

June 28, 2006

Minutes of a Meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in Room 343 Drake Centre

Members Present

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry,
Chair
Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. U. Annakkage
Ms. C. Baker
Prof. T. G. Berry
Prof. M. Birouk
Prof. C. Bone
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. G. Bourgeois-Law
Prof. M. Brabston
Ms. T. Burrows
Mr. T. Bzura
Prof. K. Clare
Mr. D. Collister
Prof. L. Connor
Dean J. Cooper
Ms. T. Dickson
Dean J. Doering
Ms. E. Dyck
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Dean G. Feltham
Prof. Y. Gong
Prof. G. Gosek
Prof. P. Hawranik
Ms. J. Horner
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Mr. S. Ima
Dr. D. Jayas
Prof. M. Joyal
Ms. J. Karpyza
Dr. R. Kerr,
Prof. P. King
Prof. S. Kirby
Prof. G. Krause
Prof. K. MacKay
Prof. R. Mazurat
Ms. D. McCallum
Prof. A. McNicol
Dr. D. Morphy
Dean R. Mullaly

Mr. S. Neethirajan
Mr. M. Norman
Mr. S. Norosky
Dr. W. Norrie
Prof. J. Page
Prof. S. Pistorius
Ms. C. Presser
Dean D. Ruth
Dean H. Sector
Prof. L. Simard
Prof. A. Sloane-Seale
Mr. D. Smith
Mr. G. Sran
Rector J. Stapleton
Prof. T. Sullivan
Prof. C. Troutt
Prof. J. Welsh
Dean D. Witty
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Mr. R. Zegalski
Mr. D. Zhang
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Ms. N. Schneider,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Prof. C. Blais
Mr. C. Butera
Mr. P. Dueck
Ms. M. Gallant
Prof. N. Hunter
Prof. S. Kouritzin
Dr. R. Lobdell
Mr. N. Marnoch

Regrets

Prof. S. Abeysekera
Prof. M. Ballance
Prof. S. Barakat
Prof. R. Baydack

Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Dean D. Care
Prof. K. Coombs
Prof. E. Cowden
Dean J. de Vries
Dean I. Diallo
Prof. C. Eyland
Prof. M. Gabbert
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. G. Geller
Prof. J. Ghomeshi
Ms. E. Goldie
Dr. K. Grant
Prof. G. Hatch
Prof. T. Henley
Dr. J. Hoskins
Ms. A. Huminicki
Dr. J. Keselman
Dean L. King
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Prof. B. Law
Prof. J. Long
Prof. M. McKay
Prof. J. Owens
Dean A. Percival
Prof. S. Prentice
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Dean D. Sandham
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Dean R. Sigurdson
Prof. C. Taylor
Dean M. Trevan
Prof. J. Van Rees
Mr. D. Vincent
Dean M. Whitmore
Dean J. Wiens
Dean S. Zelenitsky

Absent

Prof. T. Anna

Prof. W. Akinremi
Ms. N. Bhullar
Dr. P. Cattini
Ms. A. Dufour
Prof. J. Embree
Prof. E. Epp
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. B. Hann
Prof. J. Irvine
Mr. N. Joseph
Prof. K. Matheos
Mr. A. Moreau
Prof. P. Nickerson
Prof. D. Polyzois
Dr. J. Raymond
Ms. J. Reimer
Prof. I. Ripstein
Prof. P. Singal
Prof. D. Smyth
Prof. J. Trottier
Ms. V. Unrau
Prof. E. Walz
Prof. A. Young
Prof. P. Zahradka

Also Present

Mr. J. Alho
Mr. D. Barbour
Mr. S. Dorge
Prof. M. Eskin
Mrs. J. Gripp
Mr. C. Jerema
Prof. E. Judd
Ms. D. Kaspersion
Ms. J. Lastra
Mr. A. Okaja
Ms. J. Petrinchuk
Ms. D. Reitsma
Dr. L. Smith
Prof. B. Worobec

Dr. Szathmáry noted that this is the first meeting for the following faculty members whose terms

began on June 1, 2006: Murray Balance (Agricultural & Food Sciences), Jean Trottier (Architecture), Mark Joyal (Arts), Elizabeth Troutt (Arts), Gene Walz (Arts), Atlanta Sloane-Seale (Extended Education) Thomas Henley (Clayton H. Riddell), Christine Bone (Libraries), Samia Barakat (Medicine), Gisele Bourgeois-Law (Medicine), Ira Ripstein (Medicine), Louise Simard (Medicine), Brenda Hann (Science). They were welcomed with a round of applause.

