

November 4, 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

Members Present

Dr. D. Barnard, Chair
Ms. K. Adams
Prof. W. Akinremi
Prof. John Anderson
Prof. Judy Anderson
Prof. T. Anna
Prof. J. Asadoorian
Prof. M. Balance
Prof. J. Bartlett
Prof. T. G. Berry
Mr. A. Birjandi
Ms. C. Bone
Mr. D. Bowles
Prof. M. Brabston
Rector D. Bracken
Prof. M. Campbell
Ms. N. Chislett
Prof. L. Coar
Dean D. Collins
Prof. K. Coombs
Prof. R. Cossar
Dr. G. Cronin
Dean D. Crooks
Dean E. Dawe
Dean I. Diallo
Mr. T. Dueck
Prof. M. Edwards
Dr. E. Etcheverry
Dean G. Feltham
Dean H. Frankel
Prof. M. Freund
Prof. M. Gabbert
Rectrice R. Gagné
Mrs. E. Goldie
Prof. Y. Gong
Ms. J. Guise
Dean N. Halden
A/Dean T. Hassard
Prof. P. Hess
Dr. J. Hoskins
Prof. P. Hultin
Ms. K. Hurst

Dr. D. Jayas
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. W. Kinsner
Prof. D. Kuhn
Mr. E. Kuz
Prof. J. Mactavish
Mr. R. Mahé
Mrs. D. McCallum
Mr. J. McGurran
Dr. R. McIlwraith
Prof. D. McMillan
Prof. A. McNicol
Dr. D. Morphy
Ms. D. Okrusko
Mr. M. Ostadrahimi
Dean R. Perron
Prof. S. Pistorius
Mr. O. Qureski
Mr. S. Rashid
Mr. J. Roberts
Dean D. Ruth
Prof. M. Scanlon
Ms. J. Sealey
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Dean R. Sigurdson
Prof. L. Simard
Prof. W. Simpson
Dr. D. Smith
Prof. D. Smyth
Dr. R. Tate
Dean M. Trevan
Mr. A. Vahedi
Prof. J. Van Rees
Dean J. Watkinson
Dean M. Whitmore
Prof. A. Young
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Ms. M. Brolley,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Prof. J. Blatz

Mr. P. Dueck
Prof. N. Hunter
Dr. R. Lobdell
Prof. C. Morrill
Mr. P. Nawrot
Dr. L. Smith
Mr. M. Tripple

Regrets

Prof. S. Alward
Dean C. Axworthy
Dr. C. Blais
Prof. E. Comack
Prof. I. Davidson-Hunt
Dr. H. Dean
Dean J. Doering
Prof. J. Embree
Dr. M. Enns
Dr. K. Grant
Prof. N. Hansen
Prof. G. Hatch
Ms. K. Holden
Prof. K. Jensen
Prof. E. Judd
Prof. L. Kirshenbaum
Prof. S. Kouritzin
Prof. K. Matheos
Ms. H. Milan
Prof. E. Milliken
Dr. W. Norrie
Prof. J. Owens
Dr. I. Ripstein
Dean D. Sandham
Prof. T. Sullivan
Prof. C. Taylor
Prof. J. Trottier
Dean L. Wallace
Dr. van Ineveld

Absent

Prof. S. Abeysekera

Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Dr. E. Cowden
Prof. A. Frederiksen
Dr. G. Glavin
Ms. J. Horner
Dean A. Iacopino
Prof. J. Irvine
Prof. S. Kirby
Mr. E. Kuz
Dr. A. MacDiarmid
Prof. K. MacKendrick
Ms. K. Marcynuk
Mr. N. Marnoch
Mr. C. Martel
Mr. P. Nawrot
Prof. P. Nickerson
Ms. M. Pauls
Prof. D. Polyzois
Mr. R. Pudavick
Dr. J. Ristock
Ms. N. Sajan
Dr. R. Soni
Ms. K. Thompson
Prof. M. Vrontakis
Dean J. Wiens
Dr. D. Wirtzfeld
Prof. E. Worobec
Prof. A. Wright

Also Present

Prof. D. Clarke
Ms. S. Coyston
Ms. M. Elliott
Ms. T. Lussier
Ms. S. Petz
Ms. P. Robertson
Mr. J. Scanlon
~~Ms. J. Sealey~~
Mr. C. Stewart
Mr. B. Weedmark
Mr. B. Wong

The Chair informed Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Dr. Emily Etcheverry.

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 but 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 Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes RE: Masters of Physician Assistant Studies program, the Department of Microbiology, the Asper School MBA, and the Departments of Economics, History, and Psychology

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Dr. Etcheverry MOVED on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee: THAT Senate approve Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes RE: Masters of Physician Assistant Studies program, the Department of Microbiology, the Asper School MBA, and the Departments of Economics, History, and Psychology [dated September 17, 2009].

CARRIED

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards

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The Senate Committee on Awards met on September 29, 2009, to approve three new offers, 19 amended offers, and the withdrawal of one offer as set out in Appendix A of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards.

