimpson  
Prof. G. Tabisz  
Prof. A. Tate  
Prof. L. Taylor  
Prof. M. Thomas  
Prof. J. van Rees  
Prof. L. Wallace  
Prof. J. Whiteley  
Prof. J. Williams  
Prof. A. Young  
Ms. B. Sawicki,  
University Secretary  
Ms. S. Plett,  
Recording Secretary

**Assessors present:**

Ms. C. Bready  
Prof. B. Cameron  
Prof. W. Dahlgren  
Prof. N. Halden  
Ms. A. Jones  
Mr. R. Levin  
Dr. R. Lobdell  
Prof. K. Ogden

**Also present:**

Members of United  
Way campaign:

Mr. J. Bruce  
Ms. M. Clarke  
Mr. I. Gusdal  
Ms. N. Kolotylo  
Ms. P. Reichert  
  
Delegate of Deputy  
Minister of Education:  
Mr. D. Smith

Director, Student  
Advocacy:  
Dr. L. Smith

**Regrets:**

Prof. R. Bose  
Prof. C. Cameron  
Dean D. Collins  
Prof. E. Comack  
Dean M. Cox  
Dean F. de Toro  
Dr. G. Glavin  
Dean D. Gregory  
Mr. G. Hilderman  
Prof. L. Horne  
Prof. L. Kaminski  
Dr. J. Keselman  
Prof. W. Kops  
Mr. J. Leclerc  
Dr. B. Levin  
Dr. A. Mauro  
Prof. W. Rennie  
Prof. J. Svenne  
Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry  
Prof. P. Zahradka

**Absent:**

Prof. S. Abeysekera  
Prof. I. Adamson  
Mr. J. Aird  
Prof. B. Blakley  
Prof. W. Christie  
Prof. D. Cooley  
Mr. P. Dueck  
Mr. S. Fletcher  
Mr. G. Forster  
Prof. J. Gartner  
Dr. G. Gerbrandt

Ms. J. Gnitecki  
Ms. L. Herzog  
Ms. R. Kazina  
Prof. E. Kroeger  
Mr. T. Laluk  
Ms. M. Lee  
Dr. R. Legal  
Prof. G. McClarty  
Prof. B. McKenzie  
Ms. M. Magsino  
Ms. P. Nicholls  
Ms. A. Outingdyke  
Prof. N. Pettigrew  
Dr. J. Raymond  
Prof. R. Roy  
Mr. P. Saydak  
Dean H. Sexter  
Prof. D. Strong  
Ms. W. Thiessen  
Prof. K. Vessey  
Dr. G. Walz  
Prof. K. Wrogemann  
Mr. S. Yurashchuk

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - nil

II CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES,  
DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES - OCTOBER 2000

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It was **MOVED** by Professor Feld, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that the list of graduates 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 October 6, 2000.

**CARRIED**

III REPORT ON MEDALS AND PRIZES  
TO BE AWARDED AT THE OCTOBER CONVOCATION

It was **MOVED** by Professor Feld, on behalf of the Executive Committee, that the report on medals and prizes provided to the University Secretary be approved by Senate.

**CARRIED**

IV MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

1. Faculty of Engineering Calendar Amendment

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The Faculty of Engineering is recommending an amendment to section 2.1 regarding the Dean's Honour List in the Undergraduate Calendar. The amendment is the addition of a statement that for graduating students who were on the Dean's Honour List in the previous evaluation the minimum requirement of 28 credit hours may be waived, provided that an EGPA of 3.50 or better is maintained.

Professor Feld advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the proposal to Senate.

It was **MOVED** by Dean Ruth, seconded by Dean Jamieson, **THAT** Senate approve the proposed amendment to the Faculty of Engineering section 2.1 of the Undergraduate Calendar 2001-2002.

**CARRIED**

V MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. UM/COPSE New (or Substantial Change)  
Program Approval Process - Undergraduate Addendum

This flow chart (of the approval process for undergraduate programs) reflects changes at the Statement of Intent stage. COPSE no longer requires their approval to proceed to the formal proposal stage - but still wishes the opportunity to comment before the University develops and approves formal program proposals. The appeal process at the Statement of Intent stage has also been removed.

There is a slight error on both the undergraduate and graduate flowcharts, which will be corrected. The revised flowcharts will be distributed with the next Senate agenda.

2. UM/COPSE New (or Substantial Change)  
Program Approval Process - Graduate Addendum

This flow chart (of the approval process for graduate programs) reflects changes at the Statement of Intent stage. COPSE no longer requires their approval to proceed to the formal proposal stage - but still wishes the opportunity to comment before the University develops and approves formal program proposals. The appeal process at the Statement of Intent stage has also been removed.

VI REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The written report of the President was circulated at the door.

