

SENATE MINUTES

November 7, 2001



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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,
Acting Chair
Prof M Abrahams
Ms M Alcock
Prof D Amundson
Prof J Anderson
Prof A Angel
Mr S Bajaj
Mr G Bhatt
Prof B Blakley
Prof D Bose
Prof M Bowring
Prof J Boyd
Mr N Chadha
Prof D Chow
Prof P Choy
Prof W Christie
Dean D Collins
Dean F de Toro
Dean J de Vries
Prof B Dronzek
Prof H Duckworth
Mr G Dureault
Prof M Feld
Mr D Foster
Prof H Friesen
Dean D Fuchs
Prof M Gabbert
Prof S Gessler
Prof G Giesbrecht
Ms E Goldie
Prof A Gole
Prof L Graff
Dean J Gray
Ms J Henderson
Dean B Hennen
Prof T Howorth
Dean D Hrycaiko
Ms C Isaak
Dean J Jamieson
Mr A Kaushal
Dr J Keselman
Prof E Kroeger
Mr J Kuffner
Prof B Law
Mr P Lomza
Prof J Long
Prof D Lonis

Mr N Louizos
Prof A Louka
Mr S Macleod
Mr M McAdam
Ms Michaud-Oystryk
Dr D Morphy
Prof C Mossman
Ms P Nicholls
Dr W Norrie
Mr B Nurbakhsh
Dean R O'Kell
Dr V Olender
Prof B Payne
Dean A Percival
Ms C Presser
Mr J Raftis
Dean D Ruth
Prof A Secco
Dean H Sector
Prof G Sevenhuysen
Prof K Simons
Prof P Singal
Mr D Smith
Prof L Spearman
Rector J Stapleton
Prof M Stern
Prof B Stimpson
Prof J Svenne
Prof G Tabisz
Prof A Tate
Prof L Taylor
Prof M Thomas
Mr K Toyne
Prof J van Rees
Prof E Walz
Dean J Wiens
Prof R Wiest
Prof J Williams
Dean D Witty
Prof K Wrogemann
Mr C Yeung
Prof A Young
Prof P Zahradka
Ms M Zirk
Ms B Sawicki,
University Secretary
Ms S Plett,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present:

Prof B Cameron
Prof W Dahlgren
Mr P Dueck
Prof P Fortier
Prof N Halden
Prof W Kops
Mr J Kusie
Mr R Levin
Dr R Lobdell
Mr M Niziol

Also Present:

Mr D Barbour: The
Bulletin
Mr K Doerksen:
Canadian Forces
Program
Mr J Fiorino: student
Mr S Gordiyenko:
student
Mr S Greenberg:
Student Records
Ms E Morphy:
Enrolment Services
Prof G Robinson:
Faculty of Science
Dr L Smith: Student
Advocacy

Regrets:

Dean R Bird
Prof B Bright
Prof J Cooper
Dean D Gregory
Warden J Hoskins
Dr D Jayas
Prof E Judd
Ms A Lawson
Prof S Ludwig
Prof D Punter
Rector P Ruest
Ms R Singh
Prof D Strong
Dr E.J.E. Szathmáry
Ms W Thiessen
Prof R van Acker
Prof L Wallace

Absent:

Mr D Azuelos
Mr J Bhamra
Ms L Bissett
Dean H Bjarnason
Prof G Crow
Mr A Dixon
Prof J Gartner
Dr G Gerbrandt
Prof L Grant
Prof L Guse
Prof E Haque
Ms L Herzog
Prof J Irvine
Ms A Jones
Prof L Kaminski
Prof G McClarty
Prof K Markstrom
Mr V Mattheos
Dr J Raymond
Prof W Rennie
Mr P Sliwowski
Prof D Smyth
Mr J Spark
Dr R Théberge
Ms C Vatamaniuck
Prof J Whiteley

for this program.

The Vice-Provost (Programs) has authorized implementation on behalf of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.

The Vice-Provost (Programs) advised the second sentence of the third paragraph (page 28) should be corrected to read: "Over the next five years ten cohorts will have been taken through the program, and about 300 persons will have **begun** the diploma" [change shown in bold face].

3. **Academic Schedule**

The Chair indicated there have been a number of inquiries about whether there should be an alteration to the academic schedule in view of the recent work stoppage by the faculty association. Following consultation with various units and individuals, the Office of the President has concluded that the strike was not long enough or extensive enough to warrant any changes to the academic term or the examination period.

