

September 5, 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**

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**Members Present**

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry,  
Chair  
Prof. W. Akinremi  
Prof. T. Anna  
Prof. M. Ballance  
Prof. T. Berry  
Ms. N. Bhullar  
Ms. C. Bone  
Prof. T. Booth  
Dr. G. Bourgeois-Law  
Mr. B. Bowman  
Prof. M. Brabston  
Rector D. Bracken  
Ms. K. Broughton  
Prof. M. Campbell  
Ms. C. Chauvin  
Dean D. Collins  
Prof. L. Connor  
Mr. A. Coolidge  
Prof. K. Coombs  
Dr. G. Cronin  
Dean E. Dawe  
Dean J. Doering  
Prof. J. Embree  
Prof. E. Epp  
Prof. E. Etcheverry  
Prof. C. Eyland  
Dean G. Feltham  
Prof. A. Frederiksen  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Rectrice R. Gagné  
Prof. G. Geller  
Mrs. E. Goldie  
Dean N. Halden  
Prof. B. Hann  
Prof. N. Hansen  
Prof. P. Hawranik  
Prof. T. Henley  
Ms. J. Horner  
Dr. J. Hoskins  
Prof. P. Hultin  
Prof. M. Joyal  
Dr. R. Kerr  
Dr. J. Keselman  
Prof. P. King

Prof. S. Kirby  
Prof. D. Kuhn  
Prof. M. Kuzmeniuk  
Mrs. D. McCallum  
Prof. R. McIlwraith  
Prof. D. McMillan  
Prof. A. McNicol  
Prof. R. Mazurat  
Ms. H. Milan  
Ms. E. Milliken  
Dr. D. Morphy  
Dean R. Mullaly  
Ms. A. Murawski  
Dr. W. Norrie  
Prof. J. Owens  
Prof. S. Pistorius  
Ms. A. Pochinco  
Prof. D. Polyzois  
Ms. C. Presser  
Ms. C. Rosa  
Dean D. Ruth  
Dean G. Sevenhuysen  
Prof. A. Sloane-Seale  
Dean R. Sigurdson  
Prof. L. Simard  
Mr. D. Smith  
Dr. D. Smyth  
Prof. T. Sullivan  
Prof. C. Taylor  
Prof. J. Trottier  
Prof. E. Troutt  
Prof. J. Van Rees  
Prof. M. Vrontakis  
Mr. J. Vroom  
Dean L. Wallace  
Prof. E. Walz  
Dean J. Watkinson  
Prof. J. Welsh  
Dean M. Whitmore  
Dr. K. Wiebe  
Dean J. Wiens  
Dean D. Witty  
Prof. A. Wright  
Prof. A. Young  
Prof. P. Zahradka  
Mr. J. Zhang  
Mr. J. Leclerc,

University Secretary  
Ms. M. Brolley,  
Recording Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Dr. C. Blais  
Mr. P. Dueck  
Dr. K. Grant  
Prof. N. Hunter  
Prof. K. Jensen  
Prof. R. Lobdell  
Mr. N. Marnoch  
Prof. B. McKenzie

**Regrets**

Prof. J. Anderson  
Prof. S. Barakat  
Mr. R. Bataluk  
Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
Dr. P. Cattini  
Dean I. Diallo  
Prof. G. Hatch  
Mr. M. Henderson  
Dean A. Iacopino  
Prof. J. Irvine  
Dr. D. Jayas  
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum  
Prof. K. MacKendrick  
Prof. K. Matheos  
Prof. J. Page  
Prof. S. Prentice  
Dr. I. Ripstein  
Ms. M. Rodrigue  
Mr. J. Rose  
Dean D. Sandham  
Dean H. Secter  
Mr. G. Sran  
Dean M. Trevan  
Ms. C. Wall

**Absent**

Dr. D. Burke  
Prof. E. Cowden  
Dr. G. Gerbrandt

Prof. Y. Gong  
Mr. C. Greenahalgh  
Ms. R. Heinrichs  
Dr. C. Kristjanson  
Ms. C. Kveder  
Prof. R. Lee  
Mr. B. McKeen  
Mr. M. McLean  
Prof. P. Nickerson  
Dr. C. Rabinovitch  
Mr. W. Wu  
Mr. S. Zerr

**Also Present**

Mr. D. Barbour  
Prof. R. Britton  
Ms. S. Coyston  
Mr. S. Dorge  
Ms. M. Emery  
Mr. S. James  
Mr. R. Kinley

**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**

**1. Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies – April 5, 2007 Page 17**

Dean Doering spoke to this report which deals with changes to the supplementary regulations for the MBA program at the Asper School of Business. He indicated that this matter had been discussed extensively at many levels including the Senate Executive and clarified that these regulations would be equivalent to standard procedures for other top MBA programs in the country. The MBA program differs from other Master's degrees, requiring students to complete 60 credit hours. It is also important to note that admission of students to the program is based not only on grades, as applicants are also evaluated on Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) and interview scores.

