

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. John Anderson
Prof. Judy Anderson
Prof. J. Asadoorian
Dean J. Beddoes
Prof. T. Booth
Ms. C. Bone
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Prof. M. Brabston
Rector D. Bracken
Prof. E. Comack
Prof. K. Coombs
Prof. T. Chen
Prof. L. Coar
Dean D. Crooks
Prof. R. Desai
Prof. M. Edwards
Prof. B. Elias
Prof. J. Embree
Ms. S. Enns
Dr. E. Etcheverry
Mr. A. Fazaluddin
Dean H. Frankel
Prof. M. Freund
Mr. L. Ford
Prof. M. Gabbert
Mr. O. Gagne
Prof. J. Gilchrist
Ms. S. Gottheil
Prof. J. Guard
Ms. J. Guise
Dean N. Halden
A/Dean B. Hann
Prof. R. Hechter
Prof. P. Hess
Prof. P. Hultin

Dean T. Iacopino
Dr. D. Jayas
Prof. E. Judd
Mr. A. Karrum
Mr. P. Karari
Dr. A. Katz
Mr. J. Kearsey
Dr. J. Keselman
Prof. W. Kinsner
Prof. S. Kouritzin
Ms. J. Krahn
Mr. R. Lucenkiw
Dean R. MacMillan
Prof. D. Mann
Mrs. D. McCallum
Prof. D. McMillan
Mr. R. McQuire
Prof. B. McIlwraith
Prof. A. Mcintosh
Prof. J. Morrill
A/Dean C. Mossman
Prof. S. Palahicky
Prof. T. Podolsky
Dean B. Postl
Prof. S. Prentice
Dr. I. Ripstein
Ms. D. Salem
Prof. M. Scanlon
Ms. J. Sealey
Dean G. Sevenhuysen
Prof. W. Simpson
Prof. H. Soliman
Prof. D. Smyth
Prof. L. Strachan
Ms. C. Tapp
Dr. R. Tate
Dean J. Taylor
Dean M. Trevan
Dr. C. Trott

Prof. J. Trottier
Prof. K. van Ineveld
Prof. J. Van Rees
Ms. P. Venkatesh
Dean L. Wallace
Dean J. Watkinson
Ms. M. Wayne
Dean M. Whitmore
Prof. E. Worobec
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Prof. A. Young
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Mrs. L. Leonhardt,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Ms. J. Chen
Dr. D. Collins
Mr. P. Dueck
Dr. K. Grant
Mr. N. Marnoch
Dr. K. Matheos
Prof. C. Morrill
Ms. N. Rashid
Dr. L. Smith
Dr. M. Torchia

Regrets

Prof. S. Alward
M. G. Csepregi
Prof. I. Davidson-Hunt
Dean N. Davies
Dean E. Dawe
Dean J. Doering
Ms. A. Ducas

Prof. M. Eskin
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. J. Hanesiak
Prof. J. Hughes
Prof. S. Pistorius
Prof. M. Pritchard
Mr. H. Sector
Prof. L. Simard
Dean R. Stern
Dean L. Turnbull
Prof. C. Van Winkle

Absent

Mr. R. Akther
Prof. B. Bacon
Dr. C. Butterill
Dr. G. Glavin
Prof. J. Irvine
Ms. C. Laforge
Mr. W. Liang
Prof. J. Linklater
Mr. P. Panchhi
Prof. K. Plaizier
Prof. K. Polyzois
Dr. J. Ristock
Dr. D. Smith
Dr. D. Wirtzfeld

Also Present

Ms. M. Carlberg
Ms. M. Matthews
Mrs. L. Leonhardt
Prof. J. Schulz
Ms. M. Wetzel

The Chair informed Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Joanna Asadoorian.

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - none

II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Approved Teaching Centres** Page 3
RE: Booth College

2. **Report of the Senate Committee on Medical** Page 5
Qualifications RE: Dr. Wael El-Matary

Professor Asadoorian **MOVED**, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, **THAT** Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Approved Teaching Centres regarding Booth College, and the Report of the Senate Committee on Medical Qualifications regarding Dr. Wael El-Matary.

CARRIED

IV MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. **Implementation of Master's Program in Pediatric Dentistry** Page 6

2. **Implementation of Joint Bachelor of Science Honours degree in Computer Science and Statistics** Page 7

Professor Prentice observed that the letter from Dr. Keselman to Dean Whitmore noted that *"letters of support from relevant industry or professional groups and/or peer reviews would be appreciated with future full program proposals, as well as supporting and detailed analyses of labour market prospects for future graduates of the program"* and wondered if this was a new development as she had some concerns with the request of the Council for support from industry in particular. Dr. Keselman and Dr. Collins responded that the Council always asks for letters of support from all sectors and that labour market prospects for graduates have long been a part of the new program proposal documentation that is required by the Council.

