

January 8, 2003

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

Members Present

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry,
Chair
Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. T. Anna
Mr. D. Azuelos
Dean R. Bird
Dean H. Bjarnason
Prof. D. Bose
Prof. M. Bowring
Prof. R. Bright
Prof. R. Burleson
Prof. P. Choy
Prof. W. Christie
Prof. J. Cooper
Prof. G. Crow
Dean W. Dahlgren
Ms. D. Defries
Dean J. de Vries
Prof. W. Diehl-Jones
Prof. B. Dronzek
Prof. H. Duckworth
Mr. G. Dureault
Prof. M. Feld
Prof. H. Friesen
Dean D. Fuchs
Prof. M. Gabbert
Prof. S. Gessler
Mr. R. Gill
Ms. E. Goldie
Prof. L. Graff
Dean B. Hennen
Dr. J. Hoskins
Prof. T. Howorth
Ms. C. Isaak
Dean J. Jamieson
Prof. L. Kaminski
Dr. R. Kerr
Dr. J. Keselman
Mr. C. Kozier
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Prof. J. Long
Prof. D. Lonis
Prof. K. MacKay
Mr. B. McKenty
Ms. N. Michaud-Oystryk
Ms. A. Morrow
Dr. W. Norrie

Dean R. O'Kell
Prof. J. Oakes
Prof. B. Payne
Dean A. Percival
Ms. C. Presser
Prof. D. Punter
Mr. R. Riyaz
Recteur P. Ruest
Dean D. Ruth
Dean A. Secco
Dean H. Secter
Prof. K. Simons
Prof. P. Singal
Mr. D. Smith
Prof. R. Sparling
Prof. L. Spearman
Rector J. Stapleton
Prof. B. Stimpson
Prof. N. Subotincic
Prof. J. Svenne
Prof. A. Tate
Prof. J. van Rees
Prof. L. Wallace
Prof. E. Walz
Prof. J. Welsh
Prof. J. Whiteley
Dean D. Witty
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Prof. A. Young
Prof. P. Zahradka

Assessors Present

Prof. B. Cameron
Mr. P. Dueck
Prof. N. Halden
Mr. J. Kusie
Prof. K. Ogden
Prof. E. Troutt

Regrets

Ms. M. Alcock
Prof. D. Amundson
Prof. S. Bruce
Dean D. Collins
Dr. V. Dhruvarajan
Dean J. Gray
Prof. P. Hawranik
Dean D. Hrycaiko

Dr. D. Jayas
Prof. E. Judd
Prof. P. King
Prof. B. Kops
Mr. J. Kuffner
Mr. N. Louizos
Prof. S. Ludwig
Mr. N. Marnoch
Mr. M. McAdam
Dr. D. Morphy
Prof. C. Mossman
Ms. P. Nicholls
Dr. V. Olender
Prof. J. Page
Prof. W. Palatnick
Prof. G. Ramu
Prof. W. Rennie
Ms. A. Sen
Prof. G. Sevenhuysen
Ms. M. Singal
Ms. K. Spiers
Prof. R. van Acker
Mr. G. Walker
Dean J. Wiens
Prof. J. Williams

Absent

Prof. A. Angel
Prof. U. Annakkage
Mr. M. Banman
Mr. D. Bhatt
Ms. L. Bissett
Mr. S. Chandana
Ms. T. Desrochers
Mr. D. Foster
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Ms. J. Gill
Prof. L. Grant
Mr. S. Gregg
Dean D. Gregory
Prof. C.E. Haque
Prof. J. Irvine
Mr. M. Kula
Prof. B. Law
Dr. R. Lobdell
Prof. A. Louka
Prof. G. McClarty
Ms. T. Mitchell
Mr. D. Muller

Mr. V. Narayanasami
Mr. P. Olownia
Mr. G. Ramos
Dr. J. Raymond
Mr. A. Robertson
Ms. S. Ronald
Ms. M. Singh
Prof. D. Smyth
Prof. D. Strong
Prof. R. Théberge
Prof. M. Vrontakis

Also Present

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

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 MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

**1. Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies
 re: Curriculum and Course Changes**

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The Faculty of Graduate Studies is recommending a number of graduate course changes from various departments. They include: Electrical and Computer Engineering (+9 credit hours), Natural Resources Institute (+3 credit hours, Nursing (+3 credit hours) and Medicine (-3 credit hours). Further, the Faculty is proposing the deletion of ten "interdisciplinary" courses and their introduction as courses in the departments from which they are offered. (+8 credit hours in Native Studies, +3 credit hours in Landscape Architecture, +6 credit hours in City Planning and +6 credit hours in Architecture).

