

February 1, 2006

Minutes of a Meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room E3-262 Engineering Building

Members Present

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry,
Chair
Mr. K. Adane
Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. T. Anna
Prof. U. Annakkage
Ms. A. Aziz
Prof. R. Baydack
Prof. T. G. Berry
Prof. M. Birouk
Prof. T. Booth
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Prof. M. Brabston
Ms. H. Brownlee
Dean Care
Prof. K. Clare
Prof. K. Coombs
Dean J. Doering
Prof. B. Dronzek
Ms. A. Ducas
Ms. A. Dufour
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Prof. C. Eyland
Ms. B. Famuyide
Dean G. Feltham
Ms. H. Fernandes
Prof. M. Gabbert
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. J. Ghomeshi
Ms. E. Goldie
Prof. Y. Gong
Mr. D. Gordon
Dr. K. Grant
Ms. B. Hamilton
Prof. G. Hatch
Prof. P. Hawranik
Ms. J. Horner
Dr. J. Hoskins
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Prof. P. Hultin
Prof. T. Ivanco

Prof. E. Judd
Dr. R. Kerr
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. S. Kirby
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum
Prof. G. Krause
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Ms. C. Leach
Dr. R. Lobdell
Prof. K. MacKay
Ms. M. Maharaj
Prof. R. Mazurat
Prof. A. McNicol
Mr. B. Miller
Mr. A. Moreau
Dr. D. Morphy
Prof. J. Page
Prof. S. Prentice
Ms. L. Robson
Dean D. Ruth
Dean D. Sandham
Dean H. Secter
Dean R. Sigurdson
Prof. P. Singal
Mr. D. Smith
Prof. D. Smyth
Rector J. Stapleton
Mr. H. Su
Prof. C. Taylor
Prof. J. Van Rees
Prof. L. Wallace
Ms. C. Wallcraft
Prof. J. Welsh
Dean M. Whitmore
Dean D. Witty
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Mr. H. Xu
Prof. P. Zahradka
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary

Ms. N. Schneider,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Ms. N. Bhullar
Prof. C. Blais
Mr. P. Dueck
Ms. M. Gallant
Prof. N. Hunter
Prof. S. Kouritzin
Mr. N. Marnoch
Ms. C. Van De Kerckhove

Regrets

Prof. S. Abeysekera
Dr. P. Cattini
Prof. L. Connor
Dean J. Cooper
Dean J. de Vries
Dean I. Diallo
Mr. G. Jawanda
Dr. D. Jayas
Dean L. King
Prof. P. King
Mr. G. Kler
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Prof. S. Mai
Prof. J. Long
Prof. K. Matheos
Ms. D. McCallum
Prof. M. McKay
Ms. A. Meisner
Prof. P. Nickerson
Dr. W. Norrie
Dean A. Percival
Prof. S. Pistorius
Ms. C. Presser
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Mr. S. Reddy
Mr. T. Sargeant
Dean G. Sevenhuysen

Prof. T. Sullivan
Mr. G. Thompson
Dean M. Trevan
Dean J. Wiens
Mr. R. Zegalski
Dean S. Zelenitsky

Absent

Prof. W. Akinremi
Ms. J. Bunn
Ms. S. Cheung
Prof. J. Embree
Prof. E. Epp
Prof. E. Forget
Prof. G. Geller
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Mr. L. Hildebrand
Prof. J. Irvine
Prof. B. Law
Mr. N. Lesage
Prof. S. McLachlan
Dean R. Mullaly
Prof. J. Nagy
Prof. D. Polyzois
Dr. J. Raymond
Ms. C. Schultz
Ms. C. Steer
Prof. S. Taylor-
Henley
Prof. C. Trott
Prof. M. Vrontakis
Mr. C. Yeung
Prof. A. Young

Also Present

Mr. D. Barbour
Mr. C. Butera
Mr. S. Dorge
Prof. P. Patterson
Dr. L. Smith

Dr. Szathmáry reminded Senators that there is to be no food or drinks in the Senate Chambers. She advised Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive was Professor John Page.

I **CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES,
DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES – FEBRUARY 2006** Page 17

Mr. Marnoch, the Registrar noted that the Graduands Report hand-out states there are 730 graduands

It was MOVED by Professor Page, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee THAT the list of graduands provided to the University Secretary by the Registrar be approved, subject to the right of Deans and Directors to initiate late changes with the Registrar up to February 3, 2006.

