

September 4, 2002

**Minutes of a Meeting of Senate held on the Above Date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room 245, Engineering Building**

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**Members Present**

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry,  
Chair  
Prof. D. Amundson  
Prof. J. Anderson  
Prof. A. Angel  
Prof. T. Anna  
Mr. M. Banman  
Dean R. Bird  
Ms. L. Bissett  
Dean H. Bjarnason  
Prof. D. Bose  
Prof. B. Bright  
Prof. S. Cheng  
Prof. P. Choy  
Prof. J. Cooper  
Prof. G. Crow  
Dean W. Dahlgren  
Ms. D. Defries  
Dean J. de Vries  
Dr. V. Dhruvarajan  
Prof. W. Diehl-Jones  
Dean. B. Dronzek  
Prof. H. Duckworth  
Mr. G. Dureault  
Prof. M. Feld  
Mr. D. Foster  
Ms. H. Friesen  
Dean D. Fuchs  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Ms. J. Gill  
Mr. R. Gill  
Ms. E. Goldie  
Prof. L. Graff  
Dean J. Gray  
Mr. S. Gregg  
Ms. J. Grift  
Dean B. Hennen  
Dr. J. Hoskins  
Prof. T. Howorth  
Dean D. Hrycaiko  
Prof. T. Ivanco  
Dean J. Jamieson  
Prof. L. Kaminski  
Dr. R. Kerr

Dr. J. Keselman  
Prof. C. Kristjanson  
Mr. J. Kuffner  
Mr. M. Kula  
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk  
Prof. J. Long  
Prof. D. Lonis  
Mr. N. Louizos  
Prof. A. Louka  
Mr. M. McAdam  
Prof. G. McClarty  
Ms. N. Micaud-Oystryk  
Dr. D. Morphy  
Prof. C. Mossman  
Mr. D. Muller  
Ms. P. Nicholls  
Dr. V. Olender  
Prof. W.B. Palatnick  
Prof. B. Payne  
Dean A. Percival  
Ms. C. Presser  
Prof. D. Punter  
Prof. G. Ramu  
Mr. R. Riyaz  
Recteur P. Ruest  
Dean D. Ruth  
Dean A. Secco  
Dean H. Secter  
Ms. A. Sen  
Prof. G. Sevenhuysen  
Ms. M. Singal  
Mr. D. Smith  
Prof. D. Smyth  
Prof. R. Sparling  
Ms. K. Spiers  
Prof. B. Stimpson  
Prof. D. Strong  
Prof. N. Subotincic  
Prof. A. Tate  
Prof L. Taylor  
Prof. J. van Rees  
Prof. L. Wallace  
Dr. E. Walz  
Dean D. Witty  
Prof. P. Zaharadka  
Ms B Sawicki,

University Secretary  
Mr J Leclerc,  
Academic Specialist

**Assessors Present**

Mr. P. Dueck  
Mr. J. Kusie  
Dr. R. Lobdell  
Prof. K. Ogden  
Ms. S. Ronald  
Prof. E. Troutt

**Regrets**

Prof. S Bruce  
Dr. B. Cameron  
Prof. W. Christie  
Dean D. Collins  
Prof. A. Esau  
Prof. S. Gessler  
Dean D. Gregory  
Prof. N. Halden  
Dr. D. Jayas  
Prof. E. Judd  
Prof. B. Kops  
Mr. C. Kozier  
Prof. B. Law  
Mr. B. McKentry  
Ms. A. Morrow  
Dr. W. Norrie  
Dean R. O'Kell  
Prof. K. Simons  
Prof. P. Singal  
Prof. L. Spearman  
Rector J. Stapleton  
Prof. R. van Acker  
Prof. M. Vrontakis  
Mr. G. Walker  
Dean J. Wiens  
Prof. K. Wrogemann  
Prof. A. Young

