### **SENATE MINUTES**

September 5, 2001



OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

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 Prof D Amundson Prof J Anderson Prof A Angel Mr S Bajaj Dean R Bird Dean H Bjarnason Prof M Bowring Prof J Boyd **Prof B Bright** Prof D Chow Prof J Cooper Dean F de Toro Dean J de Vries Mr A Dixon Prof B Dronzek Prof H Duckworth Prof M Feld Prof H Friesen Dean D Fuchs Prof M Gabbert Dr J Gardner Prof S Gessler Ms E Goldie Prof L Graff Dean D Gregory Prof L Guse Dean B Hennen Prof T Hogan Warden J Hoskins Dean D Hrycaiko Dean J Jamieson Prof L Kaminski Mr A Kaushal Dr J Keselman Prof E Kroeger Mr J Kuffner Prof J Long **Prof D Lonis** Mr N Louizos Prof A Louka Prof S Ludwig Mr M McAdam **Prof G McClarty** Prof K Markstrom

Ms Michaud-Oystryk

Prof C Mossman Ms P Nicholls Dr W Norrie Mr B Nurbakhsh Dean R O'Kell Dr V Olender Prof B Payne Ms C Presser Prof D Punter Dean D Ruth Prof A Secco Dean H Secter Prof G Sevenhuysen **Prof K Simons** Prof P Singal Prof D Smyth Rector J Stapleton Prof M Stern **Prof B Stimpson** Prof D Strong Prof J Svenne Prof G Tabisz **Prof A Tate** Prof L Taylor

Mr G Teti Prof M Thomas Mr K Toyne Prof R van Acker Prof J van Rees Prof E Walz Prof J Whiteley Prof R Wiest Dean D Witty Prof K Wrogemann Mr C Yeung Prof A Young Prof P Zahradka Ms M Zirk Ms B Sawicki

### Assessors Present:

**University Secretary** 

**Recording Secretary** 

Mr P Dueck Prof N Halden Mr J Kusie Mr R Levin Dr R Lobdell

Ms S Plett,

Prof K Ogden

#### Also Present:

The *Bulletin*: Mr D Barbour

#### Regrets:

Prof D Bose
Prof B Cameron
Prof P Choy
Prof W Christie
Dean D Collins
Prof P Fortier
Ms A Jones
Prof E Judd
Prof W Kops
Ms A Lawson
Dean A Percival
Prof W Rennie
Mr D Smith
Prof L Wallace
Prof J Williams

#### Absent:

Ms M Alcock Mr D Azuelos Mr J Bhamra Mr G Bhatt Ms L Bissett Prof B Blakley Mr N Chadha Prof G Crow Prof J Gartner Dr G Gerbrandt Prof G Giesbrecht Prof A Gole Prof L Grant Prof E Haque Ms J Henderson Ms L Herzog Prof T Howorth Prof J Irvine Ms C Isaak Dr D Javas Mr S Kemp Prof B Law Mr P Lomza

Mr V Mattheos
Dr D Morphy
Mr M Niziol
Mr J Raftis
Dr J Raymond
Recteur P Ruest
Ms R Singh
Mr P Sliwowski
Mr J Spark
Prof L Spearman
Mr M Teclemariam
Dr R Théberge
Ms W Thiessen
Ms C Vatamaniuck
Dean J Wiens

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

The Chair introduced Dr Bill Norrie, the University's new Chancellor, and she welcomed him to the Senate. She also introduced Dr Emdad Haque, the Director of the Natural Resources Institute, Dr Dale Lonis, the Director of the School of Music, and Dr David Witty, the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture. This was met with a round of applause.

Dr Szathmáry advised that an *In Memoriam* statement for Dr Herbert Beola LéJohn was handed out at the door.

- 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 Page 7

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 August 8, 2001, the Senate Committee on Awards approved nine new awards, nine award amendments, and five withdrawals (as set out in the report of the Committee on Awards dated August 10, 2001). All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

The A Baracos Geological Engineering Thesis Prize (page 16) is being withdrawn. The first sentence in relation to this prize states that the Geological Engineering program at this University has been discontinued. It has in fact been placed into the "Not Currently Offered" category, as of the Senate meeting of September 4, 1996.

