

**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. D. Barnard, Chair  
 Prof. S. Abeysekera  
 Ms. K. Adams  
 Prof. John Anderson  
 Prof. Judy Anderson  
 Prof. T. Anna  
 Prof. J. Asadoorian  
 Prof. M. Ballance  
 Prof. T. G. Berry  
 Ms. C. Bone  
 Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
 Prof. M. Brabston  
 Rector D. Bracken  
 Dr. E. Cowden  
 Dean D. Crooks  
 Dean E. Dawe  
 Dr. H. Dean  
 Mr. T. Dueck  
 Prof. M. Edwards  
 Prof. J. Embree  
 Prof. E. Epp  
 Prof. M. Eskin  
 Prof. E. Etcheverry  
 Dean G. Feltham  
 Dean H. Frankel  
 Prof. A. Frederiksen  
 Prof. M. Gabbert  
 Mrs. E. Goldie  
 Prof. Y. Gong  
 Dean N. Halden  
 Prof. B. Hann  
 Prof. N. Hansen  
 Prof. T. Henley  
 Prof. P. Hess  
 Dr. J. Hoskins  
 Prof. P. Hultin  
 Dr. D. Jayas  
 Dr. J. Keselman  
 Prof. W. Kinsner

Prof. D. Kuhn  
 Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk  
 Mrs. D. McCallum  
 Mr. J. McGurran  
 Dr. R. McIlwraith  
 Prof. D. McMillan  
 Prof. A. McNicol  
 Dr. D. Morphy  
 Dr. W. Norrie  
 Prof. J. Owens  
 Prof. J. Page  
 Prof. S. Pistorius  
 Prof. S. Prentice  
 Prof. M. Pritchard  
 Mr. R. Pudavick  
 Dean J. Ristock  
 Dean D. Ruth  
 Dean G. Sevenhuysen  
 Prof. L. Simard  
 Ms. M. Sitter  
 Prof. D. Smyth  
 Prof. T. Sullivan  
 Dean M. Trevan  
 Prof. E. Walz  
 Dean J. Watkinson  
 Dean M. Whitmore  
 Dean D. Witty  
 Prof. E. Worobec  
 Prof. A. Wright  
 Mr. J. Leclerc,  
 University Secretary  
 Ms. M. Brolley,  
 Recording Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Mr. A. Bonar  
 Mr. P. Dueck  
 Dr. K. Grant  
 Prof. N. Hunter  
 Prof. K. Jensen

Dr. R. Lobdell  
 Mr. N. Marnoch  
 Prof. B. McKenzie  
 Mr. M. Tripple

**Regrets**

Prof. S. Alward  
 Prof. S. Barakat  
 Dean D. Collins  
 Prof. K. Coombs  
 Dr. G. Cronin  
 Dean I. Diallo  
 Dean J. Doering  
 Rectrice R. Gagné  
 Ms. T. Gottschalk  
 Prof. G. Hatch  
 Ms. K. Holden  
 Dean A. Iacopino  
 Prof. S. Kirby  
 Prof. L. Kirshenbaum  
 Prof. S. Kouritzin  
 Prof. J. Mactavish  
 Prof. K. Matheos  
 Ms. H. Milan  
 Prof. P. Nickerson  
 Dr. I. Ripstein  
 Ms. M. Rodrigue  
 Mr. J. Sopotiuik  
 Dr. R. Tate  
 Prof. E. Troutt  
 Dean L. Wallace  
 Dean J. Wiens

**Absent**

Prof. W. Akinremi  
 Dean C. Axworthy  
 Dr. C. Blais  
 Dr. D. Burke  
 Prof. M. Campbell

Dr. P. Cattini  
 Ms. N. Chislett  
 Mr. A. Easter  
 Dr. G. Gerbrandt  
 Prof. J. Irvine  
 Prof. M. Joyal  
 Dr. A. MacDiarmid  
 Prof. K. MacKendrick  
 Prof. E. Milliken  
 Prof. D. Polyzois  
 Dean D. Sandham  
 Prof. A. Sloane-Seale  
 Dr. D. Smith  
 Dr. R. Soni  
 Prof. J. Trottier  
 Prof. J. Van Rees  
 Prof. M. Vrontakis  
 Dr. K. Wiebe  
 Prof. A. Young

