

**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. Abeyssekera  
 Ms. K. Adams  
 Prof. S. Alward  
 Prof. John Anderson  
 Prof. Judy Anderson  
 Ms. C. Bone  
 Prof. T. Booth  
 Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
 Prof. M. Brabston  
 Dean D. Buchanan  
 Prof. L. Coar  
 Ms. J. Coates  
 Prof. E. Comack  
 Prof. K. Coombs  
 Prof. R. Cossar  
 Dr. E. Cowden  
 Dean D. Crooks  
 Prof. I. Davidson-Hunt  
 Dean E. Dawe  
 Dr. H. Dean  
 Dean J. Doering  
 Prof. M. Edwards  
 Dr. B. Elias  
 Prof. J. Embree  
 Dr. E. Etcheverry  
 Dean G. Feltham  
 A/Dean T. Feltham  
 Dean H. Frankel  
 Prof. M. Freund  
 Prof. M. Gabbert  
 Rectrice R. Gagné  
 Prof. J. Gilchrist  
 Prof. Y. Gong  
 Ms. S. Gottheil  
 Mr. M. Gousseau  
 Ms. J. Guise  
 Dean N. Halden  
 Prof. R. Hechter

Prof. P. Hess  
 Dr. J. Hoskins  
 Dean A. Iacopino  
 Prof. E. Judd  
 Dr. A. Katz  
 Mr. J. Kearsey  
 Dr. J. Keselman  
 Prof. W. Kinsner  
 Dr. L. Kirshenbaum  
 Ms. H. Laube  
 Mr. N. Ma  
 Dr. J. Mactavish  
 Ms. K. Marcynuk  
 Mrs. D. McCallum  
 Dr. R. McIlwraith  
 Prof. E. Milliken  
 Prof. J. Owens  
 Prof. S. Pistorius  
 Prof. K. Plaizier  
 Prof. D. Polyzois  
 Dean B. Postl  
 Ms. E. Romeo  
 Ms. C. Rose  
 Ms. J. Rynar  
 Prof. M. Scanlon  
 Ms. J. Sealey  
 Dean R. Sigurdson  
 Dr. L. Simard  
 Dr. D. Smith  
 Dr. D. Smyth  
 Dean R. Stern  
 A/Dean L. Turnbull  
 Prof. J. van Rees  
 Prof. C. Van Winkle  
 Dean L. Wallace  
 Dean J. Watkinson  
 Mr. B. Weedmark  
 Dean M. Whitmore  
 Dean J. Wiens  
 Prof. K. Wilson-Baptist  
 Dr. D. Wirtzfeld

Dr. E. Worobec  
 Dr. K. Wrogemann  
 Prof. A. Young  
 Ms. M. Brolley,  
 Recording Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Mr. M. Ates  
 Prof. J. Blatz  
 Dr. C. Butterill  
 Dr. D. Collins  
 M. G. Csepregi  
 Mr. P. Dueck  
 Dr. G. Glavin  
 Dr. K. Grant  
 Ms. M. Labine  
 Mr. N. Marnoch  
 Prof. K. Matheos  
 Prof. C. Morrill  
 Dr. J. Ristock  
 Dr. L. Smith

**Regrets**

Prof. J. Asadoorian  
 Prof. T. Berry  
 Rev. D. Bracken  
 Dr. M. Enns  
 Prof. J. Hanesiak  
 Prof. S. Kouritzin  
 Mr. J. Leclerc  
 Dr. A. MacDiarmid  
 Prof. P. Nickerson  
 Dr. I. Ripstein  
 Mr. H. Secter  
 Prof. W. Simpson  
 Prof. H. Soliman  
 Dr. R. Tate  
 Dean M. Trevan  
 A/Dean L. Vercaigne

**Absent**

Prof. J. Bartlett  
 Prof. M. Campbell  
 Ms. N. Chislett  
 Dr. A. Chiu  
 Ms. A. Cipriano  
 Prof. M. Eskin  
 Mr. E. Forte  
 Mr. N. Grewal  
 Prof. J. Irvine  
 Dr. D. Jayas  
 Prof. S. Kirby  
 Mr. M. Matychuk  
 Prof. D. McMillan  
 Mr. J. Myskiw  
 Prof. M. Pritchard  
 Mr. M. Sadek  
 Mr. N. Shamanski  
 Dr. R. Soni  
 Dr. K. van Ineveld  
 Dr. M. Vrontakis

**Also Present**

Prof. B. Bacon  
 Ms. S. Coyston  
 Mr. S. Dorge  
 Ms. S. Foster  
 Ms. J. Graham  
 Mr. B. Klassen  
 Ms. L. Leonhardt  
 Ms. M. Mays-Wiefe  
 Mr. M. McDermid  
 Ms. S. Petz  
 Mr. S. Richardson

The Chair welcomed all new members of Senate to the first meeting of the academic session and informed Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Mary Brabston.

