

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. W. Akinremi
Mr. D. Ames
Dean. J. Anderson
Prof. T. Anna
Prof. U. Annakkage
Prof. B. Austin-Smith
Ms. A. Aziz
Prof. B. Bacon
Prof. R. Baydack
Prof. T.G. Berry
Prof. M. Birouk
Dr. C. Blais
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. M. Brabston
Prof. R. Burleson
Dean D. Care
Prof. S. Cheng
Prof. W. Christie
Prof. K. Coombs
Prof. J. Cooper
Dean J. de Vries
Prof. H. Duckworth
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Prof. C. Eyland
Prof. M. Gabbert
Ms. E. Goldie
Mr. D. Gregoire
Prof. G. Hatch
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Prof. P. Hultin
Ms. C. Humphreys
Ms. T. Hunt
Dr. R. Kerr
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. G. Kilbrai
Dean L. King
Prof. P. King
Prof. G. Krause
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Prof. B. Law
Mr. R. Lemoine
Prof. M. Libin
Prof. J. Long

Dr. D. Lonis
Prof. K. MacKay
Dr. B. Macpherson
Ms. D. McCallum
Prof. A. McNicol
Mr. B. Miller
Dr. D. Morphy
Prof. C. Mossman
Dean R. Mulally
Prof J. Owens
Prof. J. Page
Dean A. Percival
Ms. E. Peters
Prof. S. Pistorius
Prof. S. Prentice
Ms. C. Presser
Prof. G. Ramu
Dean D. Ruth
Ms. A. Sen
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Dean R. Sigurdson
Ms. J. Simpson
Prof. P. Singal
Mr. D. Smith
Dean D. Smyth
Prof. R. Sparling
Rector J. Stapleton
Ms. C. Steer
Prof. B. Stimpson
Prof. A. Tate
Dean M. Trevan
Prof. C. Trott
Prof. J. van Rees
Prof. M. Vrontakis
Prof. L. Wallace
Dean M. Whitmore
Dean D. Witty
Mr. J. Leclerc,
Acting University
Secretary

Assessors Present

Mr. P. Dueck
Dr. K. Grant
Dr. D. Jayas
Dr. R. Lobdell

Mr. N. Marnoch
Prof J. Svenne
Ms. C. Van De
Kerckhove

Regrets

Ms. J. Bevacqua
Dr. B. Cameron
Dr. P. Cattini
Dean D. Collins
Prof. H. Dean
Dean I. Diallo
Prof. B. Dronzek
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. G. Geller
Ms. J. Horner
Dr. J. Hoskins
Dr. N. Hunter
Prof. T. Ivanco
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Mr. G. Lane
Dr. W. Norrie
Prof. B. O'Neill
Prof. W. Palatnick
Prof. Y. Pompana
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Dean A. Secco
Dean H. Secter
Mr. D. Smith
Prof. N. Subotincic
Prof. T. Sullivan
Prof. C. Taylor
Mr. G. Thompson
Prof. R. van Acker
Dean J. Wiens
Prof. K. Wrogemann

Prof. E. Forget
Mr. M. Ganeshan
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. C. Haque
Prof. P. Hawranik
Prof. T. Howorth
Prof. J. Irvine
Ms. R. Irving
Mr. S. Islam
Ms. R. Jaramilla
Ms. H. Kang
Prof. B. Kops
Mr. D. Kralt
Mr. C. Lai
Ms. E. Lees
Ms. M. Maharaj
Prof. S. Mai
Prof. S. McLachlan
Mr. A. Mohamed
Prof. J. Nagy
Ms. T. Penner
Dr. J. Raymond
Mr. J. Sabourin
Prof. K. Simons
Prof. S. Snyder
Prof. J. Welsh
Prof. P. Zahradka

Also Present

Mr. D. Barbour
Ms. J. Gripp
Mr. C. Kozier
Ms. S. Reimer
Dr. L. Smith

Absent

Mr. M. Ahsan
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Prof. B. Diehl-Jones
Mr. V. Ezeogbulafur
Ms. O. Famuyide
Dean G. Feltham

Speaking on behalf of the Dean of Arts, Professor Owens described Professor Sokoloff as a man of gentle disposition and fine sense of humour. He is also remembered as someone with strong social and political convictions and devoted himself to human rights causes. Professor Sokoloff's academic interests centered on American literature, his wider intellectual and cultural interests included photography and contemporary dance. He was a member of the founding Board of Directors of Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers.