**Also Present**

Mr. D. Barbour  
 Ms. B. Becker  
 Ms. S. Coyston  
 Mr. J. Danakas  
 Mr. R. Davidson  
 Mr. S. Dorge  
 Ms. S. Foster  
 Ms. K. Fowler  
 Mr. C. Martel  
 Ms. K. Marcynuk  
 Mr. M. Moreau  
 Mr. M. Ostavrahimi  
 Mr. P. Nawrot  
 Mr. A. Sabouni  
 Dr. L. Smith

The Chair informed Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Emily Etcheverry and welcomed new student Senators whose terms began on April 1.

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

In keeping with past practice, the minutes of this agenda item are not included in the circulated minutes but 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**

The Senate Committee on Awards met on February 23, 2009, to approve 8 new offers and 11 amended offers, as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards. Professor Hultin noted that the amendment of one award for student leadership and global citizenship has been renamed in honour of Nahlah Ayed, as she and her family have close links with the University.

**2. Statement of Intent from the Faculty of Architecture for a Bachelor of Environmental Design [After Degree] Program Page 25**

**3. Correspondence from the Faculty of Graduate Studies RE: M.A. and Ph.D. in Health Psychology Page 31**

**IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Page 32**

The President reported that the provincial budget was delivered on March 25<sup>th</sup> giving the University some idea of the situation for the coming year. The University is, however, still awaiting the Levin report on accessibility and tuition. The President reported that healthcare and education were relative priorities in the budget, but the increase provided is less than that which was requested. The University budget will go to the Board as soon as possible. The federal budget provided for infrastructure money and the University is submitting a large number of proposals for safety, security, building integrity and deferred maintenance upgrades. The federal government has timing constraints in terms of spending the funds. Accordingly, a lot of paper has been submitted to Ottawa for evaluation and adjudication.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported on the fire in the Duff Roblin building. She noted extensive damage was sustained particularly to the west side of the building which housed Biological Sciences and Human Ecology; the Psychology and Anthropology space on the east side was less heavily damaged structurally but did sustain water and smoke damage. Mrs. McCallum reported that the cause of the fire was an electrical short in a cord connected to a refrigerator. The cost of restoration and equipment replacement is expected to exceed \$7 million. Thankfully there were no injuries to people or animals. Mrs. McCallum noted that the response team is trying to

keep community as informed as possible via the website. In addition, environmental health and safety unit is well involved in monitoring air quality. Mrs. McCallum expressed appreciation to staff working around the clock. There will be limited, restricted access to the building until it is completely decanted, this includes drywall and carpet. Mrs. McCallum further reported on the cleanup process and relocation of people to other buildings on the Fort Garry campus, to the Bannatyne campus and also to the St. Boniface Hospital site. She reported that all departments with offices in Duff Roblin have been relocated to temporary accommodations. One of the priorities is to give access to offices if safe to do so. IST is working on recovery of computer information from damaged equipment. She noted that all classes have been relocated, most faculty accommodated, lab space is still required and also that support staff should check with their department for details noting that support staff would be paid regardless. She reiterated her pride in the way people are working together in this effort.

Dr. Keselman, Interim Vice-President (Academic) and Provost reported that classes were quickly relocated and that students are being kept informed. She expressed her confidence that the academic schedule and exam schedule could be adhered to. Dr. Keselman spoke to issues of SEEQs and relocating of graduate students. She further noted that data and document recovery is ongoing and that a determination of the short and long term impact was not yet visible. An academic working group will be established as a sub-committee of the recovery unit. She indicated that the work to date in the aftermath of this fire has shown an amazing and tremendous team effort.

Dr. Jayas, Acting Vice-President (Research) noted that the University is working with insurers regarding replacement of equipment and supplies. He expressed his thanks particularly to the deans and department heads who have volunteered space both dry (office) and wet (labs).