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II **MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE** None

III **MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

1. **In Memoriam Professor Marion Vaisey-Genser** Page 18

Professor Carla Taylor spoke in tribute to Professor Marion Vaisey-Genser. Professor Taylor recalled her days as a student under Professor Vaisey-Genser.

Professor Vaisey-Genser was a very passionate and articulate instructor. Her enthusiasm encouraged Professor Taylor to continue her own studies. Professor Vaisey-Genser's work contributed in part to the acceptance of canola. Professor Vaisey-Genser's contributions in administration including as Associate Vice-President (Research) were also significant. She will be missed.

2. **Annual Report of the University Discipline Committee
For the period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005** Page 19

This is the annual report of the University Disciplinary Committee for the period September 1, 2004 to August 31, 2005. The Board of Governors has jurisdiction over discipline of students. However, Senate has traditionally reviewed this report before it is forwarded to the Board of Governors.

Mr. Leclerc, University Secretary, noted that the main reason for this report is to share information on disciplinary actions taken by faculties. The office of the University Secretary is investigating posting the document on the web to make it accessible year round to the disciplinary bodies.

Mr. Leclerc also noted the disciplinary by-law is under-going a review. A revised by-law has been drafted and is currently going through the review process.

In response to a question on how students know their rights if there has been

disciplinary action, Mr. Leclerc stated that the letter students receive informing them of the disciplinary actions should also inform the student of their right to appeal and where they can go for information or support.

3. Statements of Intent

a) Ph.D. in Native Studies Page 64

The Faculty of Graduate Studies has submitted a Statement of Intent to the Council on Post-Secondary Education for the establishment of a Ph.D. in Native Studies. This program will be a research-based doctoral degree designed to train students in interdisciplinary approaches to Native Studies.

b) Joint M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies Page 70

The University of Manitoba and the University of Winnipeg have submitted a Statement of Intent to the Council on Post-Secondary Education for the establishment of a Joint M.A. in Peace and Conflict Studies. This program will focus on research and theory-building as well as practical applications of research for addressing conflicts and peace-building at the organizational, community, national, and international levels.

IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Page 77

Dr. Szathmáry highlighted information from the written report. Information on the SEEQ ratings was provided. This evaluation system has been used for ten years at the University of Manitoba. Courses and instructors generally receive scores of good or very good on the evaluation. This has been the basic trend since this evaluation method was introduced.

Also highlighted were the University Outreach awards. In the past this has not been included in the report, but the President felt that they were worth supporting. The President noted that there is a difference between community service and outreach. Outreach is using skills within the local community.

Dr. Szathmáry highlighted the Buildings' Historical Plaques Project. These plaques are placed in various buildings around campus and provide information on the history of the building. The Winnipeg Free Press wrote an article on this project.

Dr. Szathmáry highlighted the Canada Research Chairs that were recently awarded as well as noting that Dr. Lorrie Kirshenbaum, a member of Senate, was one of the five existing CRC's having been renewed.

The report includes status updates on the building projects and information on the

external matters that the President has been involved in.

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that the search for a Dean of Extended Education is on-going. The *Aurora* Student System would be going live July. During the mid-term break there will be a mock registration. The *Banner* financial system training has started. On March 1, the *Aurora* training will begin.

Dr. Keselman, Vice-President (Research), reported that a group of plant scientists led by Dr. Robert Hill made a breakthrough discovery. The team discovered a receptor for a plant hormone called abscisic acid (ABA). ABA is a key component in how plants acclimate to stresses. This is particularly important for plant survival in the Canadian climate where the response to cold, drought, salt and the timing of germination and flowering are all regulated by this hormone. Scientists have known about ABA for many years, but have been unable to isolate a receptor site for it. These findings will be significant to agriculture and forestry. The research was a collaboration between the National Research Council Plant Biotechnology Institute in Saskatoon, researchers in the UK, and postdoctoral fellows at the University of Manitoba. The discovery was published in the January 19, 2006 edition of the scientific journal *Nature*.

Mrs. Goldie, Vice-President (External), commented that the ABA discovery is the type of wonderful story that helps to promote the University of Manitoba. She noted that the Alumni Association and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra had two evenings of music featuring the alumni choir, the University singers, the Women's choir and the Bison choir. The Conductor was Professor Henry Engbrecht of the Faculty of Music.

