

May 13, 2009

**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  
Ms. K. Adams  
Prof. W. Akinremi  
Prof. John Anderson  
Prof. T. Anna  
Prof. J. Asadoorian  
Prof. T. G. Berry  
Ms. C. Bone  
Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
Prof. M. Brabston  
Rector D. Bracken  
Prof. M. Campbell  
Ms. N. Chislett  
Dean D. Collins  
Prof. K. Coombs  
Dr. E. Cowden  
Dr. G. Cronin  
Dean E. Dawe  
Dean J. Doering  
Mr. T. Dueck  
Prof. M. Edwards  
Prof. J. Embree  
Prof. E. Epp  
Prof. M. Eskin  
Prof. E. Etcheverry  
Dean G. Feltham  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Mrs. E. Goldie  
Dean N. Halden  
Prof. N. Hansen  
Prof. P. Hess  
Dr. J. Hoskins  
Prof. P. Hultin  
Dean A. Iacopino  
Dr. D. Jayas  
Prof. M. Joyal  
Dr. J. Keselman  
Prof. S. Kouritzin  
Prof. J. Mactavish

Mrs. D. McCallum  
Mr. J. McGurran  
Dr. R. McIlwraith  
Prof. A. McNicol  
Ms. H. Milan  
Prof. E. Milliken  
Mr. M. Ostadrahimi  
Prof. J. Owens  
Prof. S. Pistorius  
Prof. S. Prentice  
Prof. M. Pritchard  
Mr. S. Rashid  
Dr. I. Ripstein  
Dean J. Ristock  
Dean D. Sandham  
Prof. L. Simard  
Prof. A. Sloane-Seale  
Dr. D. Smith  
Prof. T. Sullivan  
Dr. R. Tate  
Dean M. Trevan  
Prof. J. Trottier  
Prof. J. Van Rees  
Dean L. Wallace  
Dean J. Watkinson  
Dean M. Whitmore  
Dean D. Witty  
Mr. J. Leclerc,  
University Secretary  
Ms. M. Brolley,  
Recording Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Dr. P. Cattini  
Dean I. Diallo  
Prof. N. Hunter  
Dr. R. Lobdell  
Mr. N. Marnoch  
Prof. K. Matheos  
Prof. B. McKenzie

Mr. P. Nawrot  
Mr. M. Tripple

**Regrets**

Prof. S. Alward  
Prof. Judy Anderson  
Prof. M. Ballance  
Dean D. Crooks  
Mr. P. Dueck  
Dean H. Frankel  
Rectrice R. Gagné  
Prof. Y. Gong  
Ms. T. Gottschalk  
Dr. K. Grant  
Prof. G. Hatch  
Prof. T. Henley  
Prof. K. Jensen  
Prof. W. Kinsner  
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum  
Dr. A. MacDiarmid  
Prof. K. MacKendrick  
Prof. D. McMillan  
Dr. D. Morphy  
Prof. P. Nickerson  
Dr. W. Norrie  
Prof. J. Page  
Dean D. Ruth  
Ms. M. Sitter  
Prof. E. Troutt  
Prof. E. Walz  
Dean J. Wiens  
Prof. E. Worobec  
Prof. A. Wright

**Absent**

Prof. S. Abeysekera  
Dean C. Axworthy  
Prof. S. Barakat  
Dr. C. Blais

Dr. D. Burke  
Dr. H. Dean  
Prof. A. Frederiksen  
Dr. G. Gerbrandt  
Prof. B. Hann  
Ms. K. Holden  
Prof. J. Irvine  
Prof. S. Kirby  
Prof. D. Kuhn  
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk  
Prof. D. Polyzois  
Mr. R. Pudavick  
Ms. M. Rodrigue  
Dean G. Sevenhuysen  
Prof. D. Smyth  
Dr. R. Soni  
Ms. K. Thompson  
Prof. M. Vrontakis  
Dr. K. Wiebe  
Prof. A. Young

**Also Present**

Mr. D. Barbour  
Ms. S. Coyston  
Mr. J. Danakas  
Ms. S. Foster  
Ms. K. Inskip  
Mr. B. Macneil  
Prof. W. Robles  
Prof. S. Lavigne  
Ms. A. Goodoa  
Mr. G. Sobie  
Ms. I. Reece Tougas  
Prof. J. Swinamer

The Chair informed Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Susan Prentice and welcomed the President of UMSU and the GSA representative to their first meeting. The Chair noted that the terms for several faculty representatives on Senate end on May 31 and thanked these Senators for their service.

**I      CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES,  
DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES - MAY 2009**

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The Registrar provided a complete list of candidates which was available at the front table for Senators to peruse.

