

November 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 and Information Technology Complex

Members Present

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry, Chair
Prof. T. Anna
Prof. U. Annakkage
Ms. C. Baker
Prof. M. Ballance
Prof. R. Baydack
Prof. T. G. Berry
Prof. M. Birouk
Ms. C. Bone
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Prof. M. Brabston
Mr. T. Bzura
Dean D. Care
Mr. D. Collister
Prof. L. Connor
Ms. A. Dufour
Ms. E. Dyck
Prof. J. Embree
Prof. E. Epp
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Prof. C. Eyland
Prof. M. Gabbert
Prof. G. Geller
Prof. J. Ghomeshi
Prof. G. Gosek
Prof. B. Hann
Prof. G. Hatch
Prof. T. Henley
Ms. J. Horner
Dr. J. Hoskins
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Prof. P. Hultin
Ms. A. Huminicki
Mr. S. Ima
Dr. J. Keselman
Dean L. King
Prof. G. Krause
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Prof. D. Lenoski
Prof. J. Long
Prof. K. MacKay
Prof. R. Mazurat
Ms. D. McCallum
Prof. M. McKay

Prof. A. McNicol
Mr. P. Nawrot
Mr. S. Neethirajan
Mr. A. Okaja
Prof. J. Owens
Prof. D. Polyzois
Prof. Y. Pompana
Prof. S. Prentice
Prof. I. Ripstein
Dean D. Ruth
Dean H. Sector
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Dean R. Sigurdson
Prof. L. Simard
Prof. A. Sloane-Seale
Mr. D. Smith
Mr. Y. Soufi
Mr. B. Spence
Mr. G. Sran
Prof. T. Sullivan
Prof. C. Taylor
Prof. J. Trottier
Prof. J. Van Rees
Mr. D. Vincent
Dean L. Wallace
Prof. E. Walz
Dean M. Whitmore
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Prof. A. Young
Mr. R. Zegalski
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Ms. N. Schneider,
Recording
Secretary

Assessors

Present

Mr. C. Butera
Mr. P. Dueck
Dr. R. Lobdell
Mr. N. Marnoch

Regrets

Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. G. Bourgeois-Law
Prof. B. Bowman
Ms. K. Boughton
Ms. T. Burrows
Dr. P. Cattini
Prof. K. Coombs
Dean J. Cooper
Prof. E. Cowden
Dean I. Diallo
Dean J. Doering
Dean G. Feltham
Rectrice R. Gagné
Ms. M. Gallant
Ms. E. Goldie
Prof. Y. Gong
Dr. K. Grant
Prof. P. Hawranik
Prof. N. Hunter
Dr. D. Jayas
Dr. K. Jensen
Mr. N. Joseph
Dr. R. Kerr
Prof. S. Kirby
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Prof. K. Matheos
Ms. S. McEwen
Ms. H. Milan
Dr. D. Morphy
Prof. P. Nickerson
Dr. W. Norrie
Prof. J. Page
Prof. S. Pistorius
Ms. C. Presser
Mr. S. Reddy
Ms. J. Reimer
Dean D. Sandham
Prof. P. Singal
Prof. D. Smyth
Dean M. Trevan
Prof. C. Troutt
Prof. J. Welsh
Dean J. Wiens
Dean D. Witty
Dean S. Zelenitsky
Mr. D. Zhang

Absent

Prof. S. Abeysekera
Prof. W. Akinremi
Prof. S. Barakat
Ms. N. Bhullar
Prof. C. Blais
Prof. T. Booth
Ms. T. Dickson
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. J. Irvine
Prof. M. Joyal
Ms. J. Karpzyza
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum
Prof. S. Kouritzin
Prof. B. Law
Mr. A. Moreau
Dean R. Mullaly
Mr. M. Norman
Mr. S. Norosky
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Dr. J. Raymond
Ms. V. Unrau
Prof. M. Vrontakis
Prof. P. Zahradka

Also Present

Mr. D. Barbour
Prof. M. Bartell
Ms. V. Car
Mr. S. Dorge
Ms. J. Gripp
Prof. J. Kehler Siebert
Mr. G. Miller
Prof. P. Paterson
Ms. J. Petrinchuk
Dr. L. Smith
Mr. P. Tittenberger
Prof. J. Whiteley
Ms. N. Woloschuk
Ms. S. Woloschuk

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive was Professor Archie McNicol.

PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Gerry Miller presented on learning technologies. He provided some statistical information on university students in general. He also described different types of technology available for teaching and students expectations with regard to learning technology. Mr. Peter Tittenberger provided an overview of the *Virtual Learning Commons*, an interactive website accessed through the University's home page. This site promotes social networking among staff and students, and assists them in acquiring specific learning skills.

Senators expressed their appreciation for the presentations, the need to invest more in new technology, and a need to update the university's intellectual property bylaw. Mrs. McCallum noted that to date the University and the Faculty Association have not agreed on any changes, but she hoped that in the next round of bargaining they could come to an agreement.

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION None

II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE None

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards

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On September 28, 2006, the Senate Committee on Awards approved four new awards and four award amendments [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated September 28, 2006]. This award decision complies with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and is reported to Senate for information.

Mr. Dueck noted that in the Canon International Envirothon Scholarship, first paragraph on page 19, third line, the word "contribution" should be changed to "influence". Mr. Dueck also noted that the University of Manitoba Golf Awards had a Grade Point Average of 2.0. He explained that this was not a scholarship or prize, but was an award. It was based on a student's achievement in the sport, not on academic achievements.

2. In Memoriam Professor Howard Card

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Dean Ruth spoke in tribute to Professor Card. He noted that Professor Card was both a brilliant researcher and teacher. One of his published papers has been

cited over 600 times. He supervised many graduate students, many of who went on to complete PhDs. Currently, there are four faculty members in the Faculty of Engineering who had been supervised by him.

Dean Ruth noted that in keeping with his Irish heritage, Professor Card did not have a funeral, but instead a wake was held in his honour. His brothers sang some of the songs that Professor Card had written, as he was an accomplished song writer. He will be remembered for his saying "if something is worth doing, it's worth doing to excess". He will be missed.

3. **In Memoriam Professor Deepak Bose** **Page 23**

Professor Hatch spoke in tribute to Professor Bose. He noted that Professor Bose was a cherished faculty member. Professor Bose came to Winnipeg in 1968. He was an accomplished researcher who was well funded. However, his interests extended beyond the lab, as he had a strong passion for teaching. He was known to give up vacation time in order to hold remedial studies for students who needed the extra help. As well as being remembered as a scholar, he will also be remembered as a great friend and devoted family man.

4. **In Memoriam Professor Nathan Mendelsohn** **Page 24**

Dean Whitmore noted that Professor Mendelsohn made stunning contributions to the field of Mathematics. He stated that Professor Krause, head of Mathematics, would speak in tribute to Professor Mendelsohn, as they had worked together.

Professor Krause commented that Professor Mendelsohn was responsible for creating the honours and graduate programs in Mathematics. Of the staff members he hired, three became distinguished professors and fellows of the Royal Society.

As well as being devoted to mathematics, Professor Mendelsohn was also an accomplished magician and a member of the International Magicians Union. He was employed at the University of Manitoba for over 58 years, and was a Distinguished Professor Emeritus. He will be missed.

4. **Correspondence from the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost
re: Ph.D. Statement of Intent: Joint Honours Degree in
Chemistry and Physics** **Page 25**

The Faculty of Science is proposing a Joint Honours Degree in Chemistry and Physics. This four-year program would provide students the opportunity to obtain a degree in the area of chemical physics. This program would be of primary interest to students interested in atomic and molecular physics and physical chemistry.

The program will make use of existing courses, and would be implemented within the current operating budget. It is proposed that this program be available to students in the 2007-08 academic year.

IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry noted that Dr. Kerr Vice-President (Academic) and Provost is in Australia, on University business.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), provided an update on the food services contract. There had been three proposals received, but one has been disqualified. Townhall meetings will be held for the remaining contenders. The first townhall meeting will be by Aramark, on November 15th, the second townhall meeting will be for Sodexo, on November 27th. The meetings will be from noon till 1:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room. The format will be that the company will give a brief presentation that will be followed by questions from the attendees.

Mrs. McCallum stated that the operating estimates have been presented to the Council on Post-Secondary Education (COPSE). The document is available on the University website, at http://www.umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/financial.html. Letters have been sent to Deans and Directors on planning for the upcoming budget. Mrs. McCallum noted that there are three tenders out at this time. They are for the library storage annex, the Aboriginal students' building and the storm sewer updates. She noted concern over the potential prices as construction costs continue to rise dramatically.

