

October 3, 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. J. Anderson
Prof. M. Ballance
Prof. S. Barakat
Mr. R. Bataluk
Ms. C. Bone
Dr. G. Bourgeois-Law
Prof. M. Brabston
Rector D. Bracken
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Ms. K. Broughton
Prof. M. Campbell
Ms. C. Chauvin
Dean D. Collins
Mr. A. Coolidge
Prof. K. Coombs
Dr. G. Cronin
Dean D. Crooks
Dean J. Doering
Prof. J. Embree
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Prof. C. Eyland
Dean G. Feltham
Prof. A. Frederiksen
Prof. M. Gabbert
Prof. G. Geller
Mrs. E. Goldie
Mr. C. Greenahalg
Dean N. Halden
Prof. B. Hann
Prof. N. Hansen
Prof. P. Hawranik
Ms. R. Heinrichs
Mr. M. Henderson
Prof. T. Henley
Ms. J. Horner
Dr. J. Hoskins
Prof. P. Hultin
Dean A. Iacopino
Dr. D. Jayas
Prof. M. Joyal
Dr. R. Kerr
Prof. W. Kinsner
Prof. C. Kristjanson

Prof. D. Kuhn
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Mrs. D. McCallum
Prof. R. McIlwraith
Mr. B. McKeen
Prof. D. McMillan
Prof. A. McNicol
Ms. E. Milliken
Dr. D. Morphy
Ms. A. Murawski
Dr. W. Norrie
Mr. A. Osamuyi
Prof. J. Owens
Prof. J. Page
Prof. S. Pistorius
Ms. A. Pochinco
Prof. S. Prentice
Ms. C. Presser
Dr. I. Ripstein
Ms. C. Rosa
Mr. J. Rose
Dean D. Sandham
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Dean R. Sigurdson
Prof. L. Simard
Prof. A. Sloane-Seale
Mr. G. Sran
Prof. T. Sullivan
Dean M. Trevan
Prof. J. Trottier
Prof. E. Troutt
Prof. J. Van Rees
Prof. M. Vrontakis
Mr. J. Vroom
Ms. C. Wall
Prof. E. Walz
Dean J. Watkinson
Dean M. Whitmore
Prof. A. Young
Mr. S. Zerr
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
Dr. R. Lobdell
Prof. K. Matheos
Prof. B. McKenzie

Regrets

Prof. T. Anna
Prof. T. Berry
Dr. P. Cattini
Dean E. Dawe
Dean I. Diallo
Ms. S. Dobson
Prof. M. Edwards
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. G. Hatch
Prof. K. Jensen
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. P. King
Prof. K. MacKendrick
Mr. N. Marnoch
Prof. R. Mazurat
Ms. H. Milan
Prof. P. Nickerson
Ms. M. Rodrigue
Dean H. Secter
Prof. C. Taylor
Dean L. Wallace
Prof. J. Welsh
Dr. K. Wiebe
Dean J. Wiens
Dean D. Witty
Prof. A. Wright
Prof. P. Zahradka

Absent

Prof. W. Akinremi
Ms. N. Bhullar
Prof. T. Booth
Dr. D. Burke
Prof. L. Connor

Prof. E. Cowden
Prof. E. Epp
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. Y. Gong
Prof. J. Irvine
Prof. S. Kirby
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum
Ms. C. Kveder
Prof. R. Lee
Mr. M. McLean
Dean R. Mullaly
Prof. D. Polyzois
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Dean D. Ruth
Mr. D. Smith
Dr. D. Smyth
Mr. W. Wu

Also Present

Mr. A. Ashcroft
Mr. D. Barbour
Ms. S. Coyston
Mr. S. Dorge
Ms. J. Ellis
Mr. P. Nawrot

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive was Professor Kevin Coombs.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Janet Hoskins, ~~Vice-Chair~~ *Co-Chair* of the Universities and Colleges Division of the United Way, introduced Christine Bonnett to launch the 2007 United Way Campaign at the University of Manitoba. Ms. Bonnett spoke of her personal experiences of losing her sight and of the services and resources available to her from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB). She included statistics such as 85% of CNIB clients are on employment assistance and that one in six people in Winnipeg will be affected by a United Way agency in their lifetime. The valuable contribution of the United Way to the community was emphasized, and Senators were encouraged to support the United Way campaign. Dr. Szathmáry thanked Ms. Bonnett for her presentation.

I CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES – OCTOBER 2007

Mr. Dueck, the Executive Director of Enrolment Services, noted that there are 1271 Graduands for October 2007. The May 2007 amended report was also distributed. A further correction was made to the May 2007 Graduands Summary by Degree. Under Medicine, the first degree with 18 graduands should read M.D./B.Sc. (Med).

Mr. Dueck noted that there were two requests for degrees to be granted posthumously notwithstanding a deficiency: one a Bachelor of Nursing with a deficiency of 10 credit hours, the other a Bachelor of Arts with a deficiency of 24 credit hours. The latter is for a soldier who died on duty in Afghanistan. The deficiency is in elective courses.

It was MOVED by Professor Coombs, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT the list of candidates recommended for degrees notwithstanding a deficiency be approved.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Professor Coombs, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT the list of graduands provided to the University Secretary by the Registrar be approved, subject to the right of Deans and Directors to initiate late changes with the Registrar up to October 5, 2007.

CARRIED

II REPORT ON MEDALS AND PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AT THE OCTOBER CONVOCATION

It was MOVED by Professor Coombs, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT the report on medals and prizes provided to the University Secretary be approved by Senate.

CARRIED

III **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.

IV **ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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The Chair asked the University Secretary to conduct the elections

1. **From amongst faculty members:**

One faculty representative was to be elected for a three year term to replace Professor Hawranik (Nursing), whose term on the Executive Committee expired on May 31, 2007.

The University Secretary opened nominations for the three-year term. Professor Judith Owens, Faculty of Arts, was nominated by Dean Sigurdson, seconded by Ms. Pochinco; Professor Michael Campbell, Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management, was nominated by Dean Watkinson, seconded by Professor Henley; Professor Steven Pistorius, Faculty of Medicine, was nominated by Professor Page, seconded by Dean Sandham. Nominations were closed.

Following a secret ballot vote, Professor Judith Owens was declared **ELECTED** to a three-year term ending May 31, 2010.

V **MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on University Research - Report on Research Contract Funds Received**

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Dr. Jayas, Associate Vice-President (Research), indicated that this represents a consolidation report of the research funds received from January 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007. Normally these numbers are reported on a six month basis, however, there was a delay in the reporting while waiting for the new financial system to be fully functional. From now on, these contracts will be reported on every six months.

2. **Correspondence from the Vice-Provost (Programs)
Re: Statement of Intent: Bachelor of
Human Ecology (Aboriginal Wellness)**

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The Statement of Intent has been forwarded to the Council on Post-Secondary Education for approval to develop a full proposal.

3. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A Page 37

At its meeting of September 5, 2007, the Senate Committee on Awards approved fourteen new offers, thirteen amended offers, and the withdrawal of four offers [as set out in the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Part A, dated September 5, 2007]. All of these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

Professor Hultin, Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Awards, noted that there was a small correction to the report. On page 45 of the agenda, it should be noted that the DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD should include the restriction of being open only to full time graduate students. This was in the terms of reference but was inadvertently left out of the report.

VI REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Page 47

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that enrolment numbers show a small positive movement. The course revision date has now passed and the enrolment numbers, which were initially down 1.4% on the first day of classes, now stand as a 1% decrease as was forecasted. A similar drop of 1% is predicted for next year. With respect to University 1, it was noted that there was a 3.5% increase in new students for this year. It is predicted that there will be reasonable stability in student numbers over the next few years.