Professor Brabston indicated that the Senate Executive comments on page 25 reflect Dean Doering's comments. Professor Brabston advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

**Dean Doering MOVED, seconded by Dean Feltham, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies [dated April 5, 2007] regarding changes to the supplementary regulations of the MBA program.**

**CARRIED**

**III ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Page 26**

No nominations were received. This item will be brought back to the October 3, 2007 Senate meeting.

**IV MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Correspondence from the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost re: Bachelor of Health Studies and Bachelor of Health Sciences Page 27**

The above degrees, approved by the Board of Governors on June 20, 2006, have been approved by COPSE. In addition, funding in the amount of \$64,200 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and \$110,000 annually commencing the 2008-2009

fiscal year has been approved by the Council. These degree programs will be administered by the Faculty of Human Ecology with the first students entering the programs in September, 2007.

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

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In an electronic poll conducted between August 1 and 9, 2007, the Senate Committee on Awards approved two new offers [as set out in Appendix A of the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated August 9, 2007]. Both of these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and were reported to Senate for information.

**3. Senate Reception – September 5, 2007**

Senators were reminded that a reception in honour of the members of Senate would be held immediately following the meeting in Marshall McLuhan Hall in the University Centre.

**V REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President indicated that it had been a quiet summer. After visiting 64 departments in her first year as President, she plans to continue to visit departments before her departure from the Presidency. Through these visits, it has become apparent that there is concern in departments of the Faculty of Science because matching funding from the provincial government has not been forthcoming in a timely fashion. The matter concerns funding determined by the Canada Foundation for Innovations (CFI) which provides only 40% of the project costs. Manitoba's government provides 40% in matching funds with the remaining 20% raised by the university. This is of great concern to some of the younger staff members who are delayed in their research by not having received their funding while their tenure clock is ticking. It was a welcome announcement by Minister Rondeau, Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, of the delivery of the funding from Manitoba Research and Innovation Fund for the entire year in the amount of just under \$2.9 million.

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that there are no official enrolment numbers at this point. He indicated a growth in enrolment numbers in response to the higher admissions in the 2002/03/04 as the students are continuing to flow through the system. However, as the number of students graduating from high school has now flattened out, the expectation is that there will not be further growth in student numbers. It is important to look not just at student numbers but also at student credit hours. Last year's projection was inaccurate in that the actual student credit hours came in 2 ½% less than estimated. This year the budget is based on an anticipated decrease of 1% in credit hours. We will not know the numbers enrolled until the first day of classes which will occur on September 7. At the moment, it appears that the prediction is on target as far as credit hours go and there seems to be a slight increase in student numbers. There will be official enrolment numbers presented at the next Senate meeting.

Dr. Keselman, Vice-President (Research), reported that the research front had been busy over the summer principally because of the federal budget and following that the announcement of the new federal Science and Technology Strategy. With the federal budget, the three granting councils received an increased allocation. In response to this,

NSERC and SSHRC have both launched supplemental competitions. NSERC has launched a new supplemental competition to the strategic grants program with a deadline of October 1. SSHRC recently announced a special call directed to business management and finance. Workshops, meeting with Deans, Associate Deans (Research), and researchers have taken place to present these opportunities to ensure that this community takes full advantage of this new funding program.

Over the summer, several organizations have also been engaged in consultations. There was a visit from the President and Vice-Presidents of the Canada Foundation for Innovation in July. CFI is on a cross country tour to ensure that the new program architecture is still meeting the needs of the research community. NSERC has initiated two major reviews: one of their discovery grants program and another of their grant selection committee structure. Last week a letter was received from the three granting agencies indicating that a major consultation on the governance of research involving human subjects has been initiated. The University will be developing an institutional response and consulting with our research committee for this submission due November 30. Dr. Keselman also noted that the University has been working with the office of the new SSHRC president, Dr. Chad Gaffield, to arrange a visit hopefully on September October 24 or 25.

One of the recommendations or commitments in the federal Science and Technology Strategy is to form an independent panel to look at the possible transfer of non-regulatory federal laboratories to universities. Dr. Arnold Naimark has been named as Chair of the panel. The University of Manitoba has a number of formal affiliations with federal laboratories including Agriculture and Agri-food Canada's Cereal Research Centre, the National Research Institute for Biondiagnostics, Fisheries and Oceans' Freshwater Institute, and also Health Canada's National Microbiology Laboratory.

Five faculties have finally received their matching funds from the Manitoba Research and Innovation Fund. There were two other funding announcements the end of August: to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences of over \$200,000 to support work in the biofuels/ethanol area led by Dr. Karin Wittenberg in Animal Science and also two major grants to researchers in the Faculty of Medicine in the cancer area, Dr. Brenda Elias and Dr. Alan Katz. This is a special program that CAHR funded in cancer, two of seven funded across the country.

