

Section 6.8.3 of the *Senate Handbook* (2000) deals with “Matters of Urgency” regarding the Senate agenda, and it states as follows:

“Matters arising after the publication of the Agenda of a given meeting may not be brought before that meeting unless in the opinion of the Chair they are of sufficient urgency and importance to require one of the following special procedures:

“(a) If time permits, a special notice of the matter shall be published.

“(b) If time does not permit a special notice, then, notwithstanding rule 6.10, the matter may be added to the Agenda with the consent of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

“(c) The Chair shall then propose where such matters shall appear on the Agenda.”

Dr. Szathmáry asked for Senate’s consent to add an item to the agenda under “X. Additional Business”, dealing with a proposed revision to the 2001-2002 Academic Schedule. Senators agreed to this request.

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

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the Speaker is Dean Anne Percival.

Dr. Szathmáry asked the Executive Director of External Relations, Ms. Elaine Goldie, to make a special presentation on a Capital Campaign Update.

I **MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION** - none

II **MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE** - none

III **MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

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

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At the April 5, 2000 Senate meeting, the terms of reference for the Committee on Awards were changed to allow the Committee to approve and inform Senate of all new offers and amendments of awards that meet the published guidelines for awards.

At its meeting on November 28, 2000, the Senate Committee on Awards approved five new awards and eleven award amendments (as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated November 29, 2000). All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

IV **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Dr. Szathmáry indicated that she agrees with the recommendation by the Senate Executive Committee that the 2001-2002 Academic Schedule be revised so that the first day of classes will be January 3, 2002 instead of January 2nd.

Dr. Keselman advised that the fourth in the *On The Edge* lecture series will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 at 12:00 noon at the Bannatyne Campus.

Mr. McAdam stated that the University's property tax appeal has been settled, and that the \$5 million will be part of the resource allocation process this year. He added that the institution continues to lobby COPSE on this issue, as Manitoba is the only jurisdiction in Canada where post-secondary institutions must pay property tax.

V **QUESTION PERIOD**

No questions were submitted to the University Secretary by 10:00 a.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

VI **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2000**

It was **MOVED** by Professor Cooper **THAT** the minutes of the Senate meeting held on December 6, 2000 be approved with the following amendment: Professor C Cameron and Dean D Fuchs should be shown as being present.

CARRIED

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** Page 24
2. **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Halden advised that SPPC is in the process of preparing guidelines for the submission of course and program proposals.

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

1. a) **Report of the Senate Committee
on Curriculum and Course Changes re
Course Changes in the Faculty of Education** Page 25
- b) **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 28

The Faculty of Education is proposing the introduction of a number of new courses. These courses will:

- ▶ provide a clearer focus on the current contexts of teaching ESL students in Manitoba schools;
- ▶ focus on the practice and theory of teaching core French;
- ▶ further develop key concepts and introduce new topics such as evaluation methods, the use of technology and the integration of the target culture within the core French program;
- ▶ inform educators about the current theory and best practices in the teaching of literacy to adults; and
- ▶ familiarize students about ESL/bilingual literacy development, particularly in adolescent and adult education.

No new financial resources will be required.

Dean Dronzek stated that the course changes arise from the recent revisions to the Post Baccalaureate in Education Program.

Professor Halden noted that the Planning and Priorities Committee supports the course changes.

Dean Percival advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the proposal to Senate.

It was MOVED by Dean Dronzek THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes dated October 12, 2000 and the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated November 22, 2000.

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on the Master of Interior Design Program** Page 30
- a) **Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 36

As part of the restructuring of the Master of Interior Design program, two streams will be offered: a post-professional stream with a research orientation for those already holding a first professional degree in Interior Design, and a professional stream with a focus on design, research and critical thinking.

Although the proposed revision shows an increase of 27 credit hours, this is offset by the previous discontinuance of the Bachelor of Interior Design and the resulting reallocation of resources to the Master of Interior Design and the Bachelor of Environmental Design. Accordingly, no new financial resources are required.

Professor Halden stated that the Planning and Priorities Committee supports the proposed revisions to the Master of Interior Design.

Dean Percival advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was MOVED by Dean Cox, seconded by Dean de Toro, THAT Senate approve the report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on the restructuring of the Master of Interior Design dated November 14, 2000 (as endorsed by the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated November 23, 2000).