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that this was the last meeting for Rector John Stapleton and Dean Anne Percival. Senate thanked and applauded their tenure on Senate and service to the University.

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive was Professor Kelly MacKay

I MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

**1. Report of the Senate Committee
On Curriculum and Course Changes Page 17**

This report deals with minor course and curriculum changes in the following units: I.H. Asper School of Business and Pharmacy.

In speaking to the report, Professor Welsh noted that at the Committee meeting, Professor Dronzek advised that the I.H. Asper School of Business co-op option proposal was the best he had ever seen. Professor Welsh congratulated the Asper School on their proposal.

In response to a question regarding international student's eligibility for the co-op program, Dean Feltham noted that international students would be fully eligible to participate in the program.

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

It was **MOVED by Professor Welsh, on behalf of the Committee, **THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes [dated May 26, 2006].****

CARRIED

**2. Report of the Senate Committee on Medical Qualifications
Re: Dr. Heinz Feldmann Page 23**

The Committee is charged with determining, by examination or otherwise, whether eligible applicants are, by way of medical education, proper persons to be members of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba.

The Committee met and unanimously approved recommendation for Dr.

Feldmann's registration and licensure under Section 64 of the Medical Act.

In speaking to the report, Professor Anderson noted that the Department of Medical Microbiology had recruited Dr. Feldmann to the University. Dr. Feldmann has very impressive international credentials. He is known internationally for his research on pathogens, and has been frequently called upon by the World Health Organization.

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

It was MOVED by Dr. Anderson on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Medical Qualifications regarding Dr. Heinz Feldmann [dated May 10, 2006].

CARRIED

3. Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on course proposals/ modifications/deletions Page 25

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is proposing the introduction of courses in the Nursing and Architecture and the deletion of courses in Medicine. Dean Doering, in speaking to the report noted that the library statement has been received for the Faculty of Nursing course.

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

It was MOVED by Dean Doering, seconded by Dean Witty, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, regarding course proposals and deletions in Nursing, Architecture, and Medicine and course modifications in Family Social Sciences [dated May 25, 2006].

CARRIED

II MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Page 32

On May 27, 2006, the Senate Committee on Awards approved one award amendment [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated May 27, 2006]. This award decision complies with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and is reported to Senate for information.

The following questions were received from Matthew Norman, student senator. As they related to the report of the Senate Committee on Awards, it was agreed that the questions would be dealt with now rather than in the question period.

“On December 7, 2005 the Senate approved changes in the admission policy for the direct entry programs at the University of Manitoba. Those changes were made to simplify the admission requirements and bring them in line with the rest of the nation. In response to these changes, the Senate Committee on Awards submitted an amendment to the existing terms of reference for the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships.

1. Does the singling out of the English requirement put recent immigrants, new Canadians and others who's first language is not English at a disadvantage? Under the amendment in the current agenda, Students with a strong English background have the advantage of English being a requirement in the calculation of their GPA for purposes of entrance scholarship awards, as well as not being required to submit any science or math grades (unless of course they are among the student's top 4 subjects). Students who may be very strong in other subjects such as sciences but may not excel in English (but who still meet general entrance requirements) are placed at a disadvantage.”

Mr. Dueck responded to the question, noting that the terms of reference for this scholarship were taken to the High School Advisory Committee. This committee is comprised of representatives from across Manitoba. It includes rural and core area schools, private and public schools, as well as representatives from the Department of Education. The Committee met three times to discuss the terms of reference, make revisions, and discuss the revisions. Mr. Dueck noted that the terms of reference were very carefully reviewed by the external body. The English language requirement and newcomers to Canada were discussed at length. The Committee believed that this population would not be discriminated against by the terms of reference. Mr. Dueck noted that his office has observed that in general, it is found that the recent immigration population receives a proportionally larger share of major entrance awards than Canadian born students.

- “2. Could this be avoided by incorporating the English requirement into the list of other eligible courses for consideration in the terms of reference for the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships? As all minimum GPA requirements for admittance are still met, a "Top 5 Subjects" method of calculation would give equal opportunity to the science oriented students, letting all students be evaluated at their strengths, whatever they may be.”

In response to the question, Mr. Dueck noted that the second draft of the terms of reference had English requirement incorporated into the list of eligible courses. It was the Advisory Committee that wanted to see English as a separate criterion.