Dean Jamieson noted that senior members of the Administration had at least two meetings with the Minister of Education in recent months, and he wondered whether any information is available with respect to prospects for funding for the next year.

Mr. McAdam advised that the University is continuing to press the case for additional funding, and that the institution has asked that information regarding funding be released earlier next year.

Dr. Gardner stated that enrolment levels are increasing, and are now close to where enrolment levels were in the early 1990s. However, staff levels have dropped significantly, and there is concern in his office regarding this.

Mr. McAdam indicated that the Board of Governors approved the *Estimates* document at its meeting in September, and that it has been forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education.

VII QUESTION PERIOD

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

VIII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

It was MOVED by Dean Hennen, seconded by Dean Magsino, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on September 6, 2000 be approved with the following amendments: Mr. J Kuffner, Mr. R. Levin and Professor P. Zahradka should be shown as present, and Professor A. Young should be shown as having sent regrets.

CARRIED

IX BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - nil

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

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Page 19

Comments of the Executive Committee will accompany the report on which they are made.

2. Report of the Senate  
Planning and Priorities Committee

Professor Halden indicated that SPPC will be considering a number of program submissions in the next few weeks.

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

1. Report of the Senate  
Planning and Priorities Committee  
With Respect to Campus-Wide Technology Needs Page 20

Senate Executive, at its meeting of April 26, 2000, referred a report of the Senate Committee on Academic Computing (SCAC) on campus-wide technology needs to the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee.

The report of the SCAC sought to make some estimate of the rates of computer-oriented technological changes that are occurring in the classroom and in some forms of research. The Committee on Academic Computing attempted to assess the physical requirements and costs, in terms of cabling and network electronics,

that would be needed in order to bring the institution to some form of currency with regard to this type of technology. Those costs are substantial and are beyond the current resources of Information Services and Technology.

SPPC has considered the report, and makes a number of observations, including the following:

- Information Services and Technology should continue the process of consulting with building users, which will lead to a more accurate assessment of needs and a possibility of establishing priorities and a time frame for development.
- A centrally-coordinated expression of budget responsibility for specific items and rooms should be established.
- The upgrading of classrooms should be centrally coordinated.
- Effort should be made to determine what equipment has been bought recently from research budgets and from operating budgets.
- If upgrading computer and network technology is determined to be a priority for the University, additional funds will have to be sought outside the normal funding envelope.

Senators made a number of comments and observations, including the following:

- the report contains no apparent rank ordering of priorities: how are individuals to identify urgencies and establish priorities?
- significant items of equal importance are not addressed in the report, such as computer labs, classrooms, etc.;
- the document under-estimates the technical support which will be required;
- the report will inform government that public institutions will have severe difficulties in meeting needs in the future without additional funding;
- hardware and software are of equal importance;
- desktop support for teaching, research, and administrative services is critical;
- the data available is incomplete, outdated, and may not be a fair model of the situation.

Mr. McAdam advised that the University continues to make the case to government about the need for additional funding in this area. The issue of technological support for classrooms and laboratories is on the institution's list of top 20 capital priorities, and each Dean and Director has been asked to identify the top three areas in his/her unit for re-furbishing. He invited individuals to visit the Information Services and Technology Web site, and to provide him with comments and suggestions.

Professor Taylor indicated that a core committee, consisting of representatives from Information Services and Technology, the libraries, and academic units, has been set up to consider the larger issues involved.

Professor Feld advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was **MOVED** by Professor Halden **THAT** Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee with respect to campus-wide technology needs dated August 2, 2000.

Professor Duckworth spoke against the motion, as he believed that Senate is being asked to accept and endorse information which is not complete.

It was **MOVED** by Professor Duckworth that the recommendation be amended to read: "**THAT** Senate endorse the Report on Campus-Wide Technology Needs as the first step in the planning process and encourages the authors *to extend their data collection before moving to the proposal and feasibility stage*". [change shown in italics]

CARRIED

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

Hand-out

This report consists of student nominations to standing committees of Senate.

It was **MOVED** by Dean Dronzek, on behalf of the Committee on Nominations, **THAT** Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Nominations dated October 3, 2000.

CARRIED

XII **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

1. **United Way Presentation**

Dr. Gardner invited Mr. Irv Gusdal, the Chair of the United Way Campaign at the Fort Garry Campus this fall, to make a presentation.

Mr. Gusdal introduced Ms. Margaret Clark, the Executive Director of Hospice and Palliative Care - Manitoba, to Senate.

Ms. Clark advised that hospice care should not be seen as depressing, but as an infinitely rewarding and uplifting experience. The demand for hospice services continues to grow, and is part of making Winnipeg a "caring community". She encouraged individuals to give generously to the United Way.

Mr. Gusdal invited everyone to attend the annual breakfast kick-off event on October 12<sup>th</sup> in University Centre.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 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 38, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the Senate meeting held on Wednesday, October 4, 2000.

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