The question was raised about why the *Abraham and Mary Mathai University Entrance Scholarship* (page 25) which targets graduates of the International College of Manitoba was included in the report and whether there are other scholarships targeted at students coming from specific institutions. Professor Hultin responded that many awards are targeted to students from specific high schools, specific regions, etc. In this instance, the committee treated ICM as any other pre-university program.

2. In Memoriam: Professor Lew Layman Page 30

Professor Arlene Young spoke of Professor Lew Layman, a colleague and a friend. She drew Senate's attention to Professor Gene Walz's eloquent *In Memoriam* for Professor Layman, which captures his personality and the affection with which he was regarded. Professor Layman came to the University of Manitoba in 1961 and, in a career that spanned four decades, became a stalwart of the Department of English. She noted that he was a much-loved teacher, a respected scholar, and the kind of colleague everyone wants to have and no doubt wants to be—supportive, conscientious, generous, and reliable. Best of all, Lew was witty. She recalled how he always seemed able to see the absurdity of situations that called forth only angst in the rest of us and could as a result re-establish our equilibrium—perhaps our sanity—with a wry comment of a well-placed pun.

Professor Layman was sorely missed by his Department after his retirement in 1999. He will be sorely missed now by his family, his friends, and his former colleagues at the University of Manitoba, by whom he will be remembered with all the affection and respect that his long and faithful service warrants.

3. Report on Research Contract Funds Received January 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009 Page 32

4. Items approved by the Board of Governors September 29, 2009 Page 37

5. Correspondence from the Senate Committee on University Research RE: Establishment of the Experimental Media Research Group Page 38

The Chair noted that approval for the establishment of Research Groups is held with the Vice-President (Research), normally on the recommendation of the Department Head and Dean or Director. The Experimental Media Research Group has been recommended by the Deans of Music, Engineering, Arts, Science and Architecture, the Director of the School of Art and the Section Head of Orthopaedic Surgery.

IV ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

1. Election of a Student Member to the Senate Executive Committee Page 44

Mr. Rashid MOVED, seconded by Mr. Vahedi THAT: Mr. David Bowles serve as the voting member on the Senate Executive Committee.

CARRIED

V REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The Chair noted that a lot of activity was taking place including the OARs and ROSE projects. Information will be forthcoming on these items in due course.

VI QUESTION PERIOD

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

**VII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2009**

Professor Gabbert noted two changes to the minutes. Page 9 of the minutes under Business Arising should indicate: "Professor Gabbert emphasized that this is not about the functioning of Navitas ~~which he did not feel relevant earlier in the agenda~~ and he did not feel that it was relevant to raise when the report was considered. The last two sentence of this section (page 10) should read: "Professor Gabbert asked if the President was committed to submitting the renewal of the ICM agreement to Senate for approval at the end of the five year period. The President responded that, yes ~~it~~ he was."

Professor McMillan MOVED, seconded by Dean Collins THAT: the minutes of the Senate meeting held on October 7, 2009 be approved as amended.

CARRIED

**CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 24, 2009**

Professor Gabbert noted that he had not noticed that these minutes were on the agenda to be considered and suggested that others had also had no opportunity to review these minutes. He emphasized the importance of these minutes and asked that the consideration of the minutes of the meeting of June 24, 2009 be deferred. The minutes will reappear on the December 2, 2009 agenda of Senate.

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 45

Dr. Etcheverry MOVED on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee: THAT the following student nominations to the Senate Committee on Nominations be approved by Senate for terms ending on October 14, 2010:

**Mr. Atnatyos Hailu (Asper School of Business)
and Mr. Brian Latour (Engineering).**

CARRIED

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

Professor Blatz reported that there is a lot of activity occurring with SPPC as many program proposals are currently under review and will be reported on to Senate at upcoming meetings.

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

1. Report of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Committee of Election regarding the Election of the Chancellor Page 46

The *ad hoc* Committee of the Committee of Election was established by Senate on September 9, 2009 and by the Board of Governors on September 29, 2009. The *ad hoc* Committee of the Committee of Election met on October 8, 2009. Mr. Leclerc noted that Professor Hultin and Dean Ruth who served on the *ad hoc* Committee were present if there were questions. Mr. Leclerc drew Senate's attention to recommendation 1 of the report which proposed a nomination period from November 5, 2009 to 4:00 p.m. on November 26, 2009; and that the meeting date for the Committee of Election be Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. to elect a Chancellor.

Dean Ruth MOVED, seconded by Professor Brabston THAT: Senate approve the Report of the *ad hoc* Committee of the Committee of Election regarding the Election of the Chancellor [dated October 8, 2009].