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is also recommending that the Master of Music in Choral Conducting be renamed the Master of Music in Conducting.

Dean Secco advised Senate that the references to course 036.712 were being withdrawn and would be resubmitted for the next meeting of Senate. Senate concurred.

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

It was MOVED by Dean Secco, seconded by Mr. Dureault, THAT Senate approve the Reports of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, as endorsed by the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on November 14, 2002 and as revised by the Acting Dean of Graduate Studies. [course 036.712 was excluded from the report prior to this motion.]

CARRIED

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. **In Memoriam - The Honourable Ronald J. Duhamel, P.C.** **Page 25**

Professor Long spoke in tribute to the Honourable Dr. Duhamel, noting in particular his great respect and commitment to young people, particularly students.
2. **In Memoriam - Dr. Dennis King** **Page 26**

Professor Long paid tribute to Dr. King, a long time member of the Faculty and four-time alumnus of the University of Manitoba.
3. **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards** **Page 27**

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

Mr. Dueck noted that on page 29, in the description of the Jennifer M. Shay Bursary, the word “dispersed” should read “disbursed”. He also noted that the source of funding for the Sociology Graduate Student Entrance Scholarship is an endowment built by faculty, students and friends of the Department of Sociology.
4. **Statement of Intent - Master’s of Environment** **Page 31**

The Faculty of Environment is proposing the introduction of a Master of Environment Degree and the University has submitted a statement of intent to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE). According to Dr. Lobdell’s letter in the Senate Agenda, “This interdisciplinary graduate program will permit students to pursue studies that focus on basic and applied research that deals with the complex relationships among the environment, the Earth, natural resources, and society at large”.

It is possible that the full program proposal will seek additional financial support from COPSE for one full-time academic position.
5. **Correspondence from COPSE re: Master of Environment** **Page 38**

COPSE has reviewed the Statement of Intent for the proposed Master of Environment and has authorized the development of a full proposal.
6. **Statement of Intent - Joint Computer Science -
Physics and Astronomy Honours Program** **Page 39**

The Faculty of Science is proposing a Joint Computer Science - Physics and Astronomy Honours Program and the University has submitted a statement of intent to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE).

The program will be offered without the need of additional resources from COPSE.

Dean Secco asked whether any statements of intent had ever been denied by COPSE. Professor Cooper replied in the affirmative and cited the Speech Language Pathology program proposal as an example.

**7. Correspondence from COPSE re: Joint Computer Science-
Physics and Astronomy Honours Program **Page 46****

COPSE has reviewed the Statement of Intent for the proposed Joint Honours Program and has authorized the development of a full proposal.

IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry reported on the special convocation held on January 4, 2003 in Victoria to confer an Honorary Doctor of Letters degree on Carol Shields. She noted that the convocation was held at the Shields' home due to Dr. Shields' health not allowing her to travel. Approximately 85 people attended the convocation, including the President, the Chancellor, Dr. Jim Gardner, and Dr. Don McCarthy, who served as the mentor to Dr. Shields. The President noted that Dr. Shields was honoured to receive the degree and treasures the many friends and wonderful memories she made during her time at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Szathmáry also reminded Senators of the Annual Duckworth Challenge being held at the Fort Garry Campus' Investor's Group Athletic Centre on January 9 and at the University of Winnipeg's Duckworth Centre on January 18 and encouraged all to attend.

V QUESTION PERIOD

One Question was received from Dr. Gene Walz, Provost of University College. The question is:

At its meeting on February 3, 1999, Senate referred "The Report of the University Discipline Committee re: revisions to the Student Discipline By-Law" back to the University Discipline Committee for further consideration. My recollection of the meeting was that the suggested revisions to the by-law were a significant improvement over the existing by-law and that the matters that required further consideration were not especially complicated.

Can the chair advise Senate of the status of the Report and indicate when Senate might expect to receive the Report again?"

The University Secretary provided the following response:

Following the February, 1999 Senate meeting, several individuals wrote to the University Secretary requesting additional changes to the Student Discipline Bylaw. These changes were considered, an extensive review of the document was completed, and various additional revisions were made. The revisions to the bylaw are in essence a codification of practices under the present bylaw, as well as numerous housekeeping changes.

In the interim, a new governing documents system was developed to deal with all governing documents, including bylaws, regulations, policies and procedures. Following implementation of this system, the Student Discipline Bylaw had to be re-drafted within the context of the new governing documents system.

It is expected that the revised bylaws in the new format will be received by the University Discipline Committee in February, 2003 and presented to Senate and the Board of Governors in April, 2003.