“On the topic of scholarships, according to the University of Manitoba Financial Aid and Awards website, the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships distributed \$1.4 million last year.

3. How much of that money is allocated to the International Undergraduate Student Entrance Scholarship?"

Mr. Dueck responded that none of the money is allocated to International Undergraduate Students, as the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship is targeted to students from high schools in Canada. There is a separate pool of money for international student entrance scholarships.

- "4. Why are the award values of the International Undergraduate Student Entrance Scholarship significantly lower than those of the general entrance scholarships for the same GPA tier?"

Mr. Dueck agreed that in the last year, the values of the entrance scholarships were significantly lower for International Undergraduate Student Entrance Scholarships than for the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarships. He noted that last year was the first year of experience with the International Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships. The amounts were set to ensure that there were sufficient funds available to provide awards to eligible students.

- "5. Why is there a different number of GPA tiers for the awarding of the International Undergraduate Student Entrance Scholarship compared to the University of Manitoba Entrance Scholarship?"

Mr. Dueck responded that when the scholarships were designed there was not an assumption made that the University could not fully standardize and convert the international grading systems. The different number of GPA tiers acknowledges the differences in international grading systems.

Mr. Butera requested clarification on the criteria for the International Undergraduate Entrance Scholarships which stated that of the four additional high school courses considered in determining Scholarship eligibility, a student could use an English course, but did not have to. In response, Mr. Dueck noted that students will have to present at least one English course in addition to their best four courses, which could include another English course if it was helpful to the student. He also noted that some recent immigrants will be taking a new English as a second language course that will be an acceptable course as one of the four additional courses.

2. *In Memoriam Professor Lawrence Ivan Ritchey*

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Dean Cooper spoke in tribute to Professor Lawrence Ritchey. She noted that the obituary relates what a very accomplished man Professor Ritchey was. There are many tangible reminders of him at the Faculty, including a French double harpsichord that he constructed for the Faculty and a music theory textbook that he authored that is used around the world. As University Organist, he performed for many of the convocation ceremonies and will be sadly missed.

3 In Memoriam Professor Emeritus Joan Townsend

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Professor Judd spoke in tribute to Professor Joan Townsend. She noted that Professor Townsend was a member of Senate for 19 years and also served on the Board of Governors. In 1996 she was honoured in a symposium "Women Pioneers of Northern Anthropology". Professor Townsend published in three areas of anthropology. These included historic and prehistoric archaeology; ethnohistory; and religion, including traditional and neoshamanism and new religious movements. She retired from the University in 1999, but continued on in research and working with graduate students. She will be greatly missed.

III REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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The President, in addition to her written report, noted that a trip that had been made to Israel the past year, at the invitation of the Consul General of Israel in Toronto. Six universities were represented, including the University of Manitoba. Dr. Jayas and Professor Schwartz of the Faculty of Law accompanied the President on the trip. At the time, Dr. Jayas noted that in order further foster joint activities between universities, there should be a common fund of money to support such activities. Since that time, Dr. Jayas has advanced the idea and recently the Government of Manitoba has promised \$1-million dollars and The Jewish National Fund of Canada has agreed to match that amount. At this time, the funds will be confined to research on Agriculture, broadly defined. Dr. Szathmáry congratulated Dr. Jayas for his persistence and efforts in this regard.

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that at the June meeting of the Board of Governors, Dr. Lori Wallace was appointed the Dean of Extended Education. Her appointment will start in October. Dr. Kathleen Matheos has been named Acting Dean from July 1 to September 30.

Dr. Kerr noted that during the summer months, there will be two new links placed on the University webpage. One will be used to promote the partnership programs with the University of Manitoba and Red River College. The second link will be providing information on the University's collaborative agreement with other universities in Manitoba and Saskatchewan regarding with program reviews. The reviews form part of the process of quality assurance regarding programs offered by the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Jayas, Associate Vice-President (Research), reported that there are seven new Canada Research Chairs, bringing the total for the University of Manitoba to 44 Canada Research Chairs. Six Chair renewal applications have also been successful.