Dr. Jayas, Associate Vice-President (Research), reported that for the NSERC Supplementary Strategic Grants, 15 applications have been submitted plus two applications submitted jointly with other universities which represents a good participation rate for this institution. For SSHRC grants in the area of Business, Finance and Management, 10 projects are currently being developed. Dr. Jayas reported that the President of SSHRC will be visiting the University October 24, 2007. His visit will include an open forum and all faculty members will receive an invitation to participate.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported that collective bargaining is ongoing with AESES, CAW and UMFA. AESES talks are proceeding reasonably well; CAW membership has voted in favour of a strike deadline of midnight October 9; and UMFA is taking a strike vote on October 3 and 4. Bargaining updates are available on the University of Manitoba Human Resources website. A strike preparation committee has been set up; Gord Pasioka, Associate Comptroller, has been appointed strike coordinator. The Committee has had one meeting and will meet again on October 5. A joint meeting of Deans and Directors Council and Administrative Council will be held on October 5 to provide an update on strike preparations. Communication will be maintained with staff and students via postings on the website as well as emails sent to all employees and to all students with email accounts. A note has been put on the main webpage informing students that if they do not already have an email account, they should do so immediately so that the University can communicate with them if need be. The CAW represents approximately 480 employees in the maintenance and trades,

powerhouse, general services, truck delivery, snow clearing, garbage pickup, grounds, caretaking, residence and food service areas. In the event of a strike, the University will continue normal operations to the extent possible. There will be some impact on food services and cleaning, but classes, lectures and labs will continue as scheduled and libraries will remain open. The University is in communication with Winnipeg Transit to get their assurance that they will cross picket lines. The University Shuttle Service will continue to operate. Residences will be made a priority for food services availability. In the event of a strike the morning of October 10, an email will be sent out as soon as possible informing people of the situation and giving out any other information. If UMFA has a positive strike mandate as a result of their vote, an email communication will be sent out next week.

Mrs. Goldie, Vice-President (External), reported that Homecoming 2007 was very successful with record numbers attending, including over 4100 attending the Bison game and well attended events such as Saturday's reunion dinner and the unveiling of the Engineering donor wall. She noted that some of the rise in attendance was due to the celebration of the Faculty of Engineering's 100th anniversary. The next alumni event will be held in Los Angeles on October 11 with 100 graduates currently planning to attend.

Mrs. Goldie mentioned two University of Manitoba researchers who have recently attained extensive international attention: Professor Brenda Austin-Smith with her research into 'weepy' movies has been featured in the Globe and Mail, and Professor Hari Bapuji has been an expert witness with regard to toy recalls.

Mrs. Goldie reported that private donations have reached \$8.8 million, a 28% increase over this time last year.

The question of accommodating students who, in the event of an UMFA work stoppage, do not cross picket lines due to political beliefs was raised. Mrs. McCallum responded that a hotline will be set up for the students as well as regular communication through emails and the website. One senator emphasized that it is important to make clear to students, on the basis of the non-discrimination policy, that they will be accommodated if they do not cross picket lines for political reasons or other protected grounds, in the event of either an UMFA or a CAW strike.

The President indicated that the University is hoping very much to come to a negotiated settlement and that it is her view that, both the University and its professors have a mutual obligation to avoid work stoppage that could have detrimental effects on students. In the event that an UMFA strike occurs, all of these concerns will be considered and information will be made available.

VII QUESTION PERIOD

No Questions were received prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day preceding the meeting. The President indicated the necessity of this deadline as sometimes the information requested is quite complicated and time is required to gather the information.

VIII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2007

It was noted on page 4 of the minutes that a visit by the SSHRC president, Dr. Chad Gaffield, is to be arranged hopefully on October 24 or 25 not September as reported.

Dean Feltham MOVED, seconded by Professor Etcheverry, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on September 5, 2007, be approved as amended.