**I     MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - none**

**II     ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES**

**1.     To the Senate Executive Committee Page 3**

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

The Chair noted that this is for a term ending May 31, 2011.

**Dr. Etcheverry MOVED, seconded by Dr. Embree, THAT Dean Brian Postl be ELECTED to the Senate Executive Committee for a term ending May 31, 2011.**

**Dr. McIlwraith MOVED, seconded by Dr. Embree, THAT nominations close.**

**CARRIED**

Dean Postl was **ELECTED** for a one year term ending May 31, 2011.

**III    MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE - none**

**IV    MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

**1.     Implementation of Ph.D. in Human Nutritional Sciences Page 4  
and Ph.D. in Food Science**

**2.     Items approved by the Board of Governors Page 5  
on June 22, 2010**

**3.     In Memoriam: Dr. Gunnar Valdimarsson Page 6**

Dean Whitmore spoke of the passing of Dr. Valdimarsson as a friend and colleague in his prime who will be remembered both personally and professionally for his thoughtfulness and insight.

Professor Judy Anderson spoke of Dr. Valdimarsson noting that he received his Bachelor and Master's degree from the University of Manitoba and received his Ph.D. in Zoology from the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Valdimarsson became an Assistant Professor at Queen's University and, in 1998, returned to Winnipeg with his partner Lorna Jakobson, to become an Assistant Professor at the University of Manitoba.

Professor Anderson spoke of Dr. Valdimarsson as a dedicated scientist who was able to capture the essence of an issue and saw with insight the future experiments that were needed to test a working hypothesis. Professor Anderson noted that the department and

faculty will remember him as a true colleague, a child of the Department of Zoology and a parent of the Department of Biological Sciences. His work and his person will be commemorated in the newly developed buildings.

4. **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards [dated June 16, 2010]** Page 8
5. **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [dated July 5, 2010]** Page 15
6. **Correspondence from Vice-President (Research) RE: Report on Research Contract Funds Received** Page 18

#### **V REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President reported on a productive and refreshing summer including a trip to the far north with visits to Resolute, the Canadian Polar Shelf Project, a day on the Amundsen, and a meeting in Fairbanks with other institutions involved in the University of the Arctic. The President reported on a huge amount of activity and construction on campus. He further indicated that preliminary student numbers show an increase in enrolment of about one percent.

#### **VI QUESTION PERIOD**

Senators are reminded that questions shall normally be submitted in writing to the University Secretary no later than 10:00 a.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

The following question was received from Professor Cam Morrill, the UMFA Assessor:

1. **Recently, the Department of Mathematics referred to Senate a request for a ruling on the question of the Dean of Graduate Studies' jurisdiction to waive academic requirements. Can you advise as to the status of this request.**

The President responded that this matter was considered by the Senate Executive Committee who referred it to the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures (SCRP). At the SCRP meeting, it was determined that this matter would require a separate meeting for consideration as the Chair of the committee is also the Dean of Graduate Studies. The President expressed hope that SCRP would report to the next Senate meeting on this matter.

#### **VII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2010**

**Professor Kinsner MOVED, seconded by Professor Judy Anderson, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on June 23, 2010 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 21

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

Professor Blatz reported that SPPC met a week ago and would bring forward two matters to the next Senate meeting: the Biomedical Engineering graduate program and a budget form for proponents of new programs.

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

1.      **Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions** Page 22  
**RE: Requirement of Health Care Provider CPR Certification  
for admission to Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation  
Management – Athletic Therapy undergraduate program**

Ms. Gottheil reported that there is currently a CPR requirement for admission and registration to the athletic therapy undergraduate program. This proposal requires students to obtain the more advanced Health Care Provider CPR Certification which is a requirement for certification in athletic therapy.

**Ms. Gottheil MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions [dated June 10, 2010] regarding the requirement of a Health Care Provide CPR Certification for admission to the Athletic Therapy undergraduate program in the Faculty of Kinesiology and Recreation Management.**

**CARRIED**

2.      **Reports of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation**

a)      **RE: Use of ‘*discipline*’ grade comment and** Page 23  
**Use of ‘*Comments*’ Function on Student History**

Dr. Grant reported that these proposals arose from a sub-committee of the Associate Dean Undergraduate/University Liaison Officer (ADU/ULO) group established by the Provost. Dr. Lynn Smith reported on the discussions of the sub-committee which was set up to provide resources to disciplinary authorities including templates of letters, flowcharts, a website and a link to advocacy material.