- 3. Correspondence from the University Secretary re: Senate Orientation Page 21**

- 4. Statement of Intent: Undergraduate Majors in Italian Studies Page 22**

The Department of French, Spanish and Italian in the Faculty of Arts is proposing an Undergraduate Major in Italian Studies. According to Dr. Lobdell's letter the proposed program will "provide advanced reading, writing, and oral facility in contemporary Italian language, in the context of broad appreciation for Italian/Roman history and its contributions to art and culture".

- 5. Statement of Intent: Revision of Undergraduate Program in Textile Sciences Page 29**

The Department of Textile Sciences in the Faculty of Human Ecology is proposing an Undergraduate program in Textile Sciences. According to Dr. Lobdell's letter the proposed program will "provide the knowledge and skills which enable graduates to function effectively in a variety of textile product development capacities".

V REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- 1. President's Report September 1, 2004**

Dr. Szathmáry spoke briefly about the morning's Senate Orientation presented by the Acting University Secretary and in which she participated. She described the bicameral relationship given by statute to the University Senate and Board of Governors. While the academic expertise of the University lies in the faculties and departments, Senators must be aware of their role in viewing the information that comes before Senate from the perspective of the of the entire University. Dr. Szathmáry also reported that the University has been meeting with the Provincial Government concerning the financing of capital projects and that excellent progress has been made.

Dr. Kerr reported that preliminary enrollment numbers indicate a 2.3% increase in first year students, a 40% increase in international students and an overall increase of 7.3%. The increase in undergraduate credit hours is 5.1%. Three decanal searches are ongoing, Human Ecology, Nursing and Graduate Studies. There will be a review of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, and the Student Affairs Division of the Vice-President (Academic)'s unit. Dr. Kerr also mentioned that he will provide an update regarding international student scholarships during question period.

Dr. Keselman reported that during the summer a number of professors have been honoured for research achievements. Dr. Ken Standing, a distinguished Professor in Physics and Astronomy has been named a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. Two members of the University have been honoured by the Order of Canada. Dr. Robert Kroetsch, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, English, has been named an Officer of the Order. Dr. Noralou Roos, Community Health Sciences and Canada Research Chair in Population Health Research, was named a member of the Order. Three members of the University community have been called to the Order of Manitoba: Dr. Harvey Chochinov, Dr. Henry Friesen and Dr. Arthur Mauro. These announcements were met with a round of applause.

Mrs. McCallum reminded Senate that for safety reasons, N-lot traffic will be restricted to only those vehicles with N-lot passes. She stated that the crane extending over the limits of the new Engineering building site, will not be carrying any loads over the boundary. Along with Engineering, there is construction along U-lot bringing the chilled water system to the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals. The Environmental Safety Building is under construction in Smart Park, for the safe storage of hazardous materials. The exterior cladding is being replaced on the Russell Building. On Selkirk Avenue there was a sod turning ceremony to mark the beginning of construction on the University of Manitoba building for inner city programs. There are several other projects such as the Buller basement and power house chimney reconstruction.

In honour of this year's the Homecoming for the University, the School of Music will hold a concert, there will be receptions, luncheons and a banquet, among many other activities. Mrs. Goldie also reported that the Department of Private Funding has raised \$10.7-million of post-campaign money, \$5.8-million of which has been committed to capital projects.

