

January 10, 2007

**Minutes of a Meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 in the Senate Chamber, Room E3-262 Engineering and Information Technology Complex**

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**Members Present**

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry, Chair  
Prof. J. Anderson  
Prof. T. Anna  
Ms. C. Baker  
Prof. M. Ballance  
Prof. R. Baydack  
Prof. T. G. Berry  
Prof. C. Bone  
Prof. T. Booth  
Prof. G. Bourgeois-Law  
Prof. M. Brabston  
Prof. S. Brickey  
Ms. T. Burrows  
Mr. T. Bzura  
Dean D. Collins  
Mr. D. Collister  
Prof. L. Connor  
Prof. K. Coombs  
Dean J. Cooper  
Prof. E. Cowden  
Ms. T. Dickson  
Ms. E. Dyck  
Prof. J. Embree  
Prof. E. Etcheverry  
Prof. C. Eyland  
Dean G. Feltham  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Prof. G. Geller  
Prof. J. Ghomeshi  
Ms. E. Goldie  
Prof. G. Gosek  
Prof. B. Hann  
Prof. G. Hatch  
Prof. T. Henley  
Ms. J. Horner  
Dr. J. Hoskins  
Mr. S. Ima  
Mr. N. Joseph  
Prof. M. Joyal  
Dr. R. Kerr  
Dr. J. Keselman

Prof. L. Kirshenbaum  
Prof. G. Krause  
Prof. C. Kristjanson  
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk  
Prof. R. Lee  
Prof. D. Lenoski  
Prof. K. MacKay  
Prof. R. Mazurat  
Ms. D. McCallum  
Ms. S. McEwen  
Prof. M. McKay  
Prof. A. McNicol  
Ms. H. Milan  
Mr. A. Moreau  
Dr. D. Morphy  
Dean R. Mullaly  
Mr. P. Nawrot  
Mr. S. Neethirajan  
Mr. M. Norman  
Dr. W. Norrie  
Mr. A. Okaja  
Prof. J. Owens  
Prof. J. Page  
Prof. S. Pistorius  
Prof. Y. Pompana  
Prof. I. Ripstein  
Dean D. Ruth  
Dean D. Sandham  
Dean H. Secter  
Dean R. Sigurdson  
Prof. L. Simard  
Prof. P. Singal  
Prof. D. Smyth  
Mr. B. Spence  
Prof. T. Sullivan  
Prof. C. Taylor  
Dean M. Trevan  
Ms. V. Unrau  
Prof. J. Van Rees  
Mr. D. Vincent  
Prof. M. Vrontakis  
Dean L. Wallace  
Prof. E. Walz

Prof. J. Welsh  
Dean M. Whitmore  
Dean D. Witty  
Prof. K. Wrogemann  
Prof. A. Young  
Prof. P. Zahradka  
Mr. R. Zegalski  
Mr. D. Zhang  
Mr. J. Leclerc,  
University Secretary  
Ms. N. Schneider,  
Recording Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Ms. K. Broughton  
Mr. C. Butera  
Mr. P. Dueck  
Ms. M. Gallant  
Prof. N. Hunter  
Dr. K. Jensen  
Dr. R. Lobdell  
Mr. N. Marnoch  
Prof. K. Matheos

**Regrets**

Prof. M. Birouk  
Dean D. Care  
Dean I. Diallo  
Dean J. Doering  
Ms. A. Dufour  
Rectrice R. Gagné  
Prof. Y. Gong  
Dr. K. Grant  
Prof. P. Hawranik  
Dean D. Hrycaiko  
Ms. A. Huminicki  
Prof. S. Kirby  
Prof. J. Long  
Prof. K. MacKendrick  
Prof. P. Nickerson  
Ms. C. Presser

Mr. S. Reddy  
Dean G. Sevenhuysen  
Prof. A. Sloane-Seale  
Mr. D. Smith  
Mr. G. Sran  
Dean J. Wiens

**Absent**

Prof. W. Akinremi  
Prof. U. Annakkage  
Prof. S. Barakat  
Prof. C. Blais  
Mr. B. Bowman  
Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
Dr. P. Cattini  
Prof. E. Epp  
Dr. G. Gerbrandt  
Mr. L. Hildebrand  
Prof. P. Hultin  
Prof. J. Irvine  
Dr. D. Jayas  
Ms. J. Karpyza  
Prof. B. Law  
Mr. S. Norosky  
Prof. D. Polyzois  
Dr. C. Rabinovitch  
Dr. J. Raymond  
Ms. J. Reimer  
Mr. Y. Soufi  
Prof. J. Trottier

**Also Present**

Prof. C. Ateah  
Mr. S. Dorge  
Ms. R. Gotthilf  
Mr. R. Marriott  
Ms. J. Petrinchuk  
Dr. L. Smith

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive was Dean Glenn Feltham.