CARRIED

3. **Report of the Senate Committee on Appeals**

Warden Hoskins reported that, since last reporting to Senate, the Senate Committee on Appeals has completed work on two appeals.

The first of these, held on October 17, 2000, was an appeal against the Faculty of Engineering decision not to reinstate the appellant into his program for the 2000-2001 academic term. The grounds cited were an inappropriate application of the regulations. This appeal was denied.

The second appeal was held on October 18, and was an appeal against the Faculty of Dentistry decision not to grant a new supplemental examination in Oral Biology. The grounds cited were unfairness, examination irregularities and the belief that the examination was substantially different from what the student was led to expect. The Committee was concerned that a number of the issues raised were outside its

jurisdiction. However, following a great deal of deliberation, the Committee decided to hear the appeal but was very careful not to consider matters which required academic decisions and were therefore outside its mandate. This appeal was denied.

A third appeal was received. It was an appeal against a Faculty of Social Work decision not to grant the appellant a retroactive voluntary withdrawal from a course in the 1999-2000 regular session. When the Faculty received the appeal for response, they felt that they were being presented with new information and asked that they be allowed to reconsider this matter within the Faculty. The Chair agreed to this request. The appeal to the Senate Committee on Appeals was subsequently withdrawn.

X **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

1. **Report of the *ad hoc* committee of the Committee of Election**

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Dr. Mauro's term as Chancellor will end on May 31, 2001. An *ad hoc* committee of the Committee of Election, consisting of two members of Senate and two members of the Board of Governors, was established to:

- (a) perform the functions required under the procedures for the Committee of Election which were used for the 1998 Chancellor election (the means of receiving nominations, the methods of election and the date of election); and
- (b) recommend to the Board and Senate on any issues which require consideration prior to the meeting of the Committee of Election (including an appropriate timetable for receipt of nominations and conducting the election).

The *ad hoc* committee met on December 8, 2000, at which time it reviewed the procedures, the call for nominations and the nomination form. The *ad hoc* committee also recommends that Senate approve the following:

1. The deadline for receipt of nominations for Chancellor by the Office of the University Secretary be 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2001; and
2. The Committee of Election meet on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, to elect a Chancellor.

These recommendations were approved by the Board of Governors Executive Committee on behalf of the Board on December 12, 2000.

Dean Percival advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the proposal to Senate.

It was noted that, although Dr. Mauro would be eligible for re-election, he has decided not to let his name stand. It was then suggested that the call for nominations should indicate that the Chancellor was not letting his name stand for

re-election, and that there be a separate news item. Dr. Szathmáry agreed to ask the *ad hoc* Committee of Election to take the suggestions under advisement.

It was MOVED by Dean Secco, seconded by Dean Cox, THAT Senate approve the following recommendations:

1. **The deadline for receipt of nominations for Chancellor by the Office of the University Secretary be 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 21, 2001; and**
2. **The Committee of Election meet on Wednesday, April 4, 2001, to elect a Chancellor.**

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** Hand-out

On December 6, 2000, Senate approved the 2001-2002 Academic Schedule. However, concern was expressed over the early start of classes after the holiday break, and the Chair agreed to take the matter under advisement for further consideration by the Senate Executive Committee.

Members of the Senate Executive Committee were contacted via e-mail on January 2nd, and a majority of the members of that Committee have expressed their support for the proposed revision to the Academic Schedule.

The University Secretary advised that the recommendation is being brought forward at this time in order to meet the *General Calendar* publication deadlines. The Senate Executive Committee will be considering further issues related to the subsequent academic schedule, such as: should the study week in February be discontinued and the Christmas break be extended by a week, or the spring term be ended a week earlier; should a start date of the second term be further reconsidered; and should a trimester system be reconsidered.

It was MOVED by Dean Percival, seconded by Professor Cooper, THAT the 2001-2002 Academic Schedule be revised as follows:

1. **That the first day of classes for the second term of the 2001-2002 academic year be changed from January 2, 2002 to January 3, 2002; and**
2. **That the Director of Student Records be authorized to make any consequential changes to other academic dates in the 2001-2002 Academic Schedule.**

CARRIED

The Director of Student Records noted that the consequential changes arising from the above revision to the academic schedule will be fairly straight-forward. One of

the issues remaining to be considered will be the next winter shut-down period for staff members.

XI **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

These minutes, pp. 1 to 8, together with the material handed out at the door as well as the agenda, pp. 15 to 44, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on January 3, 2001.

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