**Professor Prentice MOVED, 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 May 15, 2009.**

**CARRIED**

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

A complete list of the winners of medals and prizes was provided by the Executive Director of Enrolment Services and was available at the front table for examination by members of Senate.

**Professor Prentice MOVED, 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 but appear in the original minutes which are available for inspection by members of Senate.

**IV      ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES**

**1.      To the Board of Governors**

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The Chair noted that Senate representation on the Board of Governors includes three senators, at least one of whom has no administrative responsibilities greater than those of department head at the time of election. The University Secretary opened nominations. Professor Judy Anderson was nominated by Professor Berry and seconded by Professor Etcheverry. Professor Joanne Embree was nominated by Dean Sandham and seconded by Dr. Ripstein. Dean Doering moved that nominations close, seconded by Dean Collins. The University Secretary conducted the election by secret

ballot. Professor Embree was **ELECTED** to the Board of Governors for a three-year term ending May 31, 2012.

**2. Election of Senate Members  
To the Senate Executive Committee**

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**a) From amongst faculty members:**

Five faculty representatives were to be elected for a three year term to replace Professor Prentice (Arts), Professor Etcheverry (Medical Rehabilitation), Professor Coombs (Medicine), Professor Page (Science) and Professor Berry (Science), whose terms on the Executive Committee will expire on May 31, 2009.

The University Secretary opened nominations. Professor Tom Berry was nominated by Professor Hultin, seconded by Dean Doering. Professor Emily Etcheverry was nominated by Dean Sandham, seconded by Dean Doering. Professor Kevin Coombs was nominated by Dean Doering, seconded by Dean Sandham. Professor Mary Brabston was nominated by Dean Feltham, seconded by Dean Doering. Professor Jennifer Mactavish was nominated by Dean Watkinson, seconded by Professor Brabston. Professor Embree moved that nominations close, seconded by Dean Collins.

Professors Berry, Etcheverry, Coombs, Brabston and Mactavish were **ELECTED** to three-year terms ending May 31, 2012.

**b) From amongst Vice-Presidents, Deans of Faculties and Directors of Schools:**

One representative was to be elected from among the Vice-Presidents, Deans of Faculties and Directors of Schools to replace Dean Mark Whitmore (Science) whose term will end on May 31, 2009.

The University Secretary opened nominations. Dean Whitmore was nominated by Professor van Rees, seconded by Professor Gabbert. Dean Doering moved that nominations close, seconded by Dr. Keselman. Dean Whitmore was **ELECTED** to the Senate Executive for a three-year term ending May 31, 2012.

**3. Election of a Student Member to  
the Senate Executive Committee**

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Mr. Mitch Tripple, Chair, Student Senate Caucus, recommended Mr. Curtis Martel as the voting member on the Senate Executive Committee.

**Mr. Ostadrahimi MOVED, on behalf of the Student Senate Caucus, THAT: Mr. Curtis Martel be ELECTED as the voting member of the Student Senate Caucus on the Senate Executive Committee.**

**CARRIED**

Mr. Tripple informed Senate that Mr. Arman Vahedi would serve as the Student Senate Caucus appointed assessor on the Senate Executive Committee.

**V MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE**

The Chair indicated that, in keeping with the intent of this category of the agenda, Senate Executive proposed that the items in this category be approved without debate with a single motion made by the Speaker for approval of all items in this category. The Chair further noted that, on a motion of a member, supported by at least nine other members, any item listed in this area may be transferred to Additional Business. In keeping with past practices, Senators were advised to contact the Office of the University Secretary with any minor corrections to the SCCC report.

- 1. Report of the Senate Committee  
On Curriculum and Course Changes  
Re: Minor Course and Curriculum Changes Page 22**
  
- 2. Revision to Academic Schedule for 2009-2010**
  - a) Faculty of Medicine:  
Med I and Med II mid-term break Page 51**
  
  - b) Faculty of Medicine:  
Fall 2009 start date for Med III Page 52**

**Professor Prentice MOVED on behalf of Senate Executive: THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes [dated April 6, 2009] and the revisions to the Academic Schedule for 2009-2010 for the Faculty of Medicine [dated April 28 and May 5, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

**VI MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

- 1. Annual Reports of Standing Committees of Senate Page 53**
  
- 2. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A Page 84**
  
- 3. Statement of Intent for a  
Ph.D. in Environment and Geography Page 93**
  
- 4. Schedule of Meetings and Agendas Mailings  
for Senate and Senate Executive Committee Page 102**

The Chair noted that this schedule is also available on the University's governance website.