CARRIED

IX BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

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

1. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** Page 65
2. **Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee**

Professor Hunter reported that since the last Senate meeting, the Senate Planning and Priorities committee had met twice; once jointly with the Senate Committee on Course and Curriculum Changes to hear Dr. Kerr's address on the proposal on Institutional Expectations for Undergraduate Programs. Dr. Hunter noted that both committees will continue to discuss this matter. The second meeting dealt with course changes in excess of nine credit hours by the Department of History, a preliminary review of the proposed Accounting Major at St. Boniface College, and the Faculty of Architecture's review of Undergraduate Environmental Design program. The latter two items are ongoing and will be reported on in the future.

XI REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE, FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B** Page 66

It was MOVED by Professor Hultin, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards regarding the Centre for Aboriginal Health Education Student Support Fund.

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation – SEEQ Review** Page 69

Dr. Grant thanked Dr. Cheryl Kristjanson who chaired this sub-committee while on sabbatical and Mr. Adrian Ashcroft from IST whose office is responsible for processing the SEEQs for their assistance.

Dr. Grant noted that this review was first mentioned in Senate about a year ago. After using the SEEQ for over ten years, it was seen as timely to review whether it was still serving its purpose and if there was anything more appropriate being used elsewhere. The committee and the sub-committee were fortunate to have the opportunity to meet with the developer of the tool when he was on a visit to the University.

Dr. Grant reported that a number of issues were identified during this review: some administrative that need to be addressed, some educational on how best to use the tool, and some functional. Dr. Grant discussed the use of item banks to add questions making the tool a much more robust instrument than currently practiced.

The question was raised as to the plan to utilize the supplementary question bank. Dr. Grant responded that an agreement would need to be reached regarding the set of items which could be added. Additionally, training sessions in conjunction with University Teaching Services would be set up.

The President indicated that the purpose of tools such as the SEEQ is how to improve one's communication style with the intention of making better teachers. The faster this can be done, the better, the President felt.

Mr. Ashcroft, IST – Administrative Systems, indicated that the biggest bottleneck to the current use is scanning the bubble sheets. Options for using on-line format also have problems such as an expected decline in response rate and require further study. Dr. Grant reported that response rate for the SEEQ: 70% in the fall term over the last 4 years, 66% in the winter term over the last three years, and 74% in the last four years of summer session.

Dean Whitmore indicated that Clickers had been introduced this year to many classrooms with positive preliminary results. Use of this technology would allow the evaluation to be done in class with no bubble sheets. Professor Etcheverry indicated that the School of Medical Rehabilitation has a pilot looking at the use of clickers and results are showing successful response rates and easy and user friendly reporting.

The question was raised on the issues raised in the sub-committee's report and how they would be addressed. It was emphasized that the endorsement of the SCIE Report is to continue the use of the SEEQ tool. ~~The sub-committee's report on the SEEQ should be viewed as a working document.~~ The President indicated that there will be an active exploration of the sub-committee's report and that the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation was looking for Senate approval to continue using the SEEQ as an evaluative tool, with the understanding that other issues regarding the administration and use of SEEQ would continue to be worked upon.

It was MOVED by Dr. Grant, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the *recommendation of the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation* [dated May 11, 2007].

CARRIED

3. Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions Page 110

Dr. Morphy reported that the Committee had discussed the disadvantage of all applicants submitting adult criminal record and child abuse registry checks when applying for the Physical Therapy Program. This requirement is problematic due both the large numbers applying to the program and hence applying for these checks, and the cost to the student associated with this. It was also emphasized that self-declaration of a criminal record does not preclude admission, but rather directs the application to an admissions selection committee for consideration.

It was MOVED by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions [dated August 30, 2007] regarding the Physical Therapy program.

CARRIED

4. Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations Handout

Professor Hunter reported that this Report completes the slate of members with the exception of the Senate Committee on Appeals.

It was MOVED by Professor Hunter, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations [dated October 3, 2007].

CARRIED

XII ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. Appointment Member-at-Large Page 111

It was MOVED by Professor Coombs, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate appoint Professor Judy Anderson as a member-at-large on Senate for a term ending May 31, 2009.

CARRIED

XIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 8, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 111, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on October 3, 2007.

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