Mrs. Goldie, Vice-President (External), introduced Mr. Brian Bowman, the new Alumni Association President, attending his first Senate meeting. She reported that Homecoming 2007 will be held from September 12 – 17, 2007 at which the Faculty of Engineering will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For the first time, Homecoming will include a University of Manitoba Open House on Saturday September 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Open House will include campus tours, live music and theatre by University of Manitoba students, storm chasers, dinosaurs, robotics, bison athletes, and pottery by the School of Fine Arts. Senators were encouraged to invite family and friends to join in the events.

Dr. Ian Smith, Director General of the National Institute for Biondiagnostics, will receive the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award at fall Convocation. The University of Manitoba's Annual General Meeting will be held September 18 at 10:30 a.m. in the Senate Chambers. A coffee reception will be held in the atrium of the EITC from 10:00-10:30 a.m.

The Government Relations Office with the Faculty of Engineering has secured provincial funding of \$2.8 million for the Internationally Educated Engineer Qualification program. Fundraising has reached \$5.8 million, 4% ahead of this time last year.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported that the 2008/09 operating budget estimates document will be presented to the Board of Governors on September 18, 2007 and then forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education. Over the summer, there have been continued negotiations about the soccer complex and now there are signed agreements with the City of Winnipeg and the contractor. Construction of the \$12.5 million complex, north of Chancellor Matheson Boulevard, adjacent to the stadium, will commence in October, 2007.

Phase 1 of upgrading building signs will commence with major buildings on Dafoe Road. The signs will be constructed of brick and tyndal stone and be similar in design to that in front of the Richardson Centre of Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals. The Aboriginal Student Centre is well underway and hopefully will be completed in March 2008. The Library Storage Annex behind the Dafoe Library should be complete by the end of December. The Apotex Centre on Bannatyne campus will be ready for occupancy in the summer 2008. Major renovations are ongoing to Buller Building as are, installation of storm outfalls on Freedman Crescent and adjacent to Robson Hall, and hard landscaping outside of Russell building and Engineering Building.

Renovation of the food service facilities has been occurring over the summer and some are open. The most dramatic change will be in Pembina Hall where the cafeteria has been changed independent stations with food made to order. So far students have been responding positively. Additionally, there is a new full service Tim Horton's in the University Centre and another in Frank Kennedy, as well as a Starbucks in the Dafoe Library. Residences are almost full and will be full in the next few days.

Mrs. McCallum acknowledged Physical Plant grounds staff who have been working hard to make look campus look beautiful. The University was awarded first prize in the business category of Take Pride Winnipeg Flower Power contest for the University gates.

The President encouraged Senators to attend the Annual General Meeting as a good way to find out what has happened over campus over the last year.

The President also welcomed to their first meeting the new rector of St. Paul's Dr. Denis Bracken, Dean Edmund Dawe, Faculty of Music, and Dean Jane Watkinson, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management.

## **VI QUESTION PERIOD**

No Questions were received prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day preceding the meeting.

## **VII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 27, 2007**

**Professor Hultin MOVED, seconded by Dean Doering, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on June 27, 2007, be approved as circulated.**

CARRIED

VIII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

IX REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Page 31
2. Report of the Senate  
Planning and Priorities Committee Page 32

The Faculty of Engineering is proposing an experimental site on the south west corner of campus, currently the site of the strawbale building. The test structures built on the site would be of a temporary nature for the purpose of testing alternative building materials in this climate, to contribute to the development of new building codes, and provide students with the opportunity to take part in work done in external settings. Current and future structures will be mindful of the fact that the site is adjacent to a residential area.

Professor Ron Britton, Faculty of Engineering, was present to answer questions. He indicated that this proposal addressed the fact that building permits could not be obtained from the City of Winnipeg for these structures due to the nature of the research. This will address this situation without compromising the university policy of requiring permits.

There was discussion about the risks of vandalism as it is an open site, this was addressed during the proposal and, as the buildings are secure, it should be no different than the rest of campus. There has been informal discussions with the immediate neighbours and this site will provide outreach by bringing interested community members to the facility to see what is happening. The issue of accessibility to the buildings has not been addressed as the structures are not focused on accessibility to the public but rather to look at structural and energy implications.

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

**Professor Hunter MOVED on behalf of the committee THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on the Alternative Village Laboratory Site [dated August 8, 2007].**

CARRIED

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

1. **Reports of the Senate Committee on University Research  
- Periodic Review of Research Centres and Institutes**

Senate Committee on University Research (SCUR) reviews all research centres/institutes on a periodic basis. A sub-committee of SCUR exists for each research centre/institute to review and recommend whether a full review is necessary. If a full review is not necessary, this sub-committee recommends continuation or termination of the centre/institute.

a) **Legal Research Institute** **Page 41**

This is an important unit that brings together scholars from various disciplines to undertake research on significant issues. The sub-committee for the Legal Research Institute recommended and SCUR approved the recommendation on May 15, 2007, that this Institute should continue for the next five years.