Professor Feld stated his intention to recommend an extension to the academic schedule under *Business Arising From the Minutes*.

IV **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The Vice-President (External) invited individuals to attend the launch of the *Building on Strengths* campaign on November 22nd.

The Vice-President (Research) advised that Dr John O'Neil (Community Health Sciences) has received a five-year grant of \$2.5 million from CIHR to establish a training program in the Centre for Aboriginal Health Research. The training program will create a collaborative research environment where scientists and Aboriginal communities and organizations can work together to produce new knowledge addressing health issues in Aboriginal communities. The grant will support the development of a cadre of Aboriginal health researchers at the Manitoba First Nations Centre for Aboriginal Health Research at the University of Manitoba. This is one of four regional centres funded by CIHR.

The federal and provincial governments are contributing \$12 million towards the building of a new research and development centre in the nutraceutical and functional food industry. The new facility, which will be located at SmartPark, will house up to 90 researchers from several disciplines, including the Faculties of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Human Ecology, Medicine and Pharmacy.

Forty-eight researchers submitted applications to the recent Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) competitions. Thirty-eight of these were to the Standard Research Grants Program and ten were to the Initiative on the New Economy

Program.

V **QUESTION PERIOD**

The following questions were submitted:

1. By Amit Kaushal, student Senator from the Faculty of Science: "Students are still being denied access to study space in the Faculty of Science. Can the President please inform Senate what security risks the Science complex is facing, what other measures have been taken, and if an alternative solution exists that does not take away much needed study space from hundreds of students?"

The Dean of Science responded as follows:

"The issue is the security of the Parker Building. This building houses the chemical laboratories of the Faculty and is the most dangerous building in the Faculty. It is the practice to lock the Faculty's buildings at nights and on weekends, but until recently it was not possible to lock the Parker Building. Renovations to the doors have made this possible. The SSA has been consulted and, while they have concerns about the loss of study space, they realize that security for the building is important.

"When the renovations to make the locking of Parker possible were being undertaken, the city was consulted with a request that the study area between Armes and Parker be treated as a room with a single exit into Armes and the Parker end of the tunnel link locked. This request was refused. The effect is to make the tunnel essentially a room in Parker so that when Parker is locked the link must be locked.

"The associate Dean responsible for safety in the Faculty is concerned about Parker. There have been thefts of computers from the building. In one case a steel door was broken and in another access was gained to a room by cutting through the wall. The department head has also expressed concern about safety. Faculty and graduate students work in the building at all hours. And of course there is the inherent danger in giving open access to a building which houses dangerous chemicals.

"The locking of Parker was initiated long before the events of September 11, but those events make it even more important that this building be secure.

"Students have 24/7 access to study areas in Machray Hall and to the lounge in Armes. In discussions with the SSA the associate Dean responsible has agreed to consider extending the times when the room is open during the exam period if the remaining study space in the Science Complex is insufficient to meet demand in off hours."

2. By Kevin Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law: "The October 31, 2001 edition of the *Manitoban* includes a letter from Julia Fletcher, a student member of the Board of Governors. She repeatedly contacted Campus Security on the emergency number 555 regarding a gentleman passed out in a bush in -12 degree Celsius weather, wearing shorts and a T-shirt. When her concerns were finally taken seriously she was told to go find some security on her own in University Centre. Can the President please inform the Senate why students should feel safe being on campus in the evening when Campus Security lets them fend for themselves?"

The Vice-President (Administration) emphasized this was an anomalous situation and does not represent a typical response from Campus Security. The individual in question made a very poor judgement, and has been dealt with by Campus Security. In addition, apologies have been extended to the student and her family.

3. By Nicholas Louizos, UMSU President: "The *Winnipeg Free Press* on November 5, 2001 contained an article on the proposed doubling of tuition for graduate students. Can the President please inform Senate why we are considering doubling graduate tuition when the U of M has a reputation for accessibility?"

The Vice-President (Administration) stated that there is no plan to double tuition for graduate students. The issue at hand relates to the continuing registration fee, which is currently assessed at \$600 per annum. The Graduate Students Fee Committee had recommended that that fee be increased to \$1200, but Mr McAdam confirmed that suggestion will not be acted upon.

4. By Babak Nurbakhsh, student Senator from the Faculty of Dentistry: "Students who study in the Brodie Centre are finding it difficult to focus and concentrate when non-students use the Brodie Centre as a multi-purpose facility. Can the President inform Senate of what measures have, or can be taken to ensure that Bannatyne students are not chased from their study space?"