**Absent**

Ms. M. Alcock

Prof. M. Bowring  
Prof. R. Burleson  
Mr. S. Chandana  
Ms. T. Desrochers  
Mr. J. Fiorino  
Dr. G. Gerbrandt  
Mr. S. Gordienko  
Prof. L. Grant  
Dr. C. E. Haque  
Prof. P. Hawranik  
Ms. C. Isaak  
Prof. S. Ludwig  
Mr. V. Narayanasami  
Prof. J. Oakes  
Mr. P. Olownia  
Mr. G. Ramos  
Dr. J. Raymond  
Prof. W. Rennie  
Mr. A. Robertson  
Prof. A. Sebak  
Ms. M. Singh  
Prof. R. Théberge  
Prof. J. Williams

**Also Present**

Mr. A. Ashcroft  
Dean K. Grant  
Ms. L. Jouan  
Mr. R. Kinley  
Ms. L. Hunter  
Dr. L. Smith  
Ms. N. Callaghan  
Ms. B. Usick



3. Correspondence from the Vice-President (Academic)  
and Provost re: SEEQ \_\_\_\_\_

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The Office of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, on the advice of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation (SCIE), is implementing a web-based password protected publication of SEEQ results. Under *The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FIPPA), all instructors will have to give informed consent to their results being published on the web.

At the November 7, 1996 Senate meeting, Senate approved the SEEQ process and charged the Office of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost to “be responsible for monitoring the process and reporting to Senate from time to time”. As such, this matter is being brought forward to Senate for information by the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost.

In the subsequent discussion, some concern was expressed regarding the SEEQ survey and its effectiveness. Dean Dahlgren explained that the Committee was charged to look at ways by which the existing SEEQ data could be made more accessible and did not discuss other SEEQ-related issues.

Professor Gabbert feared that the wider publication of the SEEQ data could lead to pressure on instructors and therefore to grade inflation. He also felt that the results could affect the way the students registered and that some student responses to open-ended questions on the SEEQ were sometimes ageist and racist. In response it was noted that these issues are beyond the mandate of the sub-committee and had no bearing on the recommendation brought forward.

Professor Gabbert also inquired as to who “other persons authorized by the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost to have access to the data” would be. Mr. Ashcroft from IST indicated that some academic administrators and some members of his office who post the data on the web would require access to this data.

Some concern was expressed that this matter was brought to Senate for information and not for debate. Dr. Szathmáry drew Senate’s attention to the November 7, 1996 Senate meeting where Senate gave the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost to administer the process and report to Senate from time to time on said administration.

With regard to queries regarding security, Mr. Ashcroft indicated that there would be a log of every access to the data and the log would be monitored to note and large amounts of evaluations being looked up by any one user. Mr. Kusie added that the web process will be more secure than the current process whereby anyone off the street can go to the libraries or the UMSU offices and read the evaluations.

Mr. Kusie also noted that this was not an issue of the effectiveness of SEEQ, but rather one of access to the data, and that he would rather students have the SEEQ information to make their choices rather than using the information provided by sources like [www.ratemyprofessors.com](http://www.ratemyprofessors.com) which are less than objective or scientific.

Professor Duckworth raised three questions relating to SEEQ process, namely:

- could the SEEQ results be made available sooner?
- could overall results for the University be made available?
- could students do the SEEQ survey directly on the web?

The President referred the questions to the Vice-President (Academic) for further response.

Professor Stimpson saw no problem with the proposal and suggested that after a few years the practice might be evaluated to ensure that there haven't been new levels of bureaucracy created.

Dean Secco expressed his concern that his item was coming to Senate for information as this change is quite different from that which was originally approved. He also stated that instructors should have access to their own evaluations on the web.

Professor Troutt expressed concerns about the informed consent form, questioning what constitutes informed consent. In response, Professor Bright, on behalf of the Executive Committee, drew attention to the Executive Committee's comments on page 39 of the agenda, noting that the Executive Committee had requested that form be redone to incorporate concerns expressed by members of the Executive Committee.

There was a general discussion and agreement that the Vice-President (Academic) agreed to provide to Senate an annual list of those persons who are given access to the web based SEEQ data.

Professor Taylor noted that the University Teaching Service holds workshops on using the SEEQ instrument more effectively to improve teaching. She acknowledged that the SEEQ may not be well understood or utilized but encouraged instructors and administrators to contact UTS to take part in the workshops.

#### IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry reported that she was in France for the month of August. She was officially on vacation, but spent her entire holiday in a French immersion program. She also reported that her office is in the process of ending the last strategic planning

process *Building on Strengths* and that the final report is currently at the printer.

The President noted that the new strategic planning exercise, one that will have a strong academic focus, is currently beginning and that the terms of reference and task force composition have been distributed to Senate.

Dr. Kerr, the new Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, noted that August has been a time of orientation for him as he participated in a number of orientations, for new faculty, administrators, Senators and the Board of Governors.

He noted that a number of decanal searches will be conducted by his office this year, including searches in Social Work, Graduate Studies, the School of Art, Environment and a decanal review in Dentistry.

With respect to enrolment numbers, Dr. Kerr reported that as of August 28, undergraduate headcounts are up 6.5%, University 1 headcounts are up 6.4% and credit hours are up 3.3%. He also noted that a full breakdown of enrolment by faculty/school will be available on Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> for the first day of classes.

Dr. Keselman, the Vice-President (Research), reported on Dr. Ranjan Roy's election as a fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. This was met with a round of applause. She noted also that Dr. Adele Perry of History was the recipient of the 2002 Canadian Historical Association Clio Award for her book entitled, On the Edge of Empire.

With regard to the construction of the first building in Smart Park, Dr. Keselman reported that construction is underway and that the building will be the home to TRILabs, PMC Canada and Incubat, the University incubator for research commercialization.

Mr. McAdam, Vice-President (Administration), reported that the 2003-04 resource allocation process is underway, beginning with the provincial estimates process. The estimates document has been drafted, and following review by SPPC and the Finance and Administration Committee, will be sent to the Board of Governors.

Mr. McAdam also noted that there are a number of on-going construction projects on campus, and thanked the University community for its forbearance.

Ms. Goldie, Vice-President (External), reported that Homecoming will be held from September 19-22 and that this year's theme is "125 Reasons to Celebrate". During homecoming, 15 class reunions will be held.

With regard to the Public Affairs department, Ms. Goldie reported that the production of 30-second television advertisements is now completed and will provide an opportunity to promote the University during various television events. She also noted that the 2002-03 edition of "Numbers and Notes" was available and encouraged Senators to obtain a copy.

With regard to the Capital Campaign, she noted the recent \$1-million gift from the Manitoba Law Foundation for the expansion of Robson Hall. Finally, the Vice-President (External) advised Senate that the capital campaign has reached \$160,137,079.00 in pledges.

V QUESTION PERIOD

One question was submitted by the Student Senate Caucus. The question was as follows:

“The Student Senate Caucus would like an update from the Presidential Commission [sic] on MacLean’s University Ranking.”

Dr. Szathmáry reported that the Committee was still working and at its next meeting it would be reviewing the draft report. The President also noted that a cash infusion of \$19.6-million might bring the University up one or two levels in the rankings.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that while the University is moving ahead in a number of areas, the way in which MacLean’s constructs their survey tends to hold us back in the rankings. The President advised Senate that it would be informed of the Committee’s conclusions as soon as the final report was ready.

VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF AUGUST 14, 2002

Professor Cooper asked that the first paragraph of the Master’s in Occupational Therapy proposal on page 4 of the minutes be amended to read as follows:

“The School of Medical Rehabilitation is proposing the introduction of an entry-level professional Master’s degree in Occupational Therapy. The proposal has the support of the School of Medical Rehabilitation, the Faculty of Medicine and was endorsed by the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on May 23, 2002. The Provincial government has been kept informed about the proposal and has raised no objections to it moving forward. The Senate Planning and Priorities Committee has also reviewed the report and recommends approval.”

**It was MOVED by Dean Secco, seconded by Professor Cooper, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on August 14, 2002 be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Page 40
2. Report of the Senate  
Planning and Priorities Committee

Professor Svenne, Vice-Chair of SPPC, reported that the Committee would be meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> to consider a number of items.

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

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7, combined with the Agenda, pages 17 to 40 distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the Senate meeting held September 4, 2002

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