The Committee agreed to deal with item X 1, to provide members with the opportunity to vote before having to leave for other commitments.

**X     ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**1.     Election of Members to the Presidential Search Committee     Page 44**

The Board of Governors has approved the establishment of a Presidential Search committee. The composition of the Committee includes "5 members elected by and from Senate, including at least one Dean or Director and one student". The procedure used in the past by Senate for similar elections was outlined on page 51 of the agenda.

The Senate Committee on Nominations has submitted a slate of candidates to Senate, with further nominations being allowed from the floor of Senate.

Dean Feltham advised that the Senate Executive Committee recommends that Senate elect its representatives to the Presidential Search Committee in a similar manner to that by which Senate elects its representatives to the Senate Executive Committee and the Board of Governors.

He further noted that the Senate Committee on Nominations had been asked to submit candidates for nomination to the Presidential Search Committee, with the understanding that additional nominations can be made from the floor of Senate. The report of the Senate Committee on Nominations will be distributed at the time of the Senate meeting.

Professor Hunter presented the following names to Senate:  
Dean Feltham, Dean Whitmore, Dean Sexter, Dean Sevenhuysen, Dean Sigurdson, Dean Wiens, Professor Hann, Professor Joyal, Professor Etcheverry  
Professor Wrogemann, Professor Brickey, Mr. Ima, and Mr. Bzura

The following nominations were received from the floor of Senate:  
Dean Sandham, nominated by Dean Collins  
Professor Baydack, nominated by Dean Witty  
Dr. Hoskins, nominated by Dr. Lenoski  
Mr. Nawrot, nominated by Mr. Norman  
Professor Anderson, nominated by Dean Cooper  
Mr. Sran nominated, by Ms. Baker

**It was MOVED by Professor Embree, seconded by Dean Collins THAT nominations close.**

**CARRIED**

The following were **ELECTED** to the Presidential Search Committee:  
Dean Richard Sigurdson, Dean Mark Whitmore, Dean Harvey Sexter, Professor  
Judy Anderson and Mr. Samuel Ima.

**I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION**

**II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE**

**1. Report of the Programs and Planning Committee of the  
Faculty of Graduate Studies on course changes and  
program changes**

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The Faculty of Graduate Studies is proposing a variety of course and program changes. These changes include the following units: Social Work, Oral Biology, Education, and Arts (English, German, and Slavic, and History).

In speaking to the report, Professor Coombs noted that the program change for oral biology is related to the fee structure. A Senator commented that the program had a one-year fee structure but was realistically a two-year program. The Senator felt that discussion should take place with regard to fee structures.

Dean Feltham advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

**It was MOVED by Professor Coombs, seconded by Professor Anderson,  
THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, [dated  
November 16, 2006].**

**CARRIED**

**2. Proposed Academic Schedule for 2007-2008**

**addendum  
Hand-out**

The 2007-2008 academic schedule was prepared by the Registrar. It has been reviewed by each Faculty and School. A hand-out was available at the start of Senate. The hand-out had two revisions to the academic schedule.

In speaking to the proposed schedule, Mr. Marnoch highlighted two items. The first was the start of classes in 2008, point number five. It is a later start date, but the requirements for number of classes will still be met. The second item was point number ten. The religious dates are not part of the academic schedule, but in the past some have been included. The list will be expanded and the list will be placed on the Registrar's Office web-site.

Mr. Marnoch noted that there were two amendments to the schedule. The first is the removal of one day from the exam schedule. It was not needed and the extra day will assist in the processing of graduands. The second item is moving the Bannatyne Convocation from a Thursday to a Friday.

It was noted that items six and seven state the year as 2007, but it should be 2008. Mr. Marnoch agreed with this observation.

Dean Feltham advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

**It was moved by Dr. Morphy, seconded by Dean Cooper, THAT Senate approve the proposed academic schedule as amended for 2007-2008.**

**CARRIED**

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

#### **1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A Page 31**

On November 23, 2006, the Senate Committee on Awards approved two new awards and two award amendments [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated November 23, 2006]. This award decision complies with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and is reported to Senate for information.

Professor Baydack, in speaking to the report noted that the past several reports have had a limited number of awards in them. Now that there is a new Awards Establishment Coordinator he expects that there will be an increase in the number of awards dealt with at Senate.

Professor Baydack noted that the University has received a record number of top students graduating from high school. Volunteers will be required to review their applications for awards. He requested people contact him for more information.