Professor Guard shared Professor Prentice's concern, observing that universities are more than training schools, but have a mandate to educate broadly. Dr. Collins observed that the Council wants to see support from a variety of sectors, not only industry, and uses the labour market prospects as one piece of information in their review of new program proposals.

3. **Items approved by the Board of Governors on June 21, 2011** Page 8

4. **Establishment of the Qualitative Research Group [dated May 31, 2011]** Page 9

5. **In Memoriam: Dr. Robert Kroetsch** Page 23

Professor Young noted that the statement in the agenda had been written by Professor Dennis Cooley, a colleague in the Department of English, Theatre, and Film. She noted that Dr. Kroetsch was a scholar and literary icon who was widely known as the person who defined prairie culture and identity. She noted that, despite the wide acclaim of him and his work, he was self-effacing and almost shy and generous to colleagues and students, providing advice and sharing his expertise.

6. **In Memoriam: Dr. Elwood Stringam** Page 25

Dean Trevan noted that Dr. Stringam will be remembered as a dedicated professor, a strong leader, and an excellent mentor. Under his leadership, the Animal Science Building at the corner of Dafoe Road and University Crescent was built. He noted that through the vision of Dr. Stringam the building was designed with an inner courtyard which continues to be used as a community meeting place for faculty, staff and students across the Faculty.

7. **In Memoriam: Dr. Peter Kondra** Page 27

Dean Trevan noted that Dr. Kondra passed away shortly after his 100th birthday and that he was active in university life, attending events in the faculty and convocation regularly up to his 99th year. He noted that Dr. Kondra spent his entire career with the University and often said that he owed his life to the University. He will be sorely missed.

V **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT** Page 25

Dr. Barnard reported on several building projects that are under way including the ART Lab and the Pembina Hall Residence. He noted that work on re-developing Taché Hall was now underway, that the stadium project was on schedule and on budget, and that design and preparation work was underway for the new Active Living Centre. Dr. Barnard also reported that the University will take formal responsibility for the Southwood lands this fall and that work was underway to revise and update the Campus Plan to include this land.

The President expressed his thanks to all of those involved in making these projects work, highlighting the contributions of Professor Hess, Dean Dawe, Mrs. McCallum, Mr. Simms and their teams.

Dr. Barnard also reported that, while enrolment numbers are not yet in, based on initial data it would appear that enrolment is at about the same level as last year.

VI **QUESTION PERIOD**

The Chair reminded Senators 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 Arlene Young, Faculty of Arts.

At the November 3rd, 2010 meeting of Senate, there was a Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures regarding a reference from the Senate Executive Committee to consider a request from the Department of Mathematics for a ruling on the jurisdiction of the Dean of Graduate Studies. After an extended discussion in which members of Senate expressed many concerns about this matter and about related issues, Senate moved that these matters collectively be referred to Senate Executive, which was to take into account the discussions of Senate including powers of Senate, jurisdiction of Deans, reasonable accommodation of students, and appeal mechanisms (including a mechanism that would allow faculty or staff to appeal academic or administrative decisions that faculty or staff members felt undermined the academic integrity of their units). What progress has been made in response to this motion?

Dr. Barnard responded that the Senate Executive Committee considered the matters referred to it by Senate and established an ad hoc Committee to consider the issues and report back to the Senate Executive Committee. The ad hoc Committee is chaired by Professor Emeritus Archie Cooper. In terms of progress, he reported that the ad hoc Committee had met 11 times, presented an interim report to the Senate Executive Committee, and continues to meet. A report to the Senate Executive Committee was expected by the end of the fall term at which time the Executive Committee would consider the report and make recommendations to Senate as appropriate.

VII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF June 22, 2011

Professor Cameron Morrill observed that on page three of the minutes in response to his question about discussions related to the establishment of a Confucius Institute at the University, Dr. Collins had noted that discussions were ongoing and that no proposal had been received. Professor Morrill noted that on June 21, the day before Senate, a report on Maclean's online quotes a University spokesperson as saying that "conversations have ended". Professor Morrill asked about this apparent inconsistency and what the status of discussions was. Dr. Collins indicated that the information he provided at the June meeting was his understanding of the situation and that as he was not aware of the comments to which Professor Morrill referred, he would have to look into it and report back at the next meeting of Senate.

Professor Desai raised the following three questions:

"1. The president stated that 'University policy explicitly states that, notwithstanding the provisions of the policy on Appointment of Academic Staff, in cases where it was proposed that a member of the University's full time, including GFT, academic staff be appointed to a chair or professorship, such an appointment may be made without a search with the approval of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost normally on the recommendation of the unit head and, where appropriate, the Dean or Director' [emphasis added - RD]. Could the President please clarify the following: Was a 'proposal' that Dr Sigurdson be appointed the Duff Roblin Professor ever made? Who made it? What was adduced in support of it? If such a proposal was made and if the administration agreed with it, why was there a competition at all? If no such proposal was made, of what relevance does the President deem the university policy referred to to have for the recently concluded search for the Duff Roblin Professorship?"

