

March 7, 2007

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
Ms. C. Baker
Prof. R. Baydack
Prof. T. Berry
Ms. C. Bone
Prof. T. Booth
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Prof M. Brabston
Prof. S. Brickey
Mr. T. Bzura
Dean D. Care
Dean D. Collins
Mr. D. Collister
Prof. K. Coombs
Dean J. Cooper
Ms. T. Dickson
Dean J. Doering
Ms. E. Dyck
Prof. J. Embree
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Prof. C. Eyland
Prof. M. Gabbert
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. J. Ghomeshi
Prof. G. Gosek
Dean N. Halden
Prof. P. Hawranik
Prof. T. Henley
Ms. J. Horner
Dr. J. Hoskins
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Prof. P. Hultin
Ms. A. Huminicki
Mr. S. Ima
Mr. N. Joseph
Prof. M. Joyal
Ms. J. Karpyza
Dr. R. Kerr
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. S. Kirby
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Rector D. Lenoski

Prof. K. MacKay
Dean R. Mazurat
Ms. D. McCallum
Ms. S. McEwen
Prof. A. McNicol
Mr. A. Moreau
Dr. D. Morphy
Dean R. Mullaly
Mr. P. Nawrot
Mr. S. Neethirajan
Mr. M. Norman
Mr. S. Norosky
Dr. W. Norrie
Mr. A. Okaja
Prof. J. Owens
Prof. J. Page
Prof. S. Pistorius
Prof. Y. Pompana
Ms. C. Presser
Dean D. Ruth
Dean D. Sandham
Dean H. Secter
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Dean R. Sigurdson
Prof. L. Simard
Prof. P. Singal
Mr. D. Smith
Mr. Y. Soufi
Mr. B. Spence
Mr. G. Sran
Prof. C. Taylor
Mr. D. Vincent
Dean L. Wallace
Prof. E. Walz
Prof. J. Welsh
Dean M. Whitmore
Dean D. Witty
Prof. A. Young
Prof. P. Zahradka
Mr. R. Zegalski
Mr. D. Zhang
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Ms. N. Schneider,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Dr. C. Blais
Mr. C. Butera
Dean I. Diallo
Mr. P. Dueck
Ms. M. Gallant
Prof. N. Hunter
Prof. K. Jensen
Prof. R. Lobdell
Mr. N. Marnoch

Regrets

Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. B. Austin-Smith
Prof. G. Bourgeois-Law
Ms. K. Broughton
Dr. P. Cattini
Prof. L. Connor
Dean G. Feltham
Prof. G. Geller
Ms. E. Goldie
Prof. Y. Gong
Dr. K. Grant
Prof. B. Hann
Prof. G. Hatch
Dr. D. Jayas
Prof. G. Krause
Mr. K. MacKendrick
Ms. H. Milan
Prof. P. Nickerson
Mr. S. Reddy
Ms. J. Reimer
Prof. A. Sloane-Seale
Prof. T. Sullivan
Dean M. Trevan
Dean J. Wiens
Prof. K. Wrogemann

Absent

Prof. W. Akinremi
Prof. U. Annakkage
Prof. M. Ballance
Prof. S. Barakat
Prof. N. Birouk

Mr. B. Bowman
Ms. T. Burrows
Prof. E. Cowden
Ms. A. Dufour
Prof. E. Epp
Dr. G Gerbrandt
Mr. L. Hildebrand
Prof. J. Irvine
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum
Prof. B. Law
Prof. R. Lee
Prof. J. Long
Prof. K. Matheos
Prof. M. McKay
Prof. D. Polyzois
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Dr. J. Raymond
Dr. I. Ripstein
Prof. D. Smyth
Prof. J. Trottier
Ms. V. Unrau
Prof. J. Van Rees
Prof. M. Vrontakis

Also Present

Mr. J. Alho
Mr. D. Barbour
Ms. S. Coyston
Ms. J. Gripp
Ms. J. Lastra
Ms. G. Petrinchuk

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the Speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Dean Mark Whitmore.

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.

II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE none

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Page 17

At its meeting on February 7, 2007, the Senate Committee on Awards approved 12 new awards and four awards [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated February 7, 2007]. All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

Dr. Baydack, Chair of the Committee, introduced Ms. Shannon Coyston, the new Awards Establishment Coordinator.

In response to a question, Dean Sexter noted that the Mel Myers Award is provided for students registered in section A01, while another awards is provided for students registered in other sections of the course.

**2. Correspondence from the Council on Post-Secondary Education re: Statement of Intent :
Master of Physician Assistant Studies Page 25**

The Council on Post-Secondary Education has reviewed the statement of intent submitted by the University for a Master of Physician Assistant Studies program, and has authorized the development of a full program proposal.

IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry offered congratulations to Dr. Digvir Jayas on organizing a very successful Science Engineering and Technology Day. Over 220 students from 54 high schools in Manitoba participated in the event. Six researchers made presentations on the future in their fields of research.

