

October 2, 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. A. Angel  
Prof. T. Anna  
Mr. M. Banman  
Prof. M. Bowring  
Prof. B. Bright  
Prof. R. Burlison  
Prof. P. Choy  
Prof. W. Christie  
Dean D. Collins  
Prof. J. Cooper  
Dean W. Dahlgren  
Ms. D. Defries  
Dean J. de Vries  
Dr. V. Dhruvarajan  
Prof. B. Dronzek  
Prof. H. Duckworth  
Prof. M. Feld  
Mr. D. Foster  
Prof. H. Friesen  
Dean D. Fuchs  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Ms. E. Goldie  
Prof. L. Graff  
Prof. L. Grant  
Mr. S. Gregg  
Ms. J. Grift  
Dean B. Hennen  
Dr. J. Hoskins  
Prof. T. Howorth  
Prof. T. Ivanco  
Dean J. Jamieson  
Dr. R. Kerr  
Prof. C. Kristjanson  
Mr. J. Kuffner  
Mr. M. Kula  
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk  
Prof. D. Lonis  
Prof. A. Louka  
Prof. L. Ludwig  
Mr. M. McAdam  
Mr. B. McKenty

Dr. D. Morphy  
Mr. D. Muller  
Dr. W. Norrie  
Dean R. O'Kell  
Dr. V. Olender  
Prof. B. Payne  
Ms. C. Presser  
Prof. D. Punter  
Mr. G. Ramos  
Mr. R. Riyaz  
Mr. A. Robertson  
Recteur P. Ruest  
Dean A. Secco  
Dean H. Secter  
Ms. A. Sen  
Prof. G. Sevenhuysen  
Prof. K. Simons  
Mr. D. Smith  
Prof. R. Sparling  
Prof. L. Spearman  
Ms. K. Spiers  
Rector J. Stapleton  
Dean B. Stimpson  
Prof. N. Subotincic  
Prof. J. Svenne  
Prof. A. Tate  
Prof. L. Taylor  
Prof. J. van Rees  
Prof. R. van Acker  
Prof. M. Vrontakis  
Mr. G. Walker  
Dean J. Wiens  
Prof. J. Williams  
Prof. A. Young  
Prof. P. Zaharadka  
Ms B Sawicki,  
University Secretary  
Mr J Leclerc,  
Academic Specialist

**Assessors Present**

Dr. B. Cameron  
Mr. P. Dueck

Prof. N. Halden  
Dr. D. Jayas  
Prof. B. Kops  
Dr. R. Lobdell  
Mr. N. Marnoch  
Prof. K. Ogden  
Ms. S. Ronald

**Regrets**

Dean R. Bird  
Prof. S. Bruce  
Mr. G. Dureault  
Dean J. Gray  
Dean D. Gregory  
Mr. J. Kusie  
Ms. A. Morrow  
Prof. W. Palatnick  
Dean A. Percival  
Dean D. Ruth  
Ms. M. Singal  
Dean D. Witty  
Prof. K. Wrogemann

**Absent**

Ms. M. Alcock  
Prof. J. Anderson  
Ms. L. Bissett  
Dean H. Bjarnason  
Prof. D. Bose  
Mr. S. Chandana  
Prof. S. Cheng  
Prof. G Crow  
Ms. T. Desrochers  
Prof. W. Diehl-Jones  
Prof. A. Esau  
Mr. J. Fiorino  
Dr. G. Gerbrandt  
Ms. J. Gill  
Mr. R. Gill  
Mr. S. Gordienko  
Dr. C.E. Haque  
Prof. P. Hawranik  
Dean D. Hrycaiko  
Ms. C. Isaak

Prof. E. Judd  
Prof. L. Kaminski  
Dr. J. Keselman  
Mr. C. Koziar  
Prof. B. Law  
Mr. N. Louizos  
Prof. G. McClarty  
Ms. N. Michaud-Oystryk  
Prof. C. Mossman  
Mr. V. Narayanasami  
Ms. P. Nicholls  
Mr. P. Olownia  
Prof. G. Ramu  
Dr. J. Raymond  
Prof. W. Rennie  
Prof. A. Sebak  
Prof. P. Singal  
Ms. M. Singh  
Prof. D. Smyth  
Prof. D. Strong  
Prof. R. Theberge  
Prof. E. Troutt  
Prof. L. Wallace  
Prof. E. Walz