Professor Judy Anderson, Department Head, Biological Sciences, expressed her appreciation for the team work that has occurred in response to the fire from staff at every level. She also noted that the repair and recovery phase is going to be a long haul. Dean Whitmore, Faculty of Science, expressed his thanks and emphasized how much was done and so decided upon so quickly. He gave credit to senior administration, the recovery committee, physical plant and environmental health and safety staff. He noted that the support offered to staff and researchers demonstrates how much they understand the work of the university.

The President concluded by saying that the scale of this fire will only be recognized over time. While the fire caused considerable damage, the impact of the smoke and water is not to be underestimated. He echoed that the reaction to the fire has shown human behaviour at its best and noted that people will be running out of energy and cautioned people to be aware of stress as the fire's impact continues over the months to come. The President also recognized the inspiring people from central service areas and all accommodations offered.

Mr. Tripple, UMSU Vice-President (Advocacy), thanked the university administration for providing information to UMSU and for the quick response.

**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 4, 2009**

**Dr. Keselman MOVED, seconded by Professor Anderson THAT: the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on February 4, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF MARCH 4, 2009**

**Professor McMillan MOVED, seconded by Dr. McIlwraith THAT: the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on March 4, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Professor Gabbert addressed Senate with a clarification of his comments from the February 4, 2009, Senate meeting on the matter of academic freedom with respect to the Joint Master's Program in Peace and Conflict Studies. Professor Gabbert emphasized that he did not intend to suggest that institutions like Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) and Menno Simons College (MSC) had no right to exist, or that they should not exist, or that they had no right to impose academic freedom policies that differ significantly from ours, or that all academic work in such institutions is without value. His concern, he explained, was that teaching in University of Manitoba programs at all levels, and not least the graduate level, must be done by faculty whose academic freedom is fully protected against institutional censorship by their principal employer. He expressed that he was of the opinion that institutions such as CMU and MSC with narrower academic freedom policies that entail forms of institutional censorship and who want their faculty to participate in University of Manitoba programs (as in this case) should be obliged to provide unequivocal guarantees identical to those of the University of Manitoba for the academic freedom of their faculty. Professor Gabbert expressed his opinion that if, for any reason, these institutions cannot provide such guarantees then their faculty should not participate in University of Manitoba programs. Professor Gabbert emphasized that this was his point, which was not an argument against a pluralism of institutions.

**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 Hunter indicated that SPPC had met on March 23, 2009, to deal with a number of items including the Ph.D. in Native Studies, the report on page 74 of this agenda, a B.Sc. major program in Biotechnology. In addition, the committee is in the first stage of a prioritization of programs for which funding is sought including four undergraduate and three graduate programs.

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

1. **Proposal from the Faculty of Architecture for an  
Aboriginal Design and Planning Option in the  
Bachelor of Environmental Design Page 44**

Dean Witty reported that the faculty had been working on this proposal for a number of years and indicated a regional imperative to increase Aboriginal focus in programming.

a) **Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum  
and Course Changes [dated November 4, 2008] Page 70**

Dean Frankel reported that this committee had discussed the proposal at the November meeting and noted an error in the wording of observation 5 and the last two sentences should be deleted.

b) **Report of the Senate Planning and  
Priorities Committee [dated February 23, 2009] Page 74**

Professor Hunter drew attention to observation 3 of the report which reviewed the extent of external interest and support and to observation 4 which reviewed the resource implications and space issues the latter of which would be addressed by Project Domino in the long term.

**Dean Witty MOVED, seconded by Dean Frankel THAT: Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Option of Aboriginal Design and Planning in the Bachelor of Environmental Design program.**

**CARRIED**

2. **Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of  
Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes  
[dated February 24, 2009] Page 76**

**Dr. Jensen MOVED, seconded by Professor Kinsner THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes [dated February 24, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. Policy and Procedures for Academic Centres and Institutes Page 79

Dr. Keselman noted that Senators will be familiar with the establishment and periodic review of Research Institutes/Centres. To date, Academic Centres and Institutes were approved under the authority of the Vice-President (Academic). This policy will serve regulate the establishment and periodic review of these Academic Centres and Institutes.

**Dr. Keselman MOVED, seconded by Professor Embree THAT: Senate approve the Policy for Academic Centres and Institutes.**

**CARRIED**

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 6 combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 85 distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on April 1, 2009.

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