Dr. Jayas, noted that Dr. Allan Ronald had received the Gairdner Foundation Wightman Award for research into infectious diseases. Dr. Jayas also reported that a 600,000 investment was made by the Government of Manitoba for a total of \$1.2 million for research on rapeseed and canola.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that she had received word that Dr. Ellen Judd has been elected to the Royal Society of Canada.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported on the Awards of Excellence program for support staff. There were four awards and 47 excellent nominations were received. Mrs. McCallum noted how pleased she was with the reception of the support staff awards program. Dr. Szathmáry underscored that the support staff at the University are a crucial component of the work done at the University, and congratulated the award recipients.

Mrs. McCallum provided an update on the road work to be done at Chancellor Matheson Boulevard by the City of Winnipeg. There was to be a new south turning lane added which would have meant the University would require changes to the University gates. The addition of the turning lane however, would have required the City to put in new traffic signals, at an additional cost of \$300,000. The City has informed the University that the turning lane is now on hold and will not be constructed this summer.

Mrs. McCallum reported that McLean Crescent has been closed for sewer system work. It will re-open on July 10. Landscaping will also be undertaken on the East side of the Engineering building.

Mr. Alho, Associate Vice-President (External), reported that Public Affairs has been going through a restructuring and has recently hired a new marketing Manager, Lori Aychuk. Mr. Alho noted that Dr. John Forester will be receiving the distinguished Alumni Award at Fall Convocation. Mr. Alho noted that the Government Relations Office hosted the 10th annual meeting for Government Relations Officers of Universities in Canada, adding that it was well attended and a successful event.

Mr. Alho also reported that on June 27th, there was a ground breaking ceremony for the new Apotex Centre for Pharmacy at the Bannatyne Campus.

IV QUESTION PERIOD

Questions received prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day preceding the meeting were dealt with under the Report on the Senate Committee on Awards.

V CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 17, 2006

Mr. Butera was listed as absent, and should be listed as present. Mr. Norman was not listed, and should have been listed as absent.

It was MOVED by Professor Anderson, seconded by Professor Page, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on May 17, 2006 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

VI BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Election of Senate Representatives to

the Senate Executive Committee

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One faculty representative is to be elected for a one year term ending May 31, 2007 to replace Professor Dronzek, who chose not to seek re-election to Senate.

The University Secretary opened nominations. Professors Hawranik was duly nominated, by Rector Stapleton. No further nominations were made.

Professor Hawranik was **ELECTED** to a one-year term ending May 31, 2007.

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

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

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Members of the Senate Committee on Nominations are nominated by the Senate Executive Committee and elected by Senate. Replacements are required for Professors Dronzek (Agriculture & Human Ecology), Burleson (Music, Fine Arts, and Libraries) and Dean Hrycaiko (Education & Physical Education). All are for three-year terms beginning on June 1, 2006.

It was MOVED by Professor MacKay, on behalf of the Committee THAT the following nominations to the Senate Committee on Nominations be approved by Senate for three-year terms beginning June 1, 2006 and ending on May 31, 2009:

- a) **Dean Dennis Hrycaiko (Senator) (Re-appointment), representing Education and Physical Education**
- b) **Dr. Karen Jensen, representing Music, Fine Arts and Libraries**
- c) **Dr. Carla Taylor (Senator), representing Agriculture and Human Ecology**

CARRIED

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

- a) Professor Hunter reported that the Committee had met once on May 29. Three items were dealt with, the proposed Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences (General) and the two space planning items coming before Senate.

b) Proposed Sport and Active Living Precinct

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This proposal calls for the approval of a Sports and Active Living Precinct within the Fort Garry Campus. The intention is to further develop recreational and athletic facilities adjacent to and in concert with existing facilities. Siting for individual projects proposed within the precinct will be brought forward for

approval as they are proposed. The designation of the precinct is meant to facilitate planning. This new precinct was created in the context of the Campus Plan. Dr. Szathmáry noted for new Senators that the Campus Plan is a document approved by Senate and the Board of Governors, and it outlines the principles to be followed for the development of the Fort Garry campus.

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

It was MOVED by Dean Cooper, seconded by Professor Welsh, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on the proposed Sport and Active Living Precinct [dated May 29, 2006].

CARRIED

c) Proposed site location: Dafoe Library Annex Page 71

This proposal calls for the approval of the siting of the Library storage facility accommodating a minimum capacity of 500,000 volumes on a 4,500 square foot footprint. This siting serves to create a new courtyard landscape between the proposed Library Annex and Dafoe Library. This proposed siting allows for efficiencies of proximity, movement, and access to the collection that could not be supported if the site was elsewhere on campus.