**Also Present**

Mr. D. Barbour  
Ms. D. Cindric  
Ms. L. Jouan  
Prof. J. Page  
Dr. L. Smith  
Prof. F. Starke

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

I     MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

1.     Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

In keeping with past practice, the minutes of this agenda item are not included in the circulated minutes. They appear in the original minutes which are available for inspection by members of Senate.

II     CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES,  
DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES - OCTOBER 2002

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**It was MOVED by Professor Angel, on behalf of the Executive Committee, THAT the list of candidates recommended for degrees notwithstanding a deficiency be approved.**

**CARRIED**

**It was MOVED by Professor Angel, on behalf of the Executive Committee, THAT the list of graduates provided to the University Secretary by the Director of Student Records be approved, subject to the right of Deans and Directors to initiate late changes with the Director of Student Records up to October 4, 2002.**

**CARRIED**

III    REPORT ON MEDALS AND PRIZES  
TO BE AWARDED AT THE OCTOBER CONVOCATION

**It was MOVED by Professor Angel, on behalf of the Executive Committee, THAT the report on medals and prizes provided to the University Secretary be approved by Senate.**

**CARRIED**

IV     MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE - NONE

V MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Report of the Senate  
Committee on Awards - Part A Page 18

At its meeting on August 27, 2002, the Senate Committee on Awards approved 37 new awards, nine award amendments and three award withdrawals [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated August 27, 2002]. All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

A question was raised regarding the limitation of the Pawan Singal Fellowship to graduate students studying in programs offered by the Faculty of Medicine. It was noted that while not common, this has been done in the past, and is usually at the request of the donor.

VI REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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In augmenting her written report, the President made reference to the following:

- The final report of the *Building on Strengths* Task Force, which was included in the Senate package, had recently been released. The President noted that recommendations and the actions undertaken based on the Task Force Report were in keeping with the principles of the University which were articulated by the Task Force on Strategic Planning in consultation with the entire University Community.
- Mini-University was a success once again this year and included a new international component. The President complimented the work of Janice Grift and the Mini-University group in Physical Education. This was met with a round of applause.
- The President noted that the City of Winnipeg, and especially Mayor Murray, are interested in the work of the University, particularly in the areas of research and development, with focus on composite materials. The President expressed her hope that this interest will foster an increased awareness and better relations with University and the community-at-large.

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost reported that he had forwarded the issue of plagiarism detecting software, as raised in the Annual Report of the Office of

Student Advocacy, to the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation.

Dr. Kerr also noted that he had been recently involved in a site visit for the Pharmacy accreditation and will be meeting with people involved in Inter-University North.

Dr. Jayas, on behalf of Dr. Keselman, Vice-President (Research), reported that 41 internal letters of intent for Canada Foundation for Innovation funding have been submitted and are now being reviewed by an internal committee during the month of October. Dr. Jayas also acknowledged the recent NSERC Chair awarded to Dr. Peter McVetty of Plant Science.

In response to a question, Mr. McAdam stated that the site licence agreement for Microsoft Office is still under negotiation, but that he expected an agreement to be reached in the next month.

Ms. Goldie, Vice-President (External) noted that the Capital Campaign has raised \$161-million and hopes to have \$175-million raised by the end of the year. She drew attention to the opening of an External Affairs office at the Bannatyne Campus and the pending kick-off of the Bannatyne Capital Campaign.

Ms. Goldie also noted that the President will be giving a State of the University address to the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce on October 17, and encouraged members of Senate to attend.

Homecoming was a great success this year, in fact one of the most successful ever, and Ms. Goldie extended her compliments to Homecoming Chair Dean Dennis Hrycaiko. Ms. Goldie noted that the graduates of the University elect three members to the Board of Governors of the University and that Mr. Doug Ward had been recently elected to replace Ms. Wendi Thiessen, whose term had expired.