Professor Gabbert asked if the President would be able to elaborate on the Strategic Initiatives Process referred to in the Financial Report received by Senate. Dr. Szathmáry replied that the strategic initiatives process involves money that reverts centrally after academic positions have been vacant for a year. Deans and Directors negotiate with the Vice-President (Academic) about filling vacancies. The Vice-President decides when the funds will return to the faculty often at a lower sum. This process has been used to try to rebuild the University according to strategic priorities since 1999. To date the positions that have become vacant, since the process was initiated, have all been returned and out of the differential sum that remains centrally new positions have been created and allocated to specific faculties. In some instances decisions had to be made to maintain accreditation, or maintain essential technical positions. In the last two years, the money which has been held centrally had to be used to balance the budget. As a result, there is less continuing money going back to meet faculty needs even though they fall within the priority areas identified by the strategic plan. In recent years, one time opportunities such as the money that became available when the property tax was renegotiated, have provided only temporary relief. Dr. Szathmáry feels that further information about the strategic initiatives process would be very informative for members of Senate.

VI QUESTION PERIOD

A question was received from Senate Assessor Cathy Van De Kerckhove on behalf of the Senate Student Caucus:

“Now that the increase in international student fees will be taking effect on students at the undergraduate level in September 2004, what is being done to reduce the impact of this significant fee increase that many students had not expected nor budgeted for and is there a support system in place to help the students who have to pay these fees?”

Dr. Kerr commented that the process of announcing a fee increase, requires the University to post fees in July. There are three ways in which the university helps students to pay their fees: scholarships, bursaries and emergency student loans. There is an emergency loan program in place for international students. Dr. Kerr has also set up an *ad-hoc* committee to establish criteria for scholarships and bursaries for international students, the proposal has gone before the Senate Committee on Awards. Dr. Kerr pointed out that International undergraduate students are eligible for most in-course scholarships, however, these new scholarships will be directed specifically toward international students. The Senate Committee on Awards is meeting this week and the entrance scholarships will be retroactively awarded to the students who are enrolled for the 2004-05 school year.

A second question was received from Senate Assessor Cathy Van De Kerckhove on behalf of the Senate Student Caucus:

“The biggest reported reason for the increase in international student fees was to set up a scholarship program in order to recruit the best and brightest students (who could afford to come here). Since the motion to increase undergraduate international student fees passed in January, could we have a report on what has been done over the past year to set up this scholarship program?”

Dr. Kerr, in addition to the previous question’s response, replied that the proposed scholarships and services will benefit both graduate and undergraduate students. In the case of undergraduates there will be a focus on entrance scholarships.

A third question was received from Senate Assessor Cathy Van De Kerckhove on behalf of the Senate Student Caucus:

“In the supplementary handout, the “Annual Financial Report 2004”, on page 30, item 6a., this section refers to the economic interest of the Foundation with respect to the gifts and donations that may be transferred to the University of Manitoba from time to time. Would we be able to have more clarity on where this money goes once it is transferred to the University?”

Mrs. Goldie, Vice-President (External), replied that the University of Manitoba Foundation U.S.A. Inc. was created in 1989. There is a Canada-US 1980 tax convention which allows alumni or family members of alumni to give to their university and receive a tax receipt that they can use as a tax benefit. There are several categories of donors who cannot give directly to an institution such as people with no direct connection to the university, gifts from corporations to match employee giving, gifts from American corporations, or gifts from

number of 'Track 1' applicants, are shutting out 'Track 2' students from admission. The Senate Committee on Admissions recommends that Senate approve the requirements for intake beginning in the 2005-06 regular session.

Professor Duckworth asked how many 'Track 2' were able to enter the faculty this year. Professor Mossman confirmed that no students in the 'Track 2' category were admitted this year.

Dr. Lonis advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Admissions, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning a proposal from the Asper School of Business [dated June 22, 2004].