Dr. Szathmáry added that the new governing documents system will allow for the periodic review and monitoring of governing documents, and is an improvement over the existing system.

VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2002

Dean Secco should be shown as having sent regrets and Mr. McKenty should be recorded as present.

The last sentence in the second paragraph on page 12 of the minutes should be amended to read "Professor Kristjanson observed that even if it is difficult to assess, shouldn't the attributes of professionalism still be included? Professor Simons also noted that under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, the University is not allowed to collect personal data if it is not going to be used."

Dean O'Kell asked that his comment regarding professional unsuitability be included in the minutes. The added portion should read: Dean O'Kell wondered to what extent the admissions process in pharmacy includes a professional unsuitability assessment, as one obviously does not want pharmacists who have drug problems. Professor Simons noted that the current personal profile consists of applicants submitting their curriculum vitae, and he does not believe that any applicants to the pharmacy program have ever noted any drug addictions in their curricula vitae. He added that the essay component of the application process has proven more effective than the personal assessment and that letters in support of an applicant are also still permitted.

It was MOVED by Dean Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Koziar, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on December 4, 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 47

**2. Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Halden noted that SPPC has recently considered proposals from Collège Universitaire de Saint-Boniface for new majors in their Business Administration Program and a proposal for a B.Sc. in Geography from the Faculty of Environment. Dr. Halden also reported that SPPC is undertaking a review of their terms of reference and composition and that the finance sub-committee will soon begin their work as part of the Budget Advisory Committee.

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

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Dr. Szathmáry yielded the chair to Dr. Kerr, the Vice-Chair of Senate, for this portion of the meeting.

1. Presidential Advisory Committee on Maclean's Final Report Page 48

a) Comments of the Senate Executive Committee Page 62

As set out in the terms of reference for the Presidential Advisory Committee on Maclean's, the final report was to be provided to the Senate Executive Committee.

Dr. Szathmáry, as Chair of the Committee presented the report. She summarized the terms of reference of the Committee, which included:

- To examine the Maclean's Survey methodology;
- To look at how the University's vision and mission affect the rankings;
- To look at what could be / should be done to influence the rankings; and
- To report to the Senate Executive Committee and the External Relations Committee of the Board of Governors.

The President outlined the Committee's observations and also noted the reports recommendations, namely:

"1. The University of Manitoba should not veer from the principle that has been

its most enduring character: be an accessible university that delivers high quality education to all who have the capacity to benefit by it.

2. The University should set out a multi-year plan whereby it maximizes its ability to provide resources to make improvements in those areas of education and research and their supporting infrastructure that are consistent with its mission and vision.
3. The University should develop a multi-year plan that focuses locally and nationally to counterbalance the negative image of its quality that is created by *Maclean's* ranking. Part of the plan must focus on changing the perception of the University of Manitoba among the groups that are surveyed annually by *Maclean's*.
4. The University should continue to participate in the *Maclean's* survey."

A general discussion ensued regarding the *Maclean's* survey and how the University can use the reality of the survey to advance the University. Issues raised include:

- The effect of the *Maclean's* rankings on graduate student recruitment. It was noted that departmental promotion of their programs to other institutions and participation in the reputational survey are very important in this regard.
- The rather blunt nature of lowering entrance standards as a means to improving accessibility. It was noted that *Maclean's* now reports the distribution of averages of entering students and that the University of Manitoba ranks 5th for students with entrance averages of 95% or higher. It was also noted that raising entrance average requirements would not make a significant difference in our rankings, but would have an effect on our accessibility. It was acknowledged that the University works diligently to accommodate students with different access needs and that perhaps more work needs to be done to create programs that will challenge high-achieving students.
- With regard to influencing the editors of *Maclean's* rankings in terms of methodology, Dr. Szathmáry noted that over the years, various senior members of our university have commented on methods to the editors. Ms. Thelma, Lussier, Director of Institutional Analysis, is often consulted by the magazine.
- The need to ensure that students are made aware of the results of the Committee's study, as unfortunately, there is a perception that the University of Manitoba is the "worst" university in Canada. The President agreed that communication is key and would take up the issue with the Director of Public Affairs.
- It was also noted that AUCC took a position on *Maclean's* in the early years of the survey and changes were made as a result. Currently, there is no formal AUCC position on *Maclean's* as it is a divisive issue amongst its members.

Professor Christie noted that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report and expressed its strong support for recommendation one which recommends that the university not veer from the principle of being an accessible university for all those who would benefit from it.

It was MOVED by Dr. Szathmáry, seconded by Professor Cooper, THAT the recommendations of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Maclean's Final Report be approved by Senate.

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XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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