2. *The President also called on Dr Grant, his designate as Chair of the Duff Roblin Selection committee to respond to my questions. In her response, Dr Grant stated that 'when she learned that the Dean was going to be a candidate for the position, she suggested to the Dean that the Department Head of Political Studies which houses the Duff Roblin Professorship be designated as his appointee on the committee. Dr. Grant emphasized that she made this suggestion to the Dean who assented to it. '. However, in her email to me, she explicitly stated that 'The Dean designated George Maclean as his representative, given that the dean planned to apply for the Duff Roblin Professorship.' Further, when I put it to Dr George Maclean during the Q&A period of his presentation as a candidate for the position of Dean of Arts, whether he had been so designated and whether this designation and Dr Maclean's acceptance of it constituted a conflict of interest or appearance thereof in his opinion, Dr MacLean confirmed that he had been so designated and that in his view this did not constitute a conflict of interest or appearance thereof. Dr Grant was present and did not offer any correction or modification of this important statement. Finally, when I asked Dr Sigurdson whether he had so designated Dr MacLean and whether he thought this constituted a conflict of interest of appearance thereof at his last Arts Council meeting as Dean a few days later, he said he did not remember whether he had designated Dr MacLean. When pressed on the matter of conflict of interest with the question whether, if he had so designated a person, it would constitute a conflict of interest of appearance thereof, Dr Sigurdson said it would not.*

So overall, Dr Barnard's letter to me and Dr Grant's statements in Senate do not agree with Dr Grant's own earlier email and the word of key participants in the matter. How is this to be explained?

3. *Is the question that these events raise that, as Drs Barnard and Grant hold, there was "no way that any member of the committee could stand to benefit from the appointment of Dr. Sigurdson."? Or is it that Dr Sigurdson could clearly have benefited or be seen to have benefited by nominating or assenting to a member of the committee?"*

Dr. Barnard indicated that Professor Desai had raised a number of questions and asked if he could take the matter under advisement and report back at the next meeting of Senate. Professor Desai agreed.

Dean Sevenhuysen MOVED, seconded by Professor Brabston, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on June 22, 2011 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

At the May Senate meeting, Senate approved the change in degree name from the Bachelor of Laws to Juris Doctor. Within the proposal memo from Dean Turnbull was a provision that alumni holding Bachelor of Laws degrees could have their parchments changed to Juris Doctor. Prior to implementing this part of the recommendation, Dean Turnbull wanted to ensure that Senate explicitly approved this.

Professor Gilchrist asked whether those who now hold a J.D. can refer to themselves as doctor. Professor Schulz replied that the degree is understood to be an undergraduate degree, so that would not be the case.

Dr. Judy Anderson asked whether students who graduated in the same year might hold different degrees. Professor Schulz responded that this could happen and added that the May 2011 graduating class had been given the choice of which degree they wished to receive and only two students chose the LL.B.

Professor Schulz MOVED, seconded by Professor Brabston, That Senate confirm that alumni holding Bachelor of Laws Degrees may have their credential changed to the new Juris Doctor, as outlined in the proposal approved by Senate on May 18, 2011.

CARRIED

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

1. **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** Page 37

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

The President noted that the Chair of SPPC reported that the committee was currently considering proposals from the Faculties of Nursing, Kinesiology & Recreation Management, and Agricultural & Food Sciences which would be forwarded to Senate in due course.

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

1. **Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies RE:
Departments of Computer Science and Geological Sciences** Page 30

Professor Hann MOVED, seconded by Dean Whitmore, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies regarding the Departments of Computer Science and Geological Sciences.

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures
RE: Revisions to Faculty of Law Bylaws** Page 33

It was noted that the proposed change to the bylaw added an Aboriginal student representative to the membership of the Law Faculty Council. Dean Whitmore noted that the change specified an Aboriginal student representative and wondered whether Indigenous would be a more appropriate term. The Chair noted that further institutional discussion on this needed to occur and, if any policy change were formally made with regard to language, it could be implemented subsequently.

Professor Guard asked how Aboriginal student would be defined as this would have a bearing on how this rule was implemented. It was noted that typically the University uses self-declaration by individuals who identify as Aboriginal peoples. Professor Chen commented that it was difficult to understand how this would be made operational. Dean Mossman noted that, in the absence of a representative from the Faculty of Law, he felt it would be advisable to defer consideration of this matter until the next meeting of Senate at which time the Faculty could speak to the proposal.

Dean Mossman MOVED, seconded by Dean Whitmore, THAT this matter be deferred to the October meeting of Senate.

CARRIED

X ADDITIONAL BUSINESS - none

XI ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7 combined with the agenda, pages 1 to 36, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on September 7, 2011.