

October 3, 2001

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
Ms M Alcock
Prof D Amundson
Prof J Anderson
Mr S Bajaj
Mr G Bhatt
Ms L Bissett
Dean H Bjarnason
Prof B Blakley
Prof M Bowring
Prof J Boyd
Prof B Bright
Mr N Chadha
Prof D Chow
Prof P Choy
Prof W Christie
Dean D Collins
Prof J Cooper
Prof G Crow
Prof B Dronzek
Prof H Duckworth
Mr G Dureault
Prof M Feld
Prof H Friesen
Prof M Gabbert
Dr J Gardner
Prof S Gessler
Ms E Goldie
Prof L Graff
Dean J Gray
Ms J Henderson
Warden J Hoskins
Prof T Howorth
Dean J Jamieson
Mr A Kaushal
Dr J Keselman
Prof E Kroeger
Mr J Kuffner
Prof D Lonis
Mr N Louizos
Prof A Louka
Prof S Ludwig
Mr M McAdam
Ms Michaud-Oystryk
Dr D Morphy
Prof C Mossman

Mr B Nurbakhsh
Dean R O'Kell
Dr V Olender
Prof B Payne
Dean A Percival
Ms C Presser
Prof D Punter
Prof W Rennie
Recteur P Ruest
Dean D Ruth
Prof A Secco
Dean H Sector
Prof G Sevenhuysen
Prof K Simons
Ms R Singh
Prof L Spearman
Rector J Stapleton
Prof B Stimpson
Prof J Svenne
Prof G Tabisz
Prof A Tate
Prof L Taylor
Prof M Thomas
Mr K Toyne
Prof R van Acker
Prof J van Rees
Prof L Wallace
Prof E Walz
Dean J Wiens
Prof R Wiest
Prof J Williams
Dean D Witty
Mr C Yeung
Prof P Zahradka
Ms M Zirk
Ms B Sawicki,
University Secretary
Ms S Plett,
Recording Secretary

Assessors present:

Mr J Bhamra
Prof B Cameron
Prof W Dahlgren
Mr P Dueck
Prof P Fortier
Prof N Halden
Prof E Haque
Mr J Kusie

Mr R Levin
Dr R Lobdell

Also present:

Ms E Fenton: student

Prof H Frankel:
Faculty of Social
Work

Prof A Gerhard:
Faculty of Science

Dr L Smith: Director,
Student Advocacy

Mr V Teetaert: The
Manitoban

Regrets:

Dean R Bird
Prof D Bose
Dean F de Toro
Dean J de Vries
Dean D Fuchs
Prof G Giesbrecht
Dean D Gregory
Prof L Guse
Dean B Hennen
Dean D Hrycaiko
Prof W Kops
Ms A Lawson
Prof J Long
Prof G McClarty
Mr M Niziol
Dr W Norrie
Prof M Stern
Prof D Strong
Mr G Teti
Ms W Thiessen
Prof K Wrogemann
Prof A Young

Absent:

Prof A Angel
Mr D Azuelos
Mr A Dixon

Prof J Gartner
Dr G Gerbrandt
Prof A Gole
Prof L Grant
Ms L Herzog
Prof J Irvine
Ms C Isaak
Dr D Jayas
Ms A Jones
Prof E Judd
Prof L Kaminski
Mr S Kemp
Prof B Law
Mr P Lomza
Prof K Markstrom
Mr V Mattheos
Ms P Nicholls
Mr J Raftis
Dr J Raymond
Prof P Singal
Mr P Sliwowski
Mr D Smith
Prof D Smyth
Mr J Spark
Mr M Teclemariam
Dr R Théberge
Ms C Vatamaniuck
Prof J Whiteley

In addition, the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes approved, on behalf of Senate, a number of changes to the Applied Counselling Certificate Program in the Continuing Education Division.

It was MOVED by Professor Dronzek THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes dated September 6, 2001.

CARRIED

V **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 September 5, 2001, the Senate Committee on Awards approved four new awards, four award amendments, and one award withdrawal (as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated September 6, 2001). All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

On April 25, 2001, Senate Executive referred back an amendment to the *University of Manitoba Distinguished Dissertation Award* (page 29), as it was felt that proper procedure had not been followed. The Senate Committee on Awards is now resubmitting this amendment, following a review of the process.

