

**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  
Mr. M. Ahsan  
Mr. D. Ames  
Prof. J. Anderson  
Prof. T. Anna  
Ms. A. Aziz  
Prof. R. Baydack  
Prof. T.G. Berry  
Ms. J. Bevacqua  
Prof. M. Birouk  
Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
Dean D. Care  
Prof. S. Cheng  
Prof. W. Christie  
Prof. K. Coombs  
Prof. J. Cooper  
Prof. B. Dronzek  
Prof. H. Duckworth  
Prof. E. Etcheverry  
Dean G. Feltham  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Ms. E. Goldie  
Mr. D. Gregoire  
Prof. G. Hatch  
Prof. P. Hawranik  
Ms. J. Horner  
Dr. J. Hoskins  
Dean D. Hrycaiko  
Prof. P. Hultin  
Ms. C. Humphreys  
Ms. T. Hunt  
Prof. T. Ivanco  
Ms. R. Jaramilla  
Ms. H. Kang  
Dr. R. Kerr  
Dr. J. Keselman  
Mr. G. Kilbrai  
Dean L. King  
Prof. P. King  
Ms. J. Koldingnes  
Prof. G. Krause  
Prof. C. Kristjanson  
Ms. E. Lees  
Prof. J. Long

Prof. K. MacKay  
Dr. B. Macpherson  
Ms. M. Maharaj  
Ms. D. McCallum  
Prof. S. McLachlan  
Prof. A. McNicol  
Mr. B. Miller  
Prof. C. Mossman  
Dean R. Mullaly  
Dr. W. Norrie  
Prof. B. O'Neill  
Prof. J. Owens  
Prof. J. Page  
Ms. E. Peters  
Prof. S. Pistorius  
Prof. Y. Pompana  
Ms. C. Presser  
Prof. G. Ramu  
Dean D. Ruth  
Dean D. Sandham  
Dean A. Secco  
Dean H. Sector  
Ms. A. Sen  
Dean G. Sevenhuysen  
Dean R. Sigurdson  
Prof. K. Simons  
Ms. J. Simpson  
Mr. D. Smith  
Prof. R. Sparling  
Rector J. Stapleton  
Ms. C. Steer  
Prof. B. Stimpson  
Prof. T. Sullivan  
Prof. A. Tate  
Prof. C. Taylor  
Prof. J. van Rees  
Prof. L. Wallace  
Dean M. Whitmore  
Dean D. Witty  
Prof. P. Zahradka  
Mr. J. Leclerc,  
University Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Dr. C. Blais  
Prof. T. Booth

Dr. N. Hunter  
Dr. D. Jayas  
Prof. B. Kops  
Dr. R. Lobdell  
Mr. N. Marnoch  
Ms. C. Van De  
Kerckhove  
Ms. M. Wayne  
Mr. S. Zamick

**Regrets**

Prof. B. Austin-Smith  
Prof. B. Bacon  
Prof. M. Brabston  
Dr. P. Cattini  
Dean D. Collins  
Dean J. de Vries  
Dean I. Diallo  
Prof. B. Diehl-Jones  
Mr. V. Ezeogbulafur  
Rectrice R. Gagné  
Prof. G. Geller  
Dr. K. Grant  
Mr. D. Kralt  
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk  
Mr. C. Lai  
Mr. G. Lane  
Prof. B. Law  
Prof. M. Libin  
Dr. D. Lonis  
Dr. D. Morphy  
Prof. W. Palatnick  
Dean A. Percival  
Prof. S. Prentice  
Prof. P. Singal  
Prof. N. Subotincic  
Mr. G. Thompson  
Dean M. Trevan  
Prof. J. Welsh  
Dean J. Wiens  
Prof. K. Wrogemann

**Absent**

Prof. W. Akinremi  
Prof. U. Annakkage

Ms. A. Atkinson  
Prof. R. Burleson  
Prof. H. Dean  
Mr. P. Dueck  
Prof. C. Eyland  
Ms. O. Famuyide  
Prof. E. Forget  
Mr. M. Ganeshan  
Dr. G. Gerbrandt  
Prof. J. Irvine  
Ms. R. Irving  
Mr. S. Islam  
Mr. R. Lemoine  
Prof. S. Mai  
Mr. A. Mohamed  
Prof. M. Morry  
Prof. J. Nagy  
Ms. T. Penner  
Dr. C. Rabinovitch  
Dr. J. Raymond  
Prof. D. Smyth  
Prof. R. van Acker  
Prof. M. Vrontakis

**Also Present**

Mr. S. Dorge  
Ms. J. Gripp  
Ms. D. Kaspersion  
Mr. C. Koziar

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that this was the last meeting for Dean Tony Secco, who will be returning to his home province of Nova Scotia to take the position of Vice-President (Academic) at University College of Cape Breton. Senate recognized Dr. Secco's service with a round of applause.