**VII     REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

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The President noted that this is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Faculty of Medicine and that there are special celebrations scheduled in both the morning and afternoon of May 15, 2009. He further encouraged faculty to attend the convocation ceremonies on the Fort Garry campus which would be held in two weeks time. Dr. Barnard reported that he had discussed the Planning Framework document with the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee and that this document will be distributed to Senate for discussion at the June meeting. Dr. Barnard reported that the budget is prepared and will go to the Board of Governors on May 19<sup>th</sup> and, once approved, will be published. One of the suggestions arising from the town hall meeting regarding the relationship between the University and ICM and Navitas, was to arrange a meeting with the leadership of Navitas. The President reported that a meeting has been arranged for July and he would report back to Senate after that meeting.

**VIII    QUESTION PERIOD**

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

**IX       CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2009**

**Professor Embree MOVED, seconded by Professor Etcheverry: THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on April 1, 2009 be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

**X        BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none**

**XI       REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

**1.       Report of the Senate Executive Committee**

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**Professor Prentice MOVED on behalf of the Executive Committee: THAT the following nominations to the Senate Committee on Nominations be approved by Senate for three-year terms beginning June 1, 2009 and ending on May 31, 2012:**

- **Professor Carla Taylor (Senator)(Re-appointment), representing Agriculture & Human Ecology**
- **Professor Sandra Kouritzin (Senator)(Re-appointment), representing Education & Kinesiology and Recreation Management**
- **Professor Karen Jensen (Re-appointment), representing Music, Fine Arts & Libraries**

**CARRIED**

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

- a) Professor Hunter indicated that SPPC had met twice since the last Senate meeting: the regular meeting on April 27, 2009, to deal with the undergraduate Biotechnology major degree and discuss the prioritization of programs approved over the last year, and a further, special meeting that was held on May 11 to discuss with the President the new planning framework document.

b) **SPPC Report on the Siting of Pembina Hall Residence** **Page 110**

Professor Hunter indicated that the committee had considered the siting of the Pembina Hall residence and the report is included starting on page 110 of the agenda.

Mr. Alan Simms, Associate Vice-President (Administration) was present to review the proposal for Senate. Mr. Simms indicated that the construction of the new student residence is the first step in the previously approved Project Domino. He presented a slide show of the proposed location and an artist's rendering of the proposed building which would span Pembina Hall. He noted that the residence would have 350 units, and would be self-sustaining. Mr. Simms explained that much of the cost of constructing a spanned building would be balanced by being able to use current dining facilities rather than building a new dining hall facility which would be an issue if the residence was located elsewhere. Mr. Simms reviewed alternate locations for the residence which were eliminated due to restrictions on the size of the residence, poor views and distance from existing dining facilities. He noted that this residence will be a significant addition to residence operations and will contribute to attracting students.

On the question of disruption to the dining facilities during construction of the residence, Mr. Simms responded that dining services would not need to be moved out of Pembina Hall and there would be limited shutdowns to that facility which would be scheduled for non peak times such as Sundays. On the question of the impact on students of construction drilling and noise, Mr. Simms responded that all stakeholders would be informed of progress and the construction manager would work with the University to minimize disruption. On the question of the process of approving building designs for campus, Mr. Simms responded that the University has an exterior environment committee who considers such things. On the question of wind studies for people on the ground in the vicinity of the new structure, Mr. Simms responded that this is part of the structural engineer's calculations which also includes snow loads. It was confirmed that the estimated cost is comparable to other such projects in the country. The proposal is part of a longer term residence strategy which may include development of the Southwood golf course lands which will take place in a separate planning exercise. Mr. Simms confirmed that energy saving was considered as part of the University's sustainability plan.

Many Senators expressed their enthusiasm about the boldness of the proposed building design.

**Professor Hunter MOVED on behalf of the committee THAT: Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee [dated March 23, 2009] regarding the proposed site for the new Pembina Hall Student Residence.**

**CARRIED**

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

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions** **Page 117**  
**RE: a proposal from the Faculty of Medicine to add requirements for an adult criminal record check and a child abuse registry check to the admission process**

Professor Judith Owens spoke to the report indicating that this policy is in line with policies and procedures in place in other faculties.

**Professor Owens MOVED on behalf of the committee THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions regarding the Faculty of Medicine [dated March 20, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

2. **Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation** **Page 119**  
**RE: Proposal from the Faculty of Medicine**

Professor Emily Etcheverry spoke to the report indicating that there were two proposals considered from the Faculty of Medicine: an essential skills document and an accompanying accommodation document for undergraduate medical students with disabilities.

**Professor Etcheverry MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation regarding the Faculty of Medicine [dated April 17, 2009].**

**CARRIED**

3. **Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies**  
**for a Ph.D. in Native Studies**
- a) **Program proposal** **Page 127**
- b) **Report of the Senate Planning & Priorities Committee** **Page 181**

Dean Doering reported that this proposal has been under development for some time. He indicated that it is a typical doctoral program in that it requires 12 credit hours of

coursework but that it is atypical in that it is only the second program of its type in Canada and that it has a second language requirement. Dean Doering noted that the external reviewers were enthusiastic about the proposal.