Dean O'Kell noted that the Faculty of Arts still has a number of concerns with the proposed amendments, in particular with the phrase "made a ground-breaking novel contribution to their academic discipline": what evidence would be needed to make clear that this has happened, and who is competent to judge? Dr Duckworth observed that he thought all dissertations are equal and there should be no such prize at all. The Chair observed that the Director of Enrolment Services was present, and would take notice of the remarks and inform the Senate Committee on Awards about these concerns.

2. **Interdisciplinary Master's
Program in Disability Studies**

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On May 9, 2001, Senate approved the proposal for the establishment of an interdisciplinary graduate degree program in disability studies. Following similar

approval by the Board of Governors in June, the proposal was forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE), together with a request for baseline funding of \$145,000. COPSE has now advised that it will consider all program funding requests for 2002-03 early in the 2002 calendar year.

3. ***In Memoriam:***
Dr Allen Maurice Lansdown Page 32

VI **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

1. **Bi-Annual Report on the
Status of Recommendations
Made in the Task Force Report
Building on Strengths** Page 33

The most recent bi-annual report contains four sections: 1) a statistical summary of the progress made on the Task Force recommendations; 2) a table showing allocations for priority areas of strategic investment; 3) a written text of initiatives undertaken as a consequence of the contributions of the academic units toward accomplishing the goals of the Task Force; and 4) a sequential list of the recommendations with actions taken to date.

The President expressed regret that due to an oversight no information had been collected from the Continuing Education Division or the Colleges for this report.

2. **President's Report 3 October 2001** Page 77

The President described the content of her written report, as well as the list of external activities undertaken since June, which comprises Part B of the report. She drew Senate's attention to some highlights, including the Deans' and Directors' Retreat regarding the development of a University plan for recruitment and retention of the professoriat. She called on the Vice-Presidents to augment the report by adding some remarks on their own spheres of activities.

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost advised that he wished to add his congratulations to the individuals noted in this report, including students, faculty and staff members.

The Vice-President (Research) advised that, of the two applications the University submitted to the new opportunities competition of the Canada Foundation for Innovation, both were successful. The University now does not expect to hear the results of the innovation fund awards until the beginning of January. This is because several site visits by international panels of experts have had to be cancelled because of the terrorist attacks on September 11th. One of the University's letters of intent to the international access fund has been invited to proceed to the full

proposal stage.

The Vice-President (External) noted that the annual homecoming activities were a success, with record attendance. She also referred to the very successful annual general meeting of the Board of Governors which was held on September 25th.

The Vice-President (Administration) advised that the Strategic Initiatives Fund report and the report on the campus master plan will be available on the University's web site shortly. He added that the CAW is currently on strike at the University, but that negotiations are continuing and he hopes for a speedy resolution.

Professor Gabbert drew attention to the University's anti-discrimination policy, which he indicated requires the University to accommodate students who refuse to cross picket lines for political reasons. He asked that, should an UMFA strike occur, information regarding that policy be made widely available. Mr McAdam advised that he would check and take necessary action.

VII QUESTION PERIOD

The following questions were submitted:

1. By Jason Kuffner, student Senator from the Asper School of Business: "Can a schedule of Senate committee meetings, both past and planned, be distributed with the Senate agenda, in a similar fashion to the informative President's report?"

The Chair indicated that this has been addressed by the University Secretary.

2. By Amit Kaushal, student Senator from the Faculty of Science: "Can the President please inform the Senate as to the progress of the proposal to create a Faculty of Earth, Environment and Resource Sciences?"

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost advised that this proposal, together with a proposal to create a School of the Environment, has been referred to the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee for advice.

3. By Nicholas Louizos, UMSU President: "The Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Administration are considering a fairly substantial change to the fee structure of graduate students. Can the President inform Senate what the academic implications are for graduate students of this fee increase, and if this fee increase is considered to be an increase in tuition?"

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost indicated that the fee increase may mean some individuals are unable to continue their graduate programs for financial reasons; such cases will be dealt with on an individual basis. It may also deter future enrolment, although graduate fees at many other universities are much

higher.

The Vice-President (Administration) advised that the increase is considered to be a tuition fee increase, so it will be subject to approval by the provincial government.