The Vice-President (Administration) advised that he will ask the Associate Vice-President (Administration) to meet with operational personnel and student groups about the appropriate protocol for the use of that space.

5. By James Kusie, UMSU Vice-President: "Several months have passed since the Minister of Advanced Education proposed changes to the differential fees charged to foreign students. Can the President please inform Senate what, if any, progress has been made in making the U of M more accessible to students from around the world?"

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost noted that the University provided information on this matter to the Council on Post-Secondary Education, but that nothing further has been heard since then.

6. By Kevin Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law: "Many students' academic careers were interfered with during the strike by UMFA. Can the President please quantify this interference: how many classes were cancelled, the number of tests and midterms rescheduled or cancelled, how many students, if any, were subjected to incidents of picket line violence, etc.?"

The Vice-Provost (Student Affairs) noted that the student communiques which were circulated from his office during the work stoppage asked students to contact the Office of Student Advocacy if they had any concerns arising from the strike. Although that office received some requests for general information, they had no specific requests for follow-up.

7. By Kevin Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law: "It is unfortunate so many on campus still subscribe to old fashioned class-warfare attitudes and believe that students are to be used as pawns during labour negotiations. Can the President please inform Senate when labour negotiations on campus will follow the spirit of her November 1st article in the *Bulletin*, where the interests of students come first and not as an after-thought?"

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost responded that labour negotiations are conducted according to provincial law, which provides a certified union with the right to strike and an employer with the right to lock union members out. He thinks that in the near future the Administration will propose to UMFA some mechanism, perhaps a form of binding arbitration, that is scheduled in such a way that the academic terms are not disrupted.

VI **CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2001**

Professor Gabbert suggested that the following be added at the bottom of page 6: "The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost added that he recognizes the University's obligation to accommodate students who refuse to cross picket lines".

Mr Toyne noted that the student Senate caucus had submitted 15 questions for the last Senate meeting, although the Chair felt it was not appropriate to provide answers to 10 of those questions because of the negotiations that were ongoing at the time. However, he suggested that the questions themselves should be reflected in the Senate minutes, as follows:

- "6. By Nicholas Louizos, UMSU President: Students on campus are very concerned about the possibility of a strike by UMFA. Can the President inform Senate if a contingency plan is in place to ensure the academic careers of students are not jeopardized as they were in 1995?
- "7. By Kevin Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law: Students in the Faculty

of Education participate in 5 week teaching blocks, during which they are evaluated by faculty. Can the President inform Senate of what impact a strike by UMFA will have on students who depend on these practicums to satisfy degree requirements?

- "8. By James Kusie, UMSU Vice-President: Can the President inform the Senate in the event of a strike by UMFA, will students be granted academic amnesty if they choose not to cross a picket line?
- "9. By Kevin Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law: Can the President inform the Senate in the event of a strike by UMFA, how accessible will libraries be to students who wish to continue their studies while their professors walk picket lines?
- "10. By Sunil Bajaj, student Senator from the Asper School of Business: Can the President inform the Senate in the event of a strike by UMFA, how long must professors be on strike before the academic term is cancelled?
- "11. By Jason Kuffner, student Senator from the Asper School of Business: Can the President inform the Senate in the event of a strike by UMFA, will courses and exams be deferred, and if so, what implications will this have on the academic career of students?
- "12. By Amit Kaushal, student Senator from the Faculty of Science: Can the President inform the Senate in the event of a strike by UMFA, will students receive a refund and if so, how much?
- "13. By Kevin Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law: Can the President inform the Senate in the event of a strike by UMFA, if academic terms are cancelled, how will they be rescheduled?
- "14. By James Kusie, UMSU Vice-President: Can the President inform the Senate in the event of a strike by UMFA, will graduation ceremonies be deferred?
- "15. By Kevin Toyne, student Senator from the Faculty of Law: Can the President inform the Senate if the University will be closed if both CAW and UMFA are on strike simultaneously?"

It was MOVED by Professor Duckworth, seconded by Professor Secco, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on October 3, 2001 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Professor Feld thought the University is obligated to provide the teaching for the classes for which students have paid.

It was **MOVED** by Professor Feld, seconded by Professor Gabbert, **THAT** the academic year be extended in those cases where students were affected by the work stoppage, to provide a chance for the students to receive the lectures and seminars they have missed.