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the Board of Governors has approved the appointment of Mr. Jeff Leclerc as University Secretary.

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that Professor Judith Owens was the speaker for the Senate Executive Committee.

## **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 in the Office of the University Secretary.

## **II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE**

### **1. Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Aerospace Engineering Page 17**

The Faculty of Engineering is proposing the introduction of a Certificate in Aerospace Engineering. According to the Taxonomy on Non-Degree Programs the proposal is brought to Senate Executive and Senate for Concurrence without debate.

Dr. Ruth, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering commented that this program represents an effort between the faculty and the aerospace sector to better train graduates with the skills needed in the aerospace industry.

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

**It was moved by Dean Ruth, seconded by Dean King, THAT the proposal of the Faculty of Engineering for the introduction of a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Aerospace Engineering [as endorsed by the Senate Executive Committee on November 17, 2004] be approved by Senate.**

**CARRIED**

### **2. Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes - Part A Page 26**

The Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes met on several occasions in the month of October, 2004 to consider requests from various units for course and curriculum changes with a net change of less than 10 credit hours

per department.

Professor Dronzek noted that there were minor editorial changes to the report that he would communicate to the University Secretary.

**It was MOVED by Professor Dronzek, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes dated November 17, 2004.**

**CARRIED**

### **III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

#### **1. ELECTION OF A SENATE REPRESENTATIVE**

##### **a) To the Board of Governors**

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One individual was required to fill a vacancy on the Board of Governors for a term that will end May 31, 2006, to replace Dean Tony Secco. The University Secretary opened nominations. Dean David Witty was nominated by Dean Harvey Sexter, seconded by Dean Tony Secco. Professor Pamela Hawranik was nominated by Dean Tony Secco, seconded by Professor Gabbert. Professor Archie Cooper was nominated by Professor Emily Etcheverry, seconded by Professor Harry Duckworth. Mr. David Ames was nominated by Ms. Amanda Aziz, seconded by Mr. Dana Gregoire. Professor Ramu moved that nominations close, seconded by Dean Secco. Ballots were distributed to the voting members of Senate. Professor Cooper was declared **ELECTED** to the Board of Governors for a term ending May 31, 2006. Professor Cooper noted that she was deeply honoured to have a second opportunity to represent the Senate on the Board of Governors, and that she would do so with integrity. This was met with a round of applause.

#### **2. 2004 Report on Accredited Academic Programs**

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Dr. Lobdell, Vice-Provost (Programs), reported that this report covers a variety of accreditation levels, ranging from those that are protected by law to those that are recognized by national organizations. The University is in the process of categorizing the different classes of accreditation.

Professor Anderson reported that the Faculty of Medicine's undergraduate curriculum accreditation has just been granted until 2012. Professor Duckworth stated that accredited programs that do not have legal protection should not be viewed as any less in value to the university as it is an important measure of quality of education. Dr. Lobdell replied that information should be communicated more publicly. Professor Anderson suggested that the information be posted on the University website.

#### **3. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards**

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At its meeting on October 27, 2004, the Senate Committee on Awards approved one new award [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated October 27, 2004]. This award decision complies with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and is reported to Senate for information.

4. **Correspondence from the Vice-President (Academic)  
Re: Implementation of the Joint Honours Program in  
Computer Science and Physics and Astronomy** **Page 119**

The Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE) has approved the proposed Joint Honours Program in Computer Science Physics and Astronomy. The Vice-President (Academic) & Provost's has authorized the implementation of the program.

#### **IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

1. **President's Report, December 1, 2004** **Page 120**
2. **Annual Progress Report, Building for a Bright Future** **Page 144**

This first annual Progress Report highlights the developments across the faculties and units of the university as a result of the Building for a Bright Future Strategic Plan.

Professor van Rees asked why there was no report from the Faculty of Science under point 5 "Be at the Centre of our Community." Dr. Szathmáry replied that this report comments on the changes that have been made since the adoption of the strategic plan as reported by the units. The fact that there is no entry under this point does not mean that the Faculty is not "at the centre of the community" it may be that such items were reported under different priority areas. Dr Szathmáry could not recall the details but is willing to check.

#### **V QUESTION PERIOD**

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

"Are there any written bylaws and/or policies in place at the University that provide direction with respect to the standard processes for the acceptance of financial gifts and what are the guidelines for honoring donors that contribute such gifts to the University?"