Dr. Szathmáry congratulated Dr. Tom Berry who organized 96 workshops held over reading week. These workshops brought students from the Peguis First Nation as well as a variety of other locations, to the University Campus, and introduced students to science as a field of potential future study.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that there were parties held on both campuses on February 28 to celebrate the University's 130th birthday. These celebrations were held in the ITC Atrium and the Atrium of the Brodie Centre. Both the President of the Alumni Association and the Minister of Advanced Education and Literacy were present to bring greetings.

Dr. Szathmáry also reported that a scientific announcement for the Circumpolar Project was made, with the Government of Canada investing \$150 million towards the International Polar Year research. Dr. David Barber is the team leader of one of the major awards made from this pool of funds.

Dr. Szathmáry noted that the budget meetings with decanal and heads of administrative units have been completed. The Province has been informed of the information gathered.

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that all Dean searches are complete. Dr. Dauna Crooks has been appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Nursing.

Dr. Kerr reported that in the past there has been concern with that amount of time it took to process student applications. He reported that more personnel have been hired in the admissions office and processes have been reviewed. Currently, a goal of a two- week turn around time has been set. Also, Dr. Kerr noted that "Ask U Manitoba" has been created to provide immediate responses to questions submitted to the University's website. A brochure has been created that will be sent to students with the acceptance letter, in an effort to provide the student with information on the University and encourage admitted students to register at the University of Manitoba.

Dr. Keselman, Vice-President (Research), reported that the Science Engineering and Technology Day was very successful. The following presentations were made:

David Barber, Walking on Thin Ice; Anita Brûlé-Babel, Wheat-Fueled Cars and Wind-Powered Cities; Peter Jones, Putting the Best Food Forward; Kathleen Londry, The Study of Life in the Universe; Brian Mark, Life in Three Dimensions; and Cyrus Shafai, Big Changes From Little Things. These presenters were asked to speak about their research field 20-30 years in the future, and be unrestrained by data. After the event, Kelvin High School invited Dr. Barber to speak to the students. He spoke to 580 students on his research. Dr. Keselman also thanked Dean Wiens for assisting in the organizing of this event.

Dr. Keselman also noted that \$150 million in research has been pledged by the Government of Canada to support the International Polar Year. As of March 1, 2007, two projects have been funded at the University of Manitoba. These are the Circumpolar Flaw Lead System Study led by Dr. David Barber, and a project by Dr. Gerald Minuk, to have a coordinated effort to clear hepatitis from the Canadian North.

The President added that more than just science events are taking place to encourage students to choose the University. Law held the national Moot organized annually for Aboriginal students by different faculties of Law, and St. Paul's College held its annual Affiliation Lecture with Dr. Mary Doria Russell, a Pulitzer Prize nominated author, as the speaker.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported that the proposed indoor soccer complex project had been cancelled by the City of Winnipeg. The City has re-issued a request for expression of interest, and the University of Manitoba will be submitting a proposal to the City.

Mrs. McCallum noted that the Aboriginal Student Centre should be completed on time this year, as well, the Faculty of Pharmacy building is expected to be completed in June 2008. She added that the preparatory work has started for the Library Annex.

On February 8, a pandemic planning workshop was held for Deans, Directors and Heads of Administrative Units. Guidelines and templates have been distributed and dates have been established for workshops on developing unit level pandemic response plans. These dates can be found on the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) website. The EHS has offered to tailor workshops to individual units.

Mrs. McCallum reported that the fire warden program has been revitalized, and that the University is required to have fire drills during busy times. She also noted that because the number of shooting incidents at university campuses has increased, the University of Manitoba has been selected as a site for an active shooter-training exercise in May.

Mrs. McCallum noted that the budget meetings with Deans and Directors are complete. The University is now waiting to hear what the grant will be. She noted that once again there are serious budget needs.

Mr. Alho, Associate Vice-President (External), wished the University a happy 130th birthday. He noted that the International Polar Year will be a focus for marketing materials, and will be worked into announcements and events through out the year. He also noted that the next *Breakfast and Brainstorms* session at the Legislature would be March 9; with Dr. Jane Ursel. She will be discussing the societal impact of family violence.

With respect to Alumni Affairs, Mr. Alho reported that an all Canadian alumni event will be held April 21 in Washington D.C.

V QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received prior to 10:00 a.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

VI CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 7, 2007

It was **MOVED** by Professor Brabston, seconded by Dean Sevenhuysen, that the minutes of the Senate meeting of February 7, 2007 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 26

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

Professor Hunter reported that the Committee has met once since the last Senate meeting. It continued its review of a Bachelor of Jazz Studies program in the Faculty of Music and started a review of the Aboriginal Design and Planning program from the Faculty of Architecture.

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

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Appeals**

Professor McNicol reported that the Committee has heard seven appeals since the last report to Senate in November. Three appeals were granted and the other four were denied.

In addition one appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, one appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Engineering and one appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Social Work were withdrawn by the appellants.

The Committee currently has one open file.

XI ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 5, combined with the agenda, pages 1 to 26 distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on March 7, 2007.

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