CARRIED

2. Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on a Program Change to the M.A. program in Philosophy Page 53

Acting Dean Dr. Tom Hassard indicated that these proposed changes are in response to the external review and will bring the M.A. program into line with other Canadian universities. The review concluded that the comprehensive route contributed little to developing research skills and had a negative impact on completion rates. The three routes proposed (page 55) include: 24 credit hours in Philosophy; 18 credit hours in Philosophy and two research papers; and 15 credits hours in Philosophy and a major thesis. Professor Judy Anderson asked if the second route is a terminal M.A. Dr. Hassard responded that it was not, as the two major research papers are considered appropriate. Dean Ruth asked how the degree designation would distinguish between the routes. Dr. Hassard responded that the graduates would be awarded the same degree and that universities would not likely consider the first route as an entry to doctoral studies. Professor Hultin asked if the two research papers would be considered internal or would be published in a peer reviewed publication. Dr. Hassard responded that the papers would be internal but would be required to be deemed of publishable quality. Mr. Vahedi asked if these changes would apply to current graduate students. Dr. Hassard responded that these changes would take effect with the next intake of students. Dean Whitmore asked for clarification on refereed paper for these students

indicating that this expectation seemed ambitious for a Master's degree. Dr. Hassard responded that this is seen as a rigorous route to further doctoral study.

Dr. Hassard MOVED, seconded by Dean Sigurdson THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on a Program Change to the M.A. program in Philosophy [dated October 1, 2009].

CARRIED

3. Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on Curriculum Changes to the M.A. and Ph.D. in Psychology Page 57

This report proposes curriculum changes in the M.A. and Ph.D. programs in Psychology in order to ensure all students meet the required competencies as set out by the American Psychological Association (APA) and the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA); qualifications that are imperative for students going into practice. The changes will increase consistency of training, make it more efficient for student moving through, reduce time to completion and provide students with a clear pathway for completion.

Dr. Hassard MOVED, seconded by Dean Sigurdson THAT: Senate approve the Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on Curriculum Changes to the M.A. and Ph.D. in the Department of Psychology [dated October 1, 2009].

CARRIED

4. Report of the Senate Committee on University Research RE: Establishment of Manitoba Institute for Materials Page 62

In accordance with the Policy on Research Centres, Institutes and Groups, this proposal has been reviewed and approved by the Senate Committee on University Research. The Chair of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee has reviewed the proposal and decided it does not need to be reviewed by SPPC.

This Institute would encourage and foster more networking and collaboration among researchers of diverse backgrounds working in basic and applied materials science. The Institute is designed to increase the visibility of these activities both internally and externally. A number of existing research centres, groups and networks would contribute to the Institute. Several faculties and departments and the Vice-President (Research) Office have committed funds.

Dr. Jayas noted that the University has significant strength in materials and would bring in industry partners.

Professor Hultin noted that the report of the sub-committee recommended the establishment "on condition that the support provided to the Director is upgraded" (page 68). Dr. Jayas responded that, after discussions with three Deans and the Director of the proposed institute, it was decided that, initially, this would not be required but that it would be addressed in the future.

Dr. Jayas MOVED, on behalf of the Senate Committee on University Research, THAT: Senate approve the proposal to establish the Manitoba Institute for Materials.

CARRIED

XI ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. Correspondence from UMSU

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The Chair noted that a request has been received from UMSU for a motion to go before Senate regarding the Target Poverty Day of Action on November 5, 2009.

Mr. Rashid MOVED, seconded by Mr. Bowles:

WHEREAS the University of Manitoba Senate acknowledges the role of students in increasing government funding and other support for post-secondary education;

AND WHEREAS the UMSU has declared a Day of Action on November 5th, 2009 to raise public awareness about the chronic underfunding of post-secondary education and to demand the Federal and Provincial governments provide sufficient funding to have an affordable, high-quality post-secondary educational system;

AND WHEREAS this year's Day of Action is being held in conjunction with the Winnipeg chapter of Make Poverty History as part of the Target Poverty campaign intended to reduce and eventually eliminate poverty in the Province of Manitoba;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT SENATE ACKNOWLEDGE November 5th, 2009 as the Day of Action, and that all academic staff shall be made aware of this fact; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Senate affirm the importance of the Target Poverty issue and that students, faculty and staff be encouraged to participate in the Day of Action, as they are able to do so;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Senate encourages colleagues, when possible, to accommodate the absence of students participating in the Day of Action on November 5th, 2009;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate endorse activities to increase awareness of the need for the Federal and Provincial governments provide sufficient funding to have an affordable, high-quality education at the post-secondary level, and that all members of the university community be encouraged to participate in these events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Senate acknowledges that an affordable, high-quality post-secondary education system works to reduce and eliminate poverty.

Professor Brabston noted that, in the past, such a motion had not gone through Senate or the Senate Executive Committee. She asked if one of the purposes of this Day of Action was to push for a tuition freeze. She expressed concerns about the impact that the tuition freeze has had on the University. Mr. Rashid responded that the Day of Action was not to lobby for a tuition freeze but rather for accessible education. The focus, he continued, would be to draw attention to the investment in post-secondary education as a way of reducing poverty. Professor Brabston asked for confirmation that a lobby for a tuition freeze was not on this agenda. Mr. Rashid confirmed that no material produced by UMSU would mention a freeze on tuition.

MOTION CARRIED

XII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 8 combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 92 distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on November 4, 2009.

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