Dean Stimpson pointed out that regarding page 40 of the report, the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board of the Canadian Council of Professional Engineers does not rate programs, but it does review them.

With regard to the President's Strategic Planning Committee, the President noted that the Committee had already met three times and that it would be inviting members of the University Community to make submissions shortly. It is the hope of the President that the Committee will report to Senate in May of 2003 and to the Board of Governors in June of 2003. The President emphasized that the Committee's task is to consider the issues brought before it in a University-wide context, and she hoped that people from across the University would accept the invitation to present to the Committee.

The President also noted the recent release of the University Annual Report at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, and encouraged members of the University Community to peruse it, as it celebrates the accomplishments of the University of

Manitoba and its members.

VII QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were submitted by 10:00 a.m. on the day preceding the Senate meeting, nor were any raised from the floor of Senate.

VIII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2002

Dean Jamieson noted that Prof. Svenne should be shown as being present.

Professor Gabbert noted the need for amendment to comments attributed to him on page 3 of the minutes. Professor Gabbert proposed that the fifth paragraph on page 3 be amended to read:

“Professor Gabbert feared that the wider publication of the SEEQ data could lead to pressure on instructors and therefore to grade inflation. He noted that members of the History Department had received responses to the open-ended questions on the SEEQ that could be considered racist and ageist and that this raised questions about the meaning of quantitative data generated by the SEEQ. 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.”

**It was MOVED by Dean Jamieson, seconded by Professor Feld, THAT the minutes of the meeting of September 4, 2002 be approved as amended.**

**CARRIED**

IX BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Professor Feld expressed concern regarding the handling of the electronic release of SEEQ data and the President’s Report regarding the Strategic Planning Committee in that they were brought forward to Senate as information items in September, 2002. He noted that he felt that the persons appointed to the Committee were first rate and he did not disagree with their appointments, but was concerned that it was presented to Senate for information. He indicated that some colleagues have also mentioned their unhappiness with the situation. He also noted he felt that the Senate Executive Committee reacts to an agenda that they are sent and that material comes to Senate for information, leaving Senate underused in his opinion. He feels that the Chair should give Senate the opportunity to discuss issues, rather than simply listening to reports.

Dr. Szathmáry thanked Dr. Feld for raising his concern and stated that this was the first time she had heard such concerns. She encouraged people to feel free to contact her by phone, email or in writing at anytime to share their concerns regarding Senate or any other issue.

The President noted that the composition of the President's Strategic Planning Committee followed precedent in the manner in which it was established. It includes members of Senate and members of the Board of Governors, as well as others, as did the Task Force on Strategic Planning established in 1997.

With regard to the Electronic release of SEEQ data, the President noted that it came to Senate for information based on a recommendation from a Senate Committee based on their interpretation of the SEEQ proposal initially passed by Senate in 1996. The President again encouraged Senators to feel free to share their views.

Professor Feld noted that he represented no organized group of individuals, but was simply representing the sentiment he experienced in the corridors of the University.

With regard to the SEEQ matter, Professor Duckworth felt that there were several people that would have liked to have debated the issue and felt that the Chair had prevented debate by presenting the matter for information. He further expressed concern that the role of Senate has dwindled in the twenty years he has served on it and expressed concern regarding the way Senate is being used.

Dean Secco reminded Senate that the rules governing meetings of Senate allow for items of information to be moved to the additional business portion of the agenda if Senate so chooses.

Recteur Ruest disagreed with the concerns of Professors Feld and Duckworth, noting that Senators can choose to be pro-active or passive during Senate meetings. He expressed concern that debate in Senate is often dominated by the same people who choose to make long speeches and impose on the busy schedules of Senators.

The Chair thanked Senate for sharing its views and agreed to take the matters raised under advisement, and again encouraged Senators to share their concerns with her.

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

1.      Report of the Senate Executive Committee                      Page 52

In addition to the written report, Professor Angel noted that members of the Senate Committee on Nominations are nominated by the Senate Executive Committee and elected by Senate. Replacements are required for two student members, whose terms will expire on October 14, 2002. Both are for one-year terms beginning on October 14, 2002.

