

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
 Dr. C. Adams
 Prof. A. Alessi-Severini
 Prof. C. Anderson
 Prof. J. Anderson
 Dean J. Beddoes
 Ms. L. Best
 Dean J. Black-Branch
 Dr. J. Blatz
 Prof. P. Blunden
 Prof. T. Bone
 Very Rev. R. Bozyk
 Dean D. Brown
 Prof. F. Burczynski
 Prof. N. Cicek
 Prof. G. Clark
 Prof. S. Clark
 Dr. C. Cook
 Prof. R. Currie
 Ms. C. Dika
 Prof. M. Domaratzki
 Dean N. Dyck
 Prof. J. Frank
 Prof. M. Gabbert
 Mr. T. Gibbes
 Dean N. Halden
 Prof. J. Hare
 Prof. G. Hicks
 Mr. B. Hill
 Prof. D. Ireland
 Prof. T. Ivanco
 Dr. D. Jayas
 Ms. H. Jenkins
 Ms. L. Johnson
 Dean E. Jurkowski
 Mr. G. Kasbia
 Mr. J. Kearsey
 Prof. W. Kinsner
 Prof. R. Koop
 Ms. N. Lam
 Prof. L. Landrum
 Prof. S. McClement
 Mr. J. McNicholl
 Ms. K. Macalinao

Prof. K. Main
 Dean D. Mandzuk
 Prof. B. Mark
 Prof. C. Miller
 Ms. J. Minarik
 Dr. T. Mondor
 Prof. D. Oliver
 Prof. S. Olson
 Prof. J. Paliwal
 Prof. S. Passmore
 Ms. J. Peters
 Mr. D. Pinkerton
 Mr. E. Podaima
 Ms. M. Pozdirca
 Prof. S. Prentice
 Mr. J. Price
 Dean L. Raman-Wilms
 Prof. A. Raouf
 Prof. T. Reeve
 Dr. J. Ristock
 Ms. G. Romund
 Prof. C. Schmidt
 Ms. L. Schnarr
 Prof. A. Schultz
 Prof. A. Schwann
 Mr. M. Shaw
 Acting Dean L. Simard
 Prof. M. Smith
 Mr. G. Sobie
 Prof. J. Sorensen
 Prof. R. Souleymanov
 Mr. E. Tahmasebian
 Dean J. Taylor
 Ms. E. Thomas
 Prof. G. Tranmer
 Prof. C. Trott
 Prof. J. van Lierop
 Prof. D. Walker
 Dean M. Yellow Bird
 Ms. L. Zapshala-Kelln
 Mr. J. Leclerc,
 University Secretary

Dr. S. Coyston,
 Recording Secretary

Dean. M. Scanlon
 Dr. D. Stewart

Assessors Present

Mr. J. Adams
 Ms. S. Cameron
 Dr. D. Hiebert-Murphy
 Prof. R. Lastra
 Mr. N. Marnoch
 Mr. C. Neumann
 Prof. G. Smith
 Ms. S. Tombindo
 Dr. M. Torchia
 Prof. D. Watt

Regrets

Mr. J. Asaminew
 Prof. R. Biscontri
 Ms. S. Bonner-Proulx
 Prof. O. Botar
 Rectrice S. Bouffard
 Ms. T. Brenan
 Ms. R. Calotes
 Mr. M. Colley
 Prof. T. Chen
 Prof. M. Czubryt
 Prof. S. Dhingra
 Dr. J. Doering
 Mr. S. Dorge
 Mr. M. Garrett
 Dr. G. Glavin
 Prof. E. Haque
 Prof. J. Honeyford
 Dean G. Jacoby
 Dean A. Kelekis-
 Cholakis
 Ms. M.-L. Lê
 Prof. K. MacKendrick
 Chancellor A. Mahon
 Ms. N. Nagra
 Prof. K. Nixon
 Ms. S. Penner
 Dean B. Postl
 Prof. M. Rastegar

Absent

Prof. B. Albensi
 Dean S. Baum
 Mr. K. Bhamra
 Prof. N. Boorberg
 Ms. K. Casalla
 Ms. S. Deibert
 Ms. K. Flattery
 Prof. D. Gardner
 Mr. J. Moon
 Ms. L. O'Hara
 Prof. J. Peeler
 Prof. B. Rice
 Mr. J. Sanderson
 Prof. M. Tamtik
 Mr. E. Teklemariam
 Prof. G. Thompson
 Dean R. Urbanowski
 Ms. B. Usick

Also Present

Ms. M. Abas
 Ms. C. Christie
 Mr. A. Decebal-Cuza
 Prof. M. Edwards
 Ms. S. Foster
 Ms. P. Gareau
 Prof. B. Hann
 Ms. S. Utsunomiya
 Ms. M. Watson
 Ms. M. Yoshida

The Chair informed Senate that the Speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Mark Gabbert, Faculty of Arts.