Mrs. Goldie noted that there has been much media interest surrounding the discovery that the *King James Bible* donated to St. John's College is actually an original first edition of the *King James Bible*.

Mrs. Goldie commented that at a meeting of the Senate Committee on Academic Freedom, the committee decided that it would be helpful to report to Senate, gifts of a minimum of \$100,000. This was the first report.

In response to a question asked regarding how a student group had raised such a significant amount, Mrs. Goldie responded that in 1986, the Faculty of Engineering students started a referendum process whereby students would vote on endowment money. Most faculties now participate in this process.

V QUESTION PERIOD

The following question was received from Amanda Aziz, President of UMSU;

“Recently, information was provided to Senate regarding the criteria for accepting research contracts from private sponsors. Are there any standing University policies with respect to this private sponsorship criteria, or are these guidelines only? Does this criteria apply to top-up awards such as Industrial NSERC Fellowships? How does the

University ensure these criteria are met? Once a contract has been accepted, how does the University enforce these criteria and what avenues are available to students and faculty should a private sponsor violate any of these criteria?"

Dr. Keselman responded to the parts of the question separately.

Are there any standing University policies with respect to this private sponsorship criteria, or are these guidelines only?

Signing of certain documents, including research contracts is governed by Board Of Governor Bylaw 5.00. Under this policy, the authority to execute contracts, including research contracts, is vested in the Vice-President (Administration)'s Office, through delegation from the President. Individual faculty members, staff or students are not authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of the University.

The Vice-President (Administration) requires that all contracts be reviewed by Legal Services who are responsible for recommending on contract signature. The Vice-President (Administration) won't sign contracts without Legal Services review. Legal services will not recommend for signing research contracts that do not meet the criteria previously provided to Senate.

Dr. Keselman noted that the University has also developed a new policy on Research Agreements that deals more specifically with research contracts, among other things. This document is currently under review.

Do these criteria apply to top-up awards such as NSERC Industrial Postgraduate Scholarships?

Yes, they do apply to NSERC Industrial Postgraduate Scholarships, in an award administered by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. The purpose is to allow students to gain research experience in industry. Typically, industry provides support to these types of awards in the form of research grants - that have the same conditions as funds provided by national granting agencies, for example. However, if they choose to provide funds in the form of contracts, then these are reviewed against the same criteria following the same process.

Once a contract is accepted, how does the University enforce these criteria? What avenues are available to students and faculty should a private sponsor violate any of these criteria?

Dr. Keselman noted that it is enforced by expecting people to abide by the criteria. The contracts are signed and they are a legal document. If a faculty runs into problems they should contact the Research office who would then contact Legal Services as it is a legal document that has been signed. If a student has difficulties, they should speak to their supervisor or the Graduate Program Chair and the Faculty of Graduate Studies. In turn, the legal office would be contacted.

In response to a question asked regarding what committee is working on the new policy, Dr. Keselman responded that the research office has worked with Vice-President McCallum and then the policy was forwarded to the office of the University Secretary. Professor Gabbert requested a status report on a policy regarding the naming of academic units, which has been raised at Senate several months ago. Dr. Szathmáry thanked Professor Gabbert for raising this again. The Vice-President (External) and the University Secretary have been working on the policy. All the policies are undergoing a review. Many of the policies have been in place for over 30 years.

**VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2005**

On page 2 first line should state “happy new year”. On page 4, the second line has Professor Thorton-Trump spelt incorrectly. Also on page 4 second last paragraph the word “principle” should be “principal”.

It was MOVED by Professor Dronzek, seconded by Professor Wrogemann , THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on January 4, 2006 be approved as amended.

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VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - None

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

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| 1. | <u>Report of the Senate Executive Committee</u> | Page 27 |
| 2. | <u>Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee</u> | |

Professor Hunter reported that the Committee met on January 16, 2006 and approved the report for the proposed Ph.D. in Applied Health Science. The Committee has also done a preliminary review of the Bachelor of Health Studies and the Bachelor of Health Sciences. These programs are to be offered by the Faculties of Human Ecology, Science, and Arts.

**IX REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE,
FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS NONE**

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS NONE

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 100, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on January 4, 2006.

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