**It was MOVED by Professor Angel, on behalf of the Executive Committee, THAT the following nominations to the Senate Committee on Nominations be approved by Senate for one-year terms ending on October 14, 2003:**

**Mr. James Kusie (UMSU)**  
**Mr. Kevin Toyne (Law)**

**CARRIED**

2. Report of the Senate  
Planning and Priorities Committee

Dr. Halden reported that SPPC has been working on new program proposals, course change submissions, resource allocation process submissions, and the IST discussion paper which will be coming to Senate shortly for discussion.

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

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations
  - a) re: Student Nominations to Senate Committees
  - b) re: vacancies on Senate Committees

The report consists of nominations to standing committees of Senate of both students and academic staff. Professor Dronzek expressed his thanks to the students who worked diligently to fill most of the vacancies for student representatives.

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

**It was MOVED by Professor Dronzek, seconded by Professor Cooper, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Nominations dated October 2, 2002.**

**CARRIED**

2. Report of the Senate Committee on Appeals

Dr. Hoskins, Chair of the Senate Committee on Appeals reported that since last reporting to Senate, the Committee had completed work on seven appeals.

The first was heard on May 7, 2002 and was an appeal against the Faculty of Social Work's decision not to change the student's grade. The grounds cited were procedural errors by the Professor of the course and the Faculty level appeals committee. This appeal was denied.

The second appeal was heard on May 23, 2002 and was an appeal against the Faculty of Graduate Studies decision to withdraw the student from a master's program due to an academic deficiency. The grounds cited were procedural errors by the Faculty and undue hardship. This appeal was granted.

The third appeal was heard on May 31, 2002 and was an appeal against the Faculty of Arts decision not to grant an authorized withdrawal. The grounds cited were medical and compassionate and the appeal was denied.

The fourth appeal was heard on August 23, 2002 and was an appeal against the decision of the Faculty of Education not to overturn the appellant's debarment from the Faculty for professional unsuitability. The appellant believed that this action was inappropriate for the severity of the offending behaviour. This appeal was denied.

On September 3, the Committee heard the fifth appeal, which was against the Faculty of Nursing's decision not to replace a debarment in a clinical course by a retroactive authorized withdrawal. The grounds cited were medical and procedural irregularities. This appeal was denied.

On September 4, the Committee heard the sixth appeal against the Faculty of Dentistry's decision not to grant supplemental examinations in two courses. The grounds cited were that procedural errors in a course did not provide timely formative feedback. This appeal was granted.

The seventh appeal was heard on September 5. The appeal was against the Faculty of Graduate Studies decision requiring that the appellant withdraw from the PhD program. The grounds cited were compassionate and procedural irregularities. This appeal was granted and the Faculty of Graduate Studies was directed that the student be reinstated in PhD program for the 04 academic session.



3.     Report of the Senate Committee on Awards - Part B                     Page 53

At its meeting of August 27, 2002, the Senate Committee on Awards reviewed one new application that appears to be discriminatory under policy number 419 -- The Manitoba Teacher's Society Aboriginal Bursary in Education. This bursary, valued at \$2400, will be offered to an Aboriginal student who is enrolled full time in the Faculty of Education with a minimum GPA of 2.5 and who has demonstrated financial need on the standard University of Manitoba bursary application form.

The Committee received letters of support for this bursary from Dr. John Wiens, Dean of the Faculty of Education and Kali Storm, Director of the Aboriginal Student Centre. The Committee recommends that Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Bursary.

Professor Duckworth asked how the University determines if a student is Aboriginal. Mr. Dueck replied that it is based on self-declaration.

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

**It was MOVED by Professor Gabbert, seconded by Professor Duckworth, THAT the one new award set out in Appendix "A" of the report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part B dated August 27, 2002 be endorsed to Senate.**

**CARRIED**

XII     ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

XIII    ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 9 , combined with the Agenda, pages 17 to 56 distributed earlier and the attachments handed out at the meeting, comprise the minutes of the Senate meeting held October 2, 2002

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