Professor Hunter spoke to the SPPC report drawing attention to the resource implications of \$100,000 per year and the limited intake of students to the program for at least the first number of years.

**Dean Doering MOVED, seconded by Dean Ristock: THAT Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Proposal for a Ph.D. in Native Studies.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Proposal from the Faculty of Graduate Studies for a Master's of Physical Therapy**

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| a) | <b><u>Program proposal</u></b>   | <b>Page 183</b> |
| b) | <b><u>Report of the Senate Planning &amp; Priorities Committee</u></b> | <b>Page 216</b> |

Dean Doering indicated that this proposal reflects a change in the entry to practice requirements of physical therapists across the country from a bachelor degree to a master degree.

Professor Hunter spoke to the SPPC report indicating that there are no direct resource implications as this is a conversion of degrees from bachelor to masters. He noted that there may be ramifications to having no student entry for the 2009-2010 year and also noted that there is reference in the report to the required tuition level needed to run the program.

**Dean Doering MOVED, seconded by Professor Etcheverry: THAT Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Proposal for a Master's of Physical Therapy.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Proposal from the School of Dental Hygiene, Faculty of Dentistry for a Degree Completion Program**

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| a) | <b><u>Program proposal</u></b>  | <b>Page 218</b> |
| b) | <b><u>Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes</u></b> | <b>Page 240</b> |
| c) | <b><u>Report of the Senate Planning &amp; Priorities Committee</u></b>        | <b>Page 242</b> |



Dean Iacopino indicated that this proposal has a rather long history and has been reworked several times. Dean Iacopino noted that the scope, practice responsibilities, and role in community health of dental hygienists are increasing and that there is a need for more dental hygiene educators. He noted the participation of dental hygienists in the development of the Centre for Oral Systemic Health. He further noted the need for this program as a ladder for dental hygienists to proceed into further study. Dean Iacopino noted that there are no resource requirements; one FTE has been built into the proposal on a cost recovery mode.

Professor Hunter spoke to the SPPC report drawing attention to observation 4 which indicated that there are no resource implications due to the fact that no new courses are being introduced and that the Faculty of Dentistry Dean's Office will pick up any shortfalls.

**Dean Iacopino MOVED, seconded by Professor Etcheverry THAT Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Proposal for a Bachelor of Dental Hygiene degree completion program.**

Professor McKenzie questioned how there can be no resources required for the faculty and support staff positions when, at a recent Faculty of Dentistry Council meeting, it was indicated that there are four positions in the faculty which will not be filled. Dean Iacopino responded that that was a proactive plan to address the budget. Professor Lavigne confirmed that most of the potential students would be licensed dental hygienists who would be taking courses on a part-time basis and reiterated that the FTE position would operate on a cost recovery model.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B Page 244**

Professor Hultin indicated that the Nadia Barakat Scholarship for Electrical Engineering could be seen as discriminatory as it is restricted to female students in electrical engineering, but indicated that this group is currently underrepresented in that area.

**Professor Hultin MOVED on behalf of the committee: THAT Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated April 6, 2009] regarding the Nadia Barakat Scholarship for Electrical Engineering.**

**CARRIED**

**7. Report of the Senate Committee on University Research  
– Periodic Review of Research Centres and Institutes  
RE: The Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences Page 246**

Dr. Jayas reported that, as per the policy on Periodic Review of Research Centres and Institutes, this institute was reviewed and recommended for continuance.

**Dr. Jayas MOVED on behalf of the committee: THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on University Research [dated April 15, 2009] regarding the Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences.**

**CARRIED**

**8. Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures  
RE: Revision of the list of Assessor positions on Senate Page 249**

Dean Doering reported that the committee had reviewed assessor membership on Senate and identified a number of inconsistencies. It was noted that, while the Registrar and the Executive Director of Enrolment Services are included as assessors, the Executive Director of Student Services is not. Additionally, while the Chair of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee is an assessor, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes is not. In addition to adding these two positions to the assessor list, it was recommended that the presidents of Canadian Mennonite University and William & Catherine Booth College be removed from the assessor list as they have not attended Senate in many years and may no longer be required.

**Dean Doering MOVED on behalf of the committee: THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures [dated April 17, 2009] regarding the revision of the list of Assessor positions on Senate.**

**CARRIED**

**XIII ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - none**

**XIV ADJOURNMENT**

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

These minutes, pages 1 to 10 combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 249 distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on May 13, 2009.

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