Professor Worobec commented that it was her understanding that Machray Hall was originally designed to be a library and wondered why it was not being used instead of a new building? Professor Hunter replied that this was to be a storage area for the library, not a library.

Professor MacKay advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate

It was MOVED by Professor Welsh, seconded by Professor Brabston, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on the proposed site location for Dafoe Library Annex [dated May 29, 2006].

CARRIED

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

1. Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on graduate program Changes re: Nursing and Botany and Zoology Page 76

The Faculty of Graduate Studies is proposing program changes in the Master of Nursing program and in the Master's and Ph.D. programs in Zoology and Botany.

The Nurse Practitioner stream is changing from a practicum route to a course-based route. Students will now be required to complete a capstone course in place of a practicum course.

The Departments of Zoology and Botany propose decreasing the credit hours in their Master's program from 12 to 6 credit hours, and making 12 credit hours the total number of credit hours required in the Ph.D. program.

Professor Anderson wondered if there had been a general discussion regarding the number of credit hours required in graduate programs. She also wondered if there was a guiding document that the Faculty of Graduate Studies could provide regarding credit hours as well as credit hours for thesis work.

Dean Doering responded that such points had been raised in the discussions and that the Faculty Council felt that with the breadth of the 142 programs in Graduate Studies, it was difficult to have a standard.

Dr. Szathmáry commented that as it is Senate that confers authority on Faculty Councils, perhaps it might be a good idea to have minimum requirements for graduate degrees as these are ultimately University of Manitoba degrees approved by Senate. She suggested that the Dean of Graduate Studies take the matter under advisement.

Professor Booth commented that page 85 of the agenda has the rationale and justification for the credit hour requirements proposed. Both proposals arose from external reviews of the graduate programs and are in response to the reviews. The norm for similar programs is between 6 and 12 credit hours. Dean Doering noted that there are similar proposals coming from other programs in the Sciences.

Professor Anderson commented that there needs to be further discussion on the issues and that the discussion needs to include "what a credit hour entails". The push for research is important, but equally important is the educational component. She noted that excellent programs could have no credit hour requirements as long as they still have the requirement of learning a body of knowledge.

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

It was MOVED by Dean Doering, seconded by Professor Booth, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on graduate program changes re: Nursing, Botany and Zoology [dated May 25, 2006].

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Senate Committee on Approved Teaching Centres**

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This is the annual report dealing with courses and instructors at the University's two approved teaching centres, William and Catherine Booth College and Prairie Theatre Exchange.

Professor MacKay advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate

It was MOVED by Professor Anderson, seconded by Dean Cooper, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Approved Teaching Centres [dated June 1, 2006].

CARRIED

3. Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions

a) re: proposal to set a minimum academic standard for admission to any program or faculty

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In speaking to the report, Dr. Morphy noted that this proposal would only affect transit or transfer students from University 1. He also noted that Deans and Directors would retain their right to admit any student by special permission.

In response to a question about Faculties that use adjusted GPA (AGPA) for admission, Mr. Dueck noted that if a student would be admitted based on an AGPA but has a CGPA of less than 2.00, the Dean or Director could use their discretion to admit the student, i.e., the student would still be admissible the program based on their AGPA.

It was questioned if this policy would override the Faculty of Graduate Studies requirement of a minimum 3.0 GPA for admission. Mr. Dueck noted that this policy set a university minimum of 2.0, and that Faculties would be free to require a higher GPA.

In response to a question from Professor Berry, Mr. Marnoch noted that at the May 17, 2006 meeting, Senate approved modifications to the academic assessment and progression regulations for many units, including University 1. In that proposal, a reference was made to the existing transit regulations for students from University 1 to various faculties and schools, including Arts and Science – regulations that have been in place for many years. No change to transit regulations were proposed nor approved at that meeting. Mr. Marnoch noted that what is being proposed in this report is a modification to the transit regulations, in that rather than being able to transit to Arts or Science with a CGPA of less than 2.00 after completing 24 credit hours in University 1, students who want to transfer out of University 1 must have a CGPA of 2.00 or better. Students who do not, will be required to remain in University 1, subject to the

academic assessment and progression regulations approved by Senate at the May 17, 2006 meeting.

Professor Berry asked why the proposals regarding transiting and academic assessment and progression were brought forward to Senate in a piecemeal fashion. In reply, Mr. Marnoch noted that the proposals were not ready at the same time, and that the academic assessment and progression regulation changes for many different units came through the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation at the same time, and that the proposal currently before Senate came later through the Senate Committee on Admissions.