The changes proposed include replacing the grade comment *CW* (compulsory withdrawal) with “*discipline*” to be attached to a grade and accompanied by a transcript notation. Mr. Marnoch provided a visual representation of the proposal to Senate which was projected on the screens (copy attached to minutes). Regarding the use of the student history, Mr. Marnoch indicated that there are two text boxes: the first displays notations for the official transcript, the second text box could include explanatory notes

such as former notations which have expired and been removed from the transcript; thus allowing staff to access this information for tracking purposes.

Professor John Anderson, Acting Chair, University Discipline Committee, expressed concerns about the compulsory time limit for the discipline notation. Dr. Grant confirmed that the time limit indicated could be indefinite.

Mr. Marnoch confirmed that the student would be informed of the process for requesting removal of the comment through the letter from the disciplinary authority informing the student of the action. The question was raised as to whether all information on the issue would be removed once the transcript notation was removed. Mr. Marnoch confirmed that, while the notation would be removed from the current transcript, there would be no change made to the student history. Dr. Smith added that any documents in the student's paper file would also remain as an historical record.

**Dr. Grant MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation [dated June 10, 2010] regarding the use of the 'discipline' grade comment and the use of the 'comments' function on student history.**

**CARRIED**

- b) RE: Revisions to the VW limit in School Experience Courses, Page 29  
progression degree GPA for Post-Baccalaureate Diploma and  
Internationally Educated Teachers Program, Faculty of Education**

Dr. Grant noted that this proposal is part of a process with the Faculty of Education to align programs and raise standards.

**Dr. Grant MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation [dated June 10, 2010] regarding revisions to the VW limit in School Experience Courses, the minimum passing grade, and progression degree GPA for Post-Baccalaureate Diploma and Internationally Educated Teachers Program, Faculty of Education.**

**CARRIED**

- c) RE: Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Page 30  
Modification to Dean's Honour Roll**

Dr. Grant reported that this proposal will allow students who have not taken the requisite number of credit hours in their final term to remain on the honour roll if they achieve the required grade point average. She confirmed that this would apply to a small number of students.

**Dr. Grant MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation [dated June 10, 2010] regarding modifications to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences Dean's Honour Roll.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B** Page 31  
**[dated July 5, 2010]**

Mr. Dueck reported that Part B of the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards deals with those new offers and amended offers which do not meet the published guidelines or which otherwise appear to be discriminatory on the basis of Human Rights legislation. He noted that the Lee Dunlop Anderson Centennial Bursary shows preference for Aboriginal students. He noted that letters of support were received from the Dean, Faculty of Human Ecology, and Ms. Kali Storm, Director of the Aboriginal Student Centre.

**Dean Wiens MOVED, seconded by Ms. Gottheil, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated July 5, 2010] regarding the Lee Dunlop Anderson Centennial Bursary.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course** Page 35  
**Changes RE: Proposal to Introduce a B.Sc. (Major) and**  
**a Major Co-operative Option in Genetics**

Dean Frankel reported that this proposal is a modification of the existing honours program in Genetics. Professor Worobec noted that this is the second program proposal from the Faculty of Science to create a major program where an honours program already exists. Professor Worobec indicated that the development of such proposals which are designed to increase flexibility for students, call for a large amount of time and effort for a very slight modification to an existing program and questioned whether there could be a method of fast-tracking proposals of this nature.

**Dean Frankel MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes [dated March 17, 2010] regarding the proposal for a Bachelor of Science (Major) and Co-Op Major Degree in Genetics.**

**CARRIED**

**5. Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures** Page 52  
**RE: Revisions to the Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council By-law**

**Dean Doering MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures [dated May 18, 2010] regarding revisions to the Faculty of Medicine Faculty Council By-law.**

**CARRIED**

6. **Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Dress RE: Master of Public Health and Master of Physician Assistant Studies** Page 60

Professor Hess MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Dress [dated September 8, 2010] regarding the Master of Public Health and the Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

CARRIED

7. **Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations** Page 61

Dr. Etcheverry MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations [dated September 8, 2010].

CARRIED

XI **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** - none

XII **ADJOURNMENT**

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

These minutes, pages 1 to 7 combined with the agenda, pages 1 to 61, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on September 8, 2010.

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