A number of individuals spoke against the motion, for the following reasons:

- ▶ faculties have adapted and are fully operational: adjusting the term would create problems;
- ▶ the student Senate caucus is not in favour of extending the term, because of students' planned work schedules during the Christmas break;
- ▶ it normally takes the Student Records Office 7 or 8 working days to develop an examination schedule: the relative weight and value of adjusting it at this time would be quite outweighed by the disruptions it would cause to students;
- ▶ adjusting the exam schedule would mean the University would be unable to maintain its commitment to students about not having to write more than two examinations in a row; and
- ▶ overall, more than half the courses carried on without disruption during the strike.

Professor Feld then withdrew his motion, with the agreement of the seconder.

The Chair reminded students of the resources available for those individuals with concerns arising from the strike.

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

1. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** Page 29
2. **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Halden reported that the Committee is considering a number of course and program changes, as well as the proposals for a Faculty of Earth, Environment and Resource Sciences and for an Interdisciplinary School of the Environment.

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

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

This report deals with a replacement for a member of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee.

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

CARRIED

X **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

1. **Report of the Cross-functional Committee to Consider Issues Relating to Certificate and Diploma Programs at the University of Manitoba**

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An *ad hoc* committee to consider issues relating to certificate and diploma programs was created in June of 2000. The committee was given broad representation from across the campus.

One of the committee's first activities was to canvass faculties and schools with regard to existing non-degree programs at the University (Appendix "B"). A taxonomy (Appendix "A") was then developed which includes six non-degree program credentials: Short Courses and Programs, Certificates, Post Baccalaureate Certificates, Diplomas, Post Baccalaureate Diplomas, and Graduate Diplomas.

Professor Robinson explained that the taxonomy as set out in Appendix "A" will be a useful guide for units to follow when developing new non-degree programs.

Dean O'Kell advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

With regard to the "Approvals Process" of the taxonomy, the Executive Committee suggested that the process for Certificates and Post Baccalaureate Certificates be revised to read: "Faculty Council (with report to Senate for concurrence prior to implementation)". The suggestion has been incorporated into the taxonomy.

With regard to pages 48 and 49, Professor Thomas pointed out that recent legislative changes pertaining to psychologists and social workers may affect the functioning of the certificates.

The Chair indicated that his comment will be taken under advisement.

A number of individuals spoke in favour of the report, and congratulations were extended to the Chair and Committee members.

It was **MOVED** by Professor Feld, seconded by Professor Secco, **THAT** Senate approve:

- (a) the Non-Degree Programs Taxonomy, as set out in Appendix "A" to the Report of the Cross-functional Committee to consider issues relating to certificate and diploma programs at the University of Manitoba [dated October 10, 2001]; and
- (b) the New Non-Degree Program Credentials (including "Exempt" status programs), as set out in the 4th column of Appendix "B" to the Report of the Cross-functional Committee to consider issues relating to certificate and diploma programs at the University of Manitoba [dated October 12, 2001].

FURTHER THAT Senate recommend Administration consider and address technical and resource issues related to:

- (a) student designation for individuals admitted to Certificate and Post Baccalaureate Certificate programs; and
- (b) the integration of record keeping systems/functions for degree and non-degree students.

FURTHER THAT the Cross-functional Committee to consider issues relating to certificate and diploma programs at the University of Manitoba be disbanded.

CARRIED

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

These minutes, pp 1 to 10, together with the material handed out at the door as well as the agenda, pp 17 to 55, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on November 7, 2001.

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Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations

Preamble

1. The terms of reference for the Senate Committee on Nominations (SCN) are found on page 10.21 of the *Senate Handbook* (1992).
2. Professor P. Kaufert, a member of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee (SPPC) to May 31, 2002, is presently on research leave and has requested that the SCN find a replacement for the unexpired portion of her term.

Observations

1. Dr. Kaufert was the only member of SPPC from the Bannatyne Campus, a requirement in the terms of reference. Thus the SCN representative from the Bannatyne Campus was requested to find a replacement.

Recommendation

The Senate Committee on Nominations recommends to Senate that Dr. Aubie Angel, a Senator, replace Professor Pat Kaufert on the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee to May 31, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Dronzek, Chair
Committee on Nominations

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THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

*Dr. Emőke J. E. Szathmáry
President and Vice-Chancellor*

and

Chair of Senate

cordially invites you to a reception

on

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

4:00 p.m.

*Beausejour Room
University Centre*

*RSVP to 474-9593
prior to November 30, 2001*