#### **2. In Memoriam Professor George Harold Porozny Page 35**

Professor Jim Welsh spoke in tribute to Professor George Harold Porozny. He noted that he had worked in field of business education and entrepreneurship and enterprise education for about 25 years at the University. He won many awards. Professor Porozny loved to teach, dance and cook. He was known as the "Culinary and Ballroom Dance Guru". He will be missed by all who worked with him.

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

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that as part of the Strategic Plan *Building for a Bright Future* the undergraduate curriculum is being reviewed. The President has lead discussions at the Deans and Directors meeting as to what is required. Dr. Kerr stated that a background document should be ready in February with a formal document coming to Senate at a later date.

Dr. Keselman, Vice-President (Research), reported on December 7, four University of Manitoba researchers, two of who were new recruits, received Canada Research Chairs, bringing the University's total to 47. The four recipients were: Dr. Trust Beta from Food Science who was awarded a Tier II Chair in Food Processing and Grain-Based Functional Foods, Dr. Aaron Marshall from Immunology who was awarded a Tier II Chair in Molecular Immunology, Dr. Sean Cadogan, recruited from the University of New South Wales who was awarded a Tier I Chair in Advanced Materials, and Dr. Joerg Stetefeld, recruited from the University of Basel who was awarded a Tier II Chair in Structural Biology.

Dr. Keselman reported that on December 21, \$88-million was committed towards a national high performance computing network. Dr. Keselman thanked Dean Mark Whitmore who was instrumental in leading the charge for the University of Manitoba. She also noted that Byron Southern was a project leader on the application.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported that the Christmas – New Year shut down period this year was uneventful.

Mrs. McCallum reported that one year ago a Pandemic Planning Steering Committee was formed. The Committee was charged with planning for a pandemic. This included creating guidelines and creating assumptions. The week of January 15-19 will be "Flu Pandemic Awareness Week". During this week a variety of activities will take place. This will include the launch of the website that has been developed, bulletins, and e-memos will be sent, as well, the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority has supplied posters and bookmarks that will be distributed. There will be personal sized hand sanitizers handed out at the bookstores, libraries, and athletic centres. Finally, a template is being developed to assist with pandemic planning at the unit level.

Mrs. Goldie, Vice-President (External), reported that for the first time, the University will participate in the *Doors open Winnipeg* event on May 26 and 27. The focus of this event is heritage buildings; the University will have eight buildings opened to the public. She will inform Senate of the buildings involved at the next meeting of Senate

With respect to Faculties, Mrs. Goldie reported that the Faculty of Engineering is in their centennial year. There are activities planned for the year. The Faculty of Dentistry has been promoting a bracelet for children called "the tooth fairy bracelet", with *Global Watch*. Funds raised from the sales of the bracelet are used for outreach projects.

Mrs. Goldie noted that on March 3, 2007, the University of Manitoba will be sponsoring the Manitoba Moose game. On April 26, there will be a reunion for Alumni of Icelandic descent.

Mrs. Goldie reported that current donations have been received for 2006 of approximately \$15-million. This is more than the amount received at this time last year. Mrs. Goldie ended her report by noting that the University hosts a *Breakfast and Brainstorm*, where members of the government are invited to attend. There have been two sessions to date, with approximately 30 people attending. The presenters have been David Barber and Karin Wittenberg.

Dr. Szathmáry, wished everyone a happy new year. She noted that on February 28, 2007 the University will be 130 years old. She noted that the achievements of the University are phenomenal, despite the challenges the institution has had to overcome.

Dr. Szathmáry provided a brief overview of her activities since the meeting of Senate in December. Nationally, as a member of the Association of University and Colleges of Canada, Dr. Szathmáry is part of a three-person committee reviewing the First Nations University of Canada. The review is focusing on the institution's governance structures.

Subsequent to her taking part in the Premier's December trade delegation to California at which an agreement on infectious diseases was signed with the University of California at San Diego, she received an email from an alumnus. Dr. Szathmáry read part of the e-mail to Senate. In the e-mail, the Ph.D. graduate in Chemistry she met in California, thanked the University and his professors for the training he had received despite non-stellar lab conditions, noting that the work done at the University of Manitoba is cutting-edge and recognized around the world.

**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 DECEMBER 6, 2006**

The minutes list Dean Sectar as absent. He should have been listed as present.

**It was MOVED by Professor Anderson, seconded by Dean Sectar, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on December 6, 2006 be approved as amended.**

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

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Professor Hunter reported that the Committee had not met since the last Senate meeting.

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

1. **Faculty of Medicine re:  
Chair in Health Services Design and Quality Improvement Page 37**

The Faculty of Medicine is proposing the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Health Services Design and Quality Improvement. In speaking to the proposal, Dean Sandham noted that this Chair reflects a response to a need identified. This would be one of a very few such chairs, and is a visionary approach. He also noted that the funding for this chair came from members of the department.