Mrs. Goldie noted that the question had been answered in closed session.

#### **VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF November 3, 2004**

**It was MOVED by Professor Duckworth, seconded by Dean Secco, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on November 3, 2004 be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

**VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None**

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

1. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** Page 174
  
2. **Report of the Senate  
Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Hunter reported that the Committee met on November 15<sup>th</sup> and considered a proposal for a General and Advanced Major in Italian Studies that will be brought to Senate in the near future. The Committee has also reviewed the operating estimates for the upcoming year and heard a presentation from The Vice-President (Academic) & Provost and concerning an enrolment management plan.

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

1. **Report from the Faculty Council of the  
I.H. Asper School of Business re: Proposed  
Professorship in Financial Management** Page 175

The I.H. Asper School of Business is proposing the establishment of a Professorship in Financial Management. The proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost.

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

**It was MOVED by Dean Feltham, seconded by Dean Sigurdson, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty Council of the I.H. Asper School of Business regarding the proposed professorship in Financial Management dated September 28, 2004.**

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Senate Committee on University Research  
Re: Periodic Review of Research Centres and Institutes** Page 179

In accordance with Policy 1405 "Research Centres and Institutes", a review was conducted on the Centre for Hellenic Civilization and the Centre for Research and Treatment of Atherosclerosis. The reviews were positive and the Committee recommends that the Centre for Hellenic Civilization and the Centre for Research and Treatment of Atherosclerosis continue for five-year periods beginning on January 1, 2005.

It was **MOVED** by Dr. Jayas, on behalf of the Committee, **THAT** Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on University Research dated November 3, 2004.

**CARRIED**

**3. Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes - Part B**

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**a) Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on Undergraduate Changes with Resource Implications or Course Changes Beyond Nine Credit Hours**

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This part of the reports of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee deals with course change proposals for units where the net increase is more than nine credit hours, or involves significant program changes: Faculty of Agriculture and Food Sciences Diploma in Agriculture (+12 credit hours), History (+12 credit hours), Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface - Political Studies (+18 credit hours), Labour and Workplace Studies (-12 credit hours), and School of Art (+15 credit hours).

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

It was **MOVED** by Professor Dronzek, on behalf of the Committee, **THAT** Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes dated October 28, 2004 and the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated November 3, 2004.

**CARRIED**

**X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**1. Notice of Motion**

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On November 3, 2004, Professor Mark Gabbert made the following notice of Motion, seconded by Professor Ramu:

**“THAT the language respecting clauses regarding academic freedom in agreements with university benefactors, including that contained in the President’s communication to members of Senate dated October 12, 2004, be referred to the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Freedom;**

**And that the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Freedom be requested**

**to consider such language and report its findings to Senate, including recommendation for any modifications to forms currently in use".**

Professor Gabbert stated that he feels the protection of Academic Freedom has been a recurring issue in agreements with private donors. He stated that the boiler-plate clause and the derivative clauses circulated by the President have been helpful, but feels that the Committee on Academic Freedom should review the relevant language, examine what exists elsewhere and speak with those who drafted the clause and compare the language with other kinds of documents. For example, institutions do not have academic freedom, as one clause stated they do, rather individuals have academic freedom.

Dr. Szathmáry referred to the third example she provided to members of Senate as follows: "Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision of this Agreement, the University and the Faculty shall, at all times, operate in accordance with academic processes approved by the University Senate, and the academic freedom of its faculty members shall be maintained to the fullest extent. Nothing herein shall abridge academic freedom of the institution or obligate the University or the Faculty to adopt advice or counsel provided by the Foundation." She felt that it is clear that the reference to the institution's academic freedom is the maintenance and protection of the faculty members to the fullest extent. The word "University" in this context refers to the governing bodies, including the academic Senate.

Mr. Ames asked if the spirit of an entire contract could be considered under the jurisdiction of the Committee on Academic Freedom. Professor Gabbert replied that his only intention is to use the committee process of Senate so that Senate has an opportunity to consider the boiler-plate language and express an opinion on the matter. Professor Gabbert noted that contracts are not in the Senate's authority, any comments made would be advisory. Dean Secco stated that he believes it would be beneficial to have the Committee review such clauses.

**CARRIED**

**XI ADJOURNMENT**

Professor Dronzek mentioned that this is Dean Secco's last meeting of Senate. As chair of two Senate committees he thanked the Office of the University and congratulated the University on educating two new Rhodes Scholars. This was met with a round of applause.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 201, distributed earlier, and the materials distributed at the door, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on December 1, 2004.

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