A question was asked regarding students who complete 18 credit hours in a direct entry faculty and then want to change faculties. Would these students need to enter University 1? In response, Senate was reminded that the credit hour limit for University 1 is 24 credit hours. Thus if a student has less credit hours, such as 18, they would have to go into University 1.

A question was asked why the policies were presented at different Senate meetings, rather than at the same meeting. Mr. Marnoch noted that the other policies came as a group, but this policy was a separate issue and also was not ready at the time the other changes came forward.

A question regarding the AGPA was asked. Were faculties who currently use the AGPA consulted on the change? Mr. Dueck replied that if a student were to pass the AGPA requirement and not pass the CGPA requirement then Deans and Directors have the right to still admit the student. Faculties can continue to use the AGPA if they desire.

A question regarding what happens to students in University 1, who have 30 credit hours, and a GPA of 1.9. Mr. Marnoch noted that those students would be subject to rules of University 1, which state that if a student fails to achieve a TGPA of 2.0 then the student would be placed on suspension.

It was asked who would be responsible for doing student assessments and how the assessment would be done. In response, Mr. Marnoch stated that the *Aurora Student Information System* has a transit function that will check the number of credit hours and whether the student is in "good standing". There may be a small number of students who will have to be manually approved.

A question was asked how this proposed policy relates to Graduate Studies. Mr. Dueck commented that the Admissions Office does not admit graduate students.

A question was asked regarding acceptability of courses into the Faculty of Science. Mr. Marnoch noted that almost all courses in University 1 are acceptable into the Faculty of Science.

It was asked if faculties were consulted in the creation of this policy. Dr. Kerr

responded that the process of developing this policy began with Deans and Directors Council. He added that this policy does not override any faculty standards. Rather, this policy was developed to ensure that students who do move forward have a chance to succeed.

A suggestion was made that the phrase "Notwithstanding that Senate may approve program specific requirements in excess of the minimum requirement," be added to the beginning of recommendation number one in the report. Members of Senate agreed with this addition to the proposal.

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

It was MOVED by Dr. Morphy on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning a proposal to set a minimum academic standard for admission to any program or faculty, effective for admissions summer 2007 [dated April 24, 2006] as amended.

CARRIED

b) re: Proposal from the Faculty of Education to eliminate the applicant interview in the admission process for its B. Ed. Program

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The Faculty of Education currently has a two-stage admission process that includes group interviews. Over the past three years, review and discussion of the process has taken place within the Faculty. The Faculty has determined that the group interviews are not accomplishing what they were initially intended to accomplish. Furthermore, there is concern over the possibility of some of the strongest students deciding to attend other faculties of education because of the lateness of notification of acceptance, by the University of Manitoba, because of the additional time consumed by the interview process.

This proposal would see applicants being assessed in a single stage process rather than a two-stage process. Their GPA will continue to be worth 45 points and the written expression exercise will continue to be worth 20 points for a possible total of 65 points.

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

It was MOVED by Dr. Morphy on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning a proposal from the Faculty of Education to eliminate the applicant interview in the admission process for its B. Ed. Program, effective for September 2007 [dated April 24, 2006].

CARRIED

- c) **re: Proposal from the Faculty of Education to eliminate Social Studies as a “teachable” subject for applicants to the Early and Middle Years streams in its B. Ed. Program**
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This proposal to eliminate Social Studies as a “teachable” complies with a directive received from the Minister of Education, Citizenship and Youth for the Province of Manitoba. The directive indicated that Social Studies will no longer be recognized as a “teachable” subject for applicants to the Early and Middle Years programs. Dr. Szathmáry noted that History, Geography, and Native Studies will continue to be recognized as teachable subject areas.

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

It was MOVED by Dr. Morphy on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning a proposal from the Faculty of Education to eliminate Social Studies as a “teachable” subject for applicants to the Early and Middle Years streams in its B. Ed. Program, effective for September 2007 [dated April 24, 2006].

CARRIED

4. **Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations**

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This report consists of nominations to standing committees of Senate of academic staff.

In speaking to the report, Professor Brabston noted that the name of Jan Horner from the Libraries should be added in nomination to the Senate Committee on the Calendar.

It was MOVED by Professor Brabston, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Nominations dated June 28, 2006.

IX **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

X **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 14, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 96, distributed earlier,

comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on June 28, 2006.

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