2. Report of the Senate Committee on
Rules and Procedures on the Status of
Support Staff on Academic Governing Bodies Page 17

At the November 1999 Senate meeting, the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures was given the authority to approve revisions to Faculty/School Council bylaws in order to enable the full participation of support staff on the academic governing bodies of the University. All Faculty/School Council bylaws have now been revised to provide for at least one full-time support staff member on Council membership, and to provide a method of election of support staff to Council

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membership.

When the bylaw revisions were reviewed, it was noted that a number contain specific provisions (such as the eligibility to be elected to Senate and the eligibility to vote for Senate representatives) which conflict with the Standing Rules of Senate (which take precedence over Council bylaws). Accordingly, the University Secretary will be asking Councils to make further revisions to their bylaws as necessary.

Professor Chow expressed concern about the varying terms of membership on Faculty and School Councils (in some cases, the term is for one year, in others for two), whereas terms of Senate are for three years. This may mean that individuals will be unable to gain the experience necessary to participate fully in the affairs of Senate and its committees.

The University Secretary agreed that deans and directors will be apprised of these concerns.

### 3. Program Accreditation: 2001 Annual Update

This information provides details with respect to each accredited program. There are 13 programs which show accreditation review dates in 2001.

In response to a comment that it would be helpful to know the period of the accreditation, the Vice-Provost (Programs) solicited further suggestions for future reports.

#### IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr Szathmáry indicated that she had travelled to Iceland in August with the Premier's delegation, and while there had signed a memorandum of agreement with the University of Akureyri.

The Chair advised that an orientation session had been held just prior to the Senate meeting.

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost reported that preliminary telephone registration figures show an increase of 7% over last year in undergraduate enrolment, with University 1 increasing by 11%, and undergraduate credit hour registration up by 5%. While this will generate additional income for the University, it will also increase the strain on the institution's resources in terms of adequate laboratory and classroom space, teaching resources, etc.

The Vice-President (Research) noted this is a busy time of the year in research areas, with a series of upcoming deadline dates with respect to major competitions of the national granting councils. The new Scientific Director of the CIHR Institute on Healthy Aging will

visit the University of Manitoba during the next few weeks, as will the Scientific Director of the Population Health Institute and the President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research.

The Vice-President (Administration) indicated that a five-year period of capital renewal is underway, thanks primarily to the largesse of the provincial government, and that all the contractors have been asked to try to avoid infringing on the academic processes of the institution as much as possible. The University is beginning the annual budget process, with the *Estimates* to be forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education following the Board of Governors meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

The Vice-President (External) invited members of the University community to attend the Homecoming activities on September 22-24, 2001. The University is planning the launch of a major capital campaign on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. In addition, many special events are being planned to celebrate the University's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary during the year 2002.

#### **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 AUGUST 15, 2001

The following amendments were suggested:

- to the last two sentences of the last paragraph under "Report of the President" (page 3): "Professor Duckworth noted that the individual endowment funds (including the size) are not listed in the report, and that it might be an advantage for these data to be more widely known. Mr McAdam responded that the information is available in a supplementary report and that he will look at the possibility of providing this information on the University's web server. The information for last year is already on the University's web server, and the information for the current year will soon be placed on the web site." [changes shown in bold face]; and
- 2) Dean J Wiens should be shown as being present.

It was MOVED by Professor Dronzek, seconded by Professor Secco, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on August 15, 2001 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED** 

#### VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

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

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

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2. Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee

Professor Halden reported that the Planning and Priorities Committee is reviewing the *Estimates*, as well as proposed course changes in the Department of Physics and Astronomy.

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

1. Report of the Senate
Committee on Instruction and Evaluation
on an Amendment to
the Attendance Policy in the Faculty of Nursing

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The Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation considered a recommendation from the Faculty of Nursing which will state that students who have missed class due to illness may be required to provide a certificate of illness, to be signed by a recognized health care provider. One-day absences will not require the certificate.

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

It was MOVED by Professor Ogden THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation regarding an amendment to the attendance policy in the Faculty of Nursing dated June 20, 2001.

CARRIED

2. Report of the Senate

<u>Committee on Nominations</u>

Hand-out

This report deals with a number of remaining vacancies on various committees of Senate.

It was MOVED by Professor Dronzek THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Nominations dated September 5, 2001.

CARRIED

#### X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - none

#### XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

These minutes, pp 1 to 6, together with the material handed out at the door as well as the agenda, pp 7 to 51, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on September 5, 2001.

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