4. By Sunil Bajaj, student Senator from the Asper School of Business: "The study tunnel between Wallace and Armes is now closed between the hours of 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Can the President explain why students are being denied needed study space on campus?"

The President noted that control of this space is vested in the Dean of Science.

The Associate Dean of the Faculty of Science explained that this action was taken to improve security in the Parker Building, which contains chemistry laboratories.

5. By James Kusie, UMSU Vice-President: "There are numerous reports of students missing tests due to delays caused by CAW picket lines. Can the President inform Senate what action will be taken to ensure the academic standing of students is not negatively affected by the CAW strike?"

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost advised that deans and directors have been advised to assure students are accommodated on an individual basis. If any students feel they have received unfair treatment, they should contact the Office of the Student Advocate.

The students had also submitted a number of questions about the possibility of a strike by UMFA. The Chair indicated that, though she understands their concerns and their need to report to the constituencies, she cannot comment on those questions, as a response could be construed as an attempt to disrupt the ongoing bargaining process. However, the President and Vice-President of UMSU are members of the Student Relations Committee, which includes members of the President's Office. Committee members are aware of the issues and how they would be handled. The student Senators could direct specific questions to them as well. The President then asked Dr Gardner to respond to the remaining ten questions in a general manner.

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost stated that, if there is an UMFA strike, his office will be providing "information bulletins" via the print and other media, e-mail, written flyers, etc. If there is a strike, Senate Executive and Senate will consider issues relating to the academic schedule.

VIII **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2001**

It was **MOVED** by Professor Blakley, seconded by Professor Duckworth, **THAT** the minutes of the Senate meeting held on September 5, 2001 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IX **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES** - none

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

1. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** Page 97
2. **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Halden reported that SPPC is considering course changes in the Department of Physics and Astronomy. In addition, the Committee is considering the proposals for a Faculty of Earth, Environment and Resource Sciences and a School of the Environment. Because he is a member of a Department directly affected by the proposed new Faculty, the Vice-Chair of SPPC, Dr Juris Svenne, will oversee SPPC's consideration of the proposals.

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

1. **Report of the Senate
Committee on Nominations** Hand-out

This report, which was handed out at the door, deals with staff and student vacancies on Senate Committees.

It was **MOVED** by Professor Dronzek **THAT** Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Nominations dated October 2, 2001.

CARRIED

XII **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

1. **Review to Determine the Continuation
of a Single University Secretariat** Page 98

The Secretariats of Senate and the Board of Governors were merged into one unit

effective January 1, 1999. At that time it was determined that a review of the merged unit should take place within three years.

It is now recommended that an *ad hoc* committee be established to conduct that review, with a proposed membership of two members of the Board of Governors and two members of Senate.

The Board of Governors has appointed Mr Paul Soubry and Mr Ron Black as its two members on the *ad hoc* committee.

The Dean of Arts expressed his hope that the committee will seek wide consultation with members of Senate.

It was MOVED by Professor Secco, seconded by Professor Anderson, THAT:

- 1. an *ad hoc* committee consisting of two members of the Senate and two members of the Board of Governors be established to:**
 - a) review the effectiveness with which the Office of the University Secretary supports the work of the Board of Governors and of Senate; and**
 - b) submit a report of its review to both the Board of Governors and to Senate, with a recommendation as to whether the Board of Governors and Senate approve the continuation of the University Secretary;**
- 2. the review consist of an assessment of:**
 - a) the accomplishments of the Office of the University Secretary between January 1, 1999 and the date of the review; and**
 - b) whether the Office of the University Secretary has effectively supported the work of the Board of Governors and of Senate.**

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Nominations were then opened.

Professor Gabbert nominated Professor H Duckworth of the Faculty of Science, but he declined the nomination.

Dean O'Kell nominated Professor J Anderson of the Faculty of Medicine.

Professor Secco nominated Professor J Cooper of the School of Medical Rehabilitation.

Mr Louizos nominated Mr K Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law.

Professor Duckworth nominated Professor M Feld of the Faculty of Arts.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed.

Following a secret ballot vote, Professor Anderson and Professor Cooper were elected to the *ad hoc* committee.

XIII **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

These minutes, pp 1 to 9, together with the material handed out at the door as well as the agenda, pp 17 to 100, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on October 3, 2001.

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