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

**Dr. Keselman MOVED on behalf of the committee: THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on University Research on the continuation of the Legal Research Institute [dated July 17, 2007].**

**CARRIED**

b) **Health, Leisure and Human Performance  
Research Institute** **Page 44**

This institute has an outstanding record regarding the training of students and dissemination of research. The sub-committee for the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute recommended and SCUR approved the recommendation on May 15, 2007, that this Institute should continue for the next five years.

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

**Dr. Keselman MOVED on behalf of the committee: THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on University Research on the continuation of the Health, Leisure and Human Performance Research Institute [dated July 26, 2007].**

**CARRIED**

2. **Proposal to Establish a Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba**

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The Faculty of Medicine has proposed a professorship for research in service delivery of policy development to improve healthcare to this population. This professorship will be open to Faculty of Medicine members working in the area of health policy research and development and in their first five years of their academic appointment. This professorship can be held for a maximum of three years and will only be awarded in years where there is an appropriate candidate.

This professorship addresses an urgent area of need and the more we can do to address this need with research, the better. A question was asked if the funds donated would generate enough income to attract applicants. It was noted that there is no intention to recruit external to the university. However, the funding for this professorship will permit a top up to someone already employed at the university.

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

**Professor McIlwraith MOVED, seconded by Dr. Keselman THAT Senate approve the proposal for the establishment of a Professorship in Improved Healthcare Delivery to Rural, Remote and Underserved Populations of Manitoba.**

CARRIED

3. **Report of the Senate Committee On Honorary Degrees**

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The recommended revisions arose out of a meeting last April. Dr. Norrie noted that the Committee felt that, by changing the guidelines to require three letters of support for each nominee for an honorary degree, the Committee would be better able to assess the candidates prior to making recommendations to Senate.

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

**Dr. Norrie MOVED on behalf of the committee THAT the report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees dated April 11, 2007 be approved.**

CARRIED

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

Professor McNicol, Chair, Senate Committee on Appeals, reported that the Committee has heard 8 appeals since the last report to Senate in March. The Hearings were summarized without compromising the confidentiality of the appellant.



1. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Nursing to deny a retroactive voluntary withdrawal. The grounds of the appeal were medical and compassionate. Appeal granted.
2. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Science to deny waiving a residency requirement. The ground for the appeal was compassionate. Appeal denied.
3. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Law to deny a waiver of an examination regulation. The ground for the appeal was an unfair application of regulation. Appeal denied.
4. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Science to deny selective authorized withdrawal. The ground for the appeal was compassionate. Appeal denied.
5. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Science to deny three selective authorized withdrawals. The ground for the appeal was compassionate. Appeal granted.
6. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Law to deny a deferred examination. The ground for the appeal was compassionate. Appeal denied.
7. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Nursing to deny retroactive authorized withdrawal. The ground for the appeal was compassionate. Appeal granted.
8. Appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Arts to deny selective retroactive authorized withdrawal. The ground for the appeal was compassionate. Appeal granted in as much as the Committee awarded a retroactive voluntary withdrawal.

In addition one appeal by a student against a decision by the Faculty of Social Work was withdrawn by the appellant.

The Committee has heard 24 appeals in the last 10 months and Professor McNicol expressed his appreciation to all committee members for their contributions. Currently the Committee has three open files, two of which are scheduled to be heard in the next 10 days.

**5. Proposal to Establish a Chair in Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa**

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The Faculty of Arts is proposing the establishment this fully endowed, perpetual Chair, with 5 year renewable terms as one of 16 currently offered across Canada by the donor (Mr. Stephen Jarislowsky) in a variety of areas.

The donor specifically wanted this Chair to be involved in research and training related to a region of conflict and the development of methodologies to study conflict. The proposed Chair also fits into initiatives taken by the Department of History to approach history with a broader world view rather than strictly North American and European view, as is illustrated by some recent appointments in the department.

Dean Sigurdson thanked the President for her work and support in putting the faculty in touch with Mr. Jarislowsky; to Drs. Kerr and Keselman for their support,

to Mrs. Goldie for her relentless work in this year long process, and to Professor Mark Gabbert, Head of the History Department, for his work on the proposal.

The search for a person will be conducted internationally and work with current initiatives both on and off campus.

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

**Dean Sigurdson MOVED, seconded by Dean Doering, THAT Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve, the proposal for the establishment of a Chair in Modern History of the Middle East and North Africa.**

**CARRIED**

**XI ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - none**

**XII ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 10, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 58, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on September 5, 2007.

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