CARRIED

b) re: The use of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) courses for the purposes of transfer credit

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The Senate Committee on Admissions is recommending that Senate approve changes to the minimum grades required in IB and AP courses to allow for transfer credit, the maximum number of credits that can be transferred in from these programs, the grade equivalency and whether all AP and IB students ought to be required to transfer their AP and IB grades (including 'D's and 'F's) into their University of Manitoba programs.

Dr. Morphy stated that this report comes from a sub-committee of the Senate Committee on Admissions. Ms. Hunt asked if it would be possible for an AP student to receive a grade of an A+. Mr. Dueck replied that this has been a very contentious issue for some time, the final view of the committee and recommendation from AP is to award a grade of A to the maximum value 5 that a student can achieve. Students will have the option whether to accept the credit or not. Professor Duckworth suggested that the IB grades 7 & 6, could be treated as an A and a 5 & 4 as a B. He does not support a system that allows students access to A+'s when the opportunity may not be available to all. He also states that the IB program may be easier than the courses in university. Mr. Dueck stated that another factor was the method used by the University of Winnipeg. Dean Witmore suggested that over the next few years students could be monitored to see if a 5 is a good indication of A+ potential. Professor Stimpson asked for an explanation of the phrase "no need currently to explore the possibility of granting advanced standing or grade equivalencies for AP and IB grades of less than 4; in both cases, then, the minimum grade transferred in would be a 'B'." Mr. Dueck replied that currently there is no transfer credit, this is a question of transfer grade equivalency. If one receives a B or higher credit will be transferred for the course. The committee decided to only consider recognizing credit for these specific courses without reviewing the issue

of grades. Mr. Gregoire asked if the committee had spoken with high schools offering AP and IB. Mr. Dueck replied that the final recommendation was not shared but there was consultation all the way through and the high schools have been very supportive.

Dr. Lonis advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Admissions, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions [dated June 2, 2004].

CARRIED

c) re: Faculty of Law

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The Faculty Council of Law has reviewed its weighting of the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) in calculating index scores for ranking eligible applicants to the Faculty. Under the formula now used, LSAT scores are weighted at 40 percent of the total with the remaining 60 percent given to the Comparative GPA. The Law Faculty Council decided to re-weight the CGPA and LSAT to 50/50. The Senate Committee on Admissions recommends to Senate that the CGPA and LSAT score be weighed at 50 percent each in the calculation of index scores, effective for the 2005-06 regular session.

Ms. Humphreys asked why the LSAT would only be weighted at 50% if it is the better indicator of success. Mr. Dueck noted that while somewhat arbitrary, this was a political decision in the Faculty of Law, with others believing that demonstrated performance in a university program cannot be replaced by a standardized one shot test. Dean Judy Anderson stated that a correlation between third year grades, and LSAT performance would be more useful than first year grades because that is the final product of the law school. She also suggested that a graph or table would help to clarify the statistical information contained in the report.

Dr. Lonis advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Admissions, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning a proposal from the Faculty of Law [dated June 22, 2004].

CARRIED

XI ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations

a. Senate Committee on the Ethics of Research Involving Human Subjects vacancy

Addendum

It was moved by Professor Burleson, on behalf of the Senate Committee on Nominations, THAT Professor J. McCoshen be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Senate Committee on the Ethics of Research Involving Human Subjects.

CARRIED

b. **Appointment of two Members of Senate
to the Advisory Committee for the
Appointment of the University Secretary**

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The Senate Committee on Nominations forwarded two candidates, Dean Judy Anderson and Professor Brian Stimpson. The Chair opened the floor for further nominations. No further nominations were made. Dean Judy Anderson and Professor Brian Stimpson accepted the nominations. Dr. Judy Anderson and Professor Brian Stimpson were declared **ELECTED** to the Advisory Committee for the Appointment of the University Secretary.

XII ADJOURNMENT

The Chair reminded all Senators that they were invited to a reception at the University Club at 3:00.

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 10, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 141, distributed earlier, and the materials distributed at the door, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on September 1, 2004.

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