Dr. Keselman, Vice-President (Research), reported that Dr. Harvey Chochinov from Psychiatry has been named this year's winner of the J.M. Cleghorn Award for Excellence in Leadership and Clinical Research. This award is presented by the Canadian Psychiatric Association. She noted that Dr. Aftab Mufti from Civil Engineering, and President of the ISIS (Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures) Canada Research Network. He has been named as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the International Institute of Fibre-Reinforced Polymers in Construction. Dr. Keselman noted that the Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada has appointed a new president, Dr. Chad Gaffield. His first order of business is to make sure that the government clearly understands the benefits of the money allocated for research in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

Dr. Keselman noted that a number of activities have occurred as a result of the federal government's announcement regarding the development of a science and technology strategy. There had been speculation that this would be a fast-tracked review but that does not appear to be the case. Dr. Szathmáry added that at the meeting of the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada the Minister of Industry and Minister of Finance were in attendance for part of the time, but that no formal announcements were made.

Dr. Szathmáry reported that the *Manitoban* is hosting a conference this weekend of the

Canadian University Press. Andrew Potter from Maclean's will be speaking as will Tony Keller, managing editor, special issues for Maclean's. The President noted that the *Globe and Mail* published its rating of universities on Tuesday, October 31. The rating included information on the methodology that is used to obtain the ratings. In addition, Dr. Szathmáry noted that the University of Manitoba has a webpage providing accountability information. She strongly encouraged Senators to look at the webpage and the *Globe and Mail* report and provide her with feedback.

Dr. Szathmáry requested Senate's agreement to relay to the Director of Physical Plant (through Mrs. McCallum), Senate's appreciation for the renovation of the Senate Chamber. Senate agreed.

The final item reported by the President was the 140th birthday of St. John's College. This announcement was met with a round of applause by Senate.

V QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day preceding the meeting, nor were any raised on the floor of Senate.

**VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2006**

It was **MOVED** by Dean Care, seconded by Professor Wrogemann, **THAT** the minutes of the Senate meeting held on October 28, 2006 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

At the last meeting of Senate, a question was asked regarding the number of partner institutions referred to in the ICS Student Exchange Scholarship. In response, Mr. Dueck noted that there were approximately 100 institutions involved.

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

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

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

Professor Bartell reported that since the October 4th Senate meeting, the Committee has met once to discuss course changes in the Faculty of Arts, Department of History and Department of French, Spanish and Italian – Spanish.

A report will be forthcoming at a future Senate meeting.

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

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Appeals

Professor McNicol reported that since last reporting to Senate, the Committee has heard nine appeals:

1. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Nursing to debar the student from, and award a "F" grade in, a course. The grounds of the appeal were that the Faculty had not followed its own policy in the course. Appeal denied.
2. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Social Work to terminate the student from a rotation and award a grade of "F" in the associated course. The grounds of the appeal were unfair treatment to the appellant when compared to other students, no grounds for termination and that the Faculty had not followed its own policy during the Faculty appeals process. Appeal denied.
3. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Education to include an assessor's report in their file. The grounds of the appeal were that the assessor was biased, that the Faculty had not followed its own policy and that the Faculty had not followed University policy. Appeal denied.
4. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Science to deny selective Authorised Withdrawals. The grounds of the appeal was that an underlying medical condition was not taken fully into consideration during the Faculty appeals process. Appeal granted.
5. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Engineering to deny selective Authorised Withdrawals. The grounds of the appeal was undue hardship caused by the application of Faculty policy, due to an underlying medical condition. Appeal granted.
6. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Law to deny progression to the subsequent year of study. The grounds of the appeal was that the Faculty had misrepresented the requirements for advancement. Appeal denied.
7. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Science to deny examination re-write and deferral privileges. The grounds of the appeal were that an underlying medical condition and psychological problems were not taken into consideration during the Faculty appeals process. Appeal denied.
8. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Physical Education

and Recreational Studies to award a grade of "F" paper not read, due to late arrival at an examination. The grounds of the appeal was that an underlying medical condition was not taken into consideration during the Faculty appeals process. Appeal granted.

9. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Arts to deny Authorised Withdrawals from two courses. The appeal was made on compassionate grounds. The appeal of one course was granted and the other course denied.

The Committee currently has five open files.

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

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It was MOVED by Professor Brabston, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Nominations dated November 1, 2006.

CARRIED

X **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** None

XI **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 32, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on November 1, 2006.

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