The basic objective of the Chair is to develop and introduce sustainable quality improvement management systems and practices for the clinical teaching units. Some specific objectives include: develop physician-manager training curriculum incorporating in-depth training in process analysis, quality improvement and leadership; provide mentorship for young investigators with a focus on research in continuous quality improvement; enhance research competitiveness at national and international levels, and increase research funding to the Faculty.

Dean Feltham advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

**It was MOVED by Dean Sandham, seconded by Professor Coombs, THAT Senate approve the proposal of the Faculty of Medicine to establish an endowed Chair in Health Services Design and Quality Improvement [dated August 8, 2006].**

**CARRIED**

X **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

2. **Notice of Motion Page 52**

A Notice of Motion has been received from Mr. Garry Sran, President of the University of Manitoba Students Union (UMSU), requesting February 7, 2007 be a penalty-free day for which no student shall receive an academic penalty for not attending classes or labs.

In speaking to the motion, Mr. Sran noted that UMSU has been participating in a national campaign where students will participate in a variety of activities. There are over 80 student unions involved nationally, including 5 from Manitoba. As well, there are other unions working with the students. These include the Manitoba Nurses Union, CUPE, and the Canadian Association of University Teachers. On campus, many student clubs and organizations have been encouraging students to participate.

Mr. Sran noted that UMSU wants to be heard and to hold the government responsible for lack of funding. If Senate allows students to participate, it is sending a message that students should be more involved. Similar motions have

been supported by the following universities: Memorial, Toronto, Ryerson, Carleton, Ottawa, and Simone Fraser, as well as the University of Winnipeg.

**It was moved by Mr. Sran seconded by Mr. Spence that WHEREAS the Senate acknowledges the usefulness of a strong student effort to increase financial support for post-secondary education;**

**AND WHEREAS the University of Manitoba Students' Union have planned activities for the week of February 7, 2007 to raise public awareness about the role of post-secondary education and to pressure governments to reinvest in affordable, high-quality education;**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Senate declares February 7, 2007 to be a penalty-free day for which no student shall receive an academic penalty for not attending classes or labs;**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT members of the academic staff, through the Deans, be asked not to set exams, assignments or other academic demands utilised for grading purposes on February 7, 2007.**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate endorses lawful activities to increase awareness to the need for Canada and Manitoba to reinvest in affordable, high-quality education at the post-secondary level.**

Dean Feltham advised that the Senate Executive Committee discussed the notice of motion at length. Concerns were expressed regarding the implications of according academic amnesty from logistical, administrative and philosophical perspectives. In the end, the Senate Executive Committee forwards the motion to Senate for its consideration, without endorsement.

Ms. Dyck made the following commentary "Engineering students support the Day of Action as a means to lobby the provincial and federal governments for increased funding for post secondary education. However, we are concerned that lobbying the government "to reinvest in affordable, high-quality education" will be directly association with maintaining the tuition fee freeze.

Engineering is experiencing funding constraints that are negatively impacting the quality of engineering education and may jeopardize our program accreditation. These problems require an immediate solution to maintain the quality of a University of Manitoba Engineering education, and such a solution may demand increased tuition fees. However, since the primary focus of the "Day of Action" is to lobby for increased funding from the provincial government, engineering students will support the motion."

Mr. Sran noted that in light of comments received by the Senate Executive Committee, he proposed an amendment made to the motion that appeared in the agenda.



It was **MOVED** by Mr. Sran, seconded by Mr. Spence that the motion be amended to read: **WHEREAS** the Senate acknowledges the usefulness of a strong student effort to increase financial support for post-secondary education;

**AND WHEREAS** the University of Manitoba Students' Union have planned activities for the week of February 7, 2007 to raise public awareness about the role of post-secondary education and to pressure governments to reinvest in affordable, high-quality education;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The February 7th, 2007 be a day of student protest, and that all academic staff shall be made aware of this fact; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** where reasonable, members of the academic staff be asked not to set exams, assignments or other academic requirements used for grading purposes on February 7th, 2007; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** students are expected to fulfill all their academic responsibilities regardless of their participation on February 7th, 2007, and that these responsibilities are to be deferred, not canceled; and that students and instructors be encouraged to make alternate arrangements for any conflicts in advance of February 7th, 2007; and that students inform their instructor(s) prior to February 7th, 2007.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Senate endorse activities to increase awareness of the need for the Federal and Provincial governments to reinvest in affordable, high-quality education at the post-secondary level, and that all members of the university community be encouraged to participate in these events.

The amendment was **CARRIED**

The motion, as amended was then **CARRIED**

## **IX ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 10, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 52, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on January 10, 2007.

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