**I CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES,
DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES – FEBRUARY 2020**

A complete list of candidates, provided by the Registrar, was available at the front table for perusal by Senators.

Professor Gabbert 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 February 7, 2020.

CARRIED

II MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

**1. Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees
[January 17, 2020]**

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.

III MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE - none

IV MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

**1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards
[December 17, 2019]** Page 3

2. Annual Report of the University Discipline Committee Page 16

3. Annual Report of Student Accessibility Services, 2018/2019 Page 137

Ms. Christie referred Senators to the *Annual Report of Student Accessibility Services, 2018/2019*, which was provided for information. She noted that the number of students who had registered with a mental health disability had increased over the previous year.

4. Proposed Undergraduate Admission Targets, 2020/2021 Page 146

**5. Request to Extend Suspension of Admissions to Bachelor of
Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences and Bachelor of
Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences, After-Degree** Page 148
(for consultation)

The Chair reminded Senate, that, under the *Admission Targets* policy, it is the President who approves changes to, or the introduction of, enrolment limits following consultation with the dean or director and with Senate and the Board of

Governors, subject to the provisions of the provincial Programs of Study Regulation. He asked if there were any questions or comments concerning a request to extend the suspension of admissions to the Bachelor of Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences, including the After-Degree.

Senate did not raise any concerns regarding the request.

6. Reports on Research Contract Funds Received Page 161

a) January 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019 Page 162

b) July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 Page 167

Professor Sorenson asked if Senate could be provided with more information on a University contract for \$2.2 million from the Western Economic Development Fund for a project to, “promote industry-academia alignment in support of economic development in Manitoba.”

Dr. Jayas said the contract related to the Horizon Manitoba project, which had three components, including to enhance, at all postsecondary institutions in the province: (i) the experience of learning opportunities for students in all faculties, (ii) collaborative opportunities between industry and postsecondary institutions, and (iii) the experience of learning opportunities for Indigenous students. The broader project focussed on enhancing experience and relationships with industry partners.

7. Item Approved by the Board of Governors Executive Committee [December 10, 2019] Page 171

V REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT Page 172

President Barnard said he had been privileged to attend an event in Nairobi, Kenya, the previous week, to mark the fortieth anniversary of a research collaboration between the University and that country, on public-health related issues. He informed Senate that, at the end of those meetings, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Dr. Frank Plummer, who had also been in attendance, had passed away. For many years, Dr. Plummer had lead the Manitoba/Kenya research collaboration, which had made significant scientific and humanitarian contributions in the area of public-health.

President Barnard reminded Senators that Dr. Robin DiAngelo would give the Robert and Elizabeth Knight Distinguished Visiting Lecture, titled “White fragility: Why it’s so hard for white people to talk about racism,” on February 6th. The topic was important for all members of the University community. President Barnard thanked the organizers of the lecture.

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. on the Friday preceding the meeting.

No questions were received.

**VII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2020**

Dean Jurkowski MOVED, seconded by Professor Kinsner, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on January 8, 2020 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

VIII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

**1. Draft Statement from Senate on the Importance of
Higher Education *(for discussion)***

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President Barnard recalled that, at the November 2019 Senate meeting, Professor Prentice had raised a question, on behalf of the Faculty of Arts Senators, that included a request that Senate Executive prepare a statement on the importance of higher education that defends the integrity of academic programs and the value of inquiry-based teaching and research. The request followed recent changes to the Manitoba cabinet, including the transfer of responsibility for the higher education portfolio to the Minister of Economic Development and Training. President Barnard said the draft statement from Senate included with the agenda had been prepared principally by Professor Prentice. He invited discussion of the document or suggestions for changes.

Professor Prentice said it was important to consider the statement in the context of what was Senate's purview and mandate in a system of bicameral governance, which was to defend the University's academic mission. Also, the request to develop a statement had been made prior to the province issuing its formal mandate letter to the University. There would be other fora in which the University would respond to that document.

Professor Prentice invited feedback on the draft Senate statement, which she and President Barnard would use to make improvements to the document, with a view to return with a formal statement for the March Senate agenda. The value of the statement would be symbolic, primarily, but the symbolism would be important and would, perhaps, be cited in future documents and work at the University. Professor Prentice said the statement would be timely, and she was proud to be part of a Senate that wanted to affirm that the University was a public good with a broad mandate that must be valued and respected.

On behalf of the student Senators, Ms. Minarik thanked those who had advocated for the development of a Senate statement on the importance of higher education. She identified several strengths of the draft statement, including that it indicated that the University was a complex institution that did more than train students for today's labour market; clarified that the University's mandate was to create, preserve, communicate, and apply knowledge; and stated that all assessment of University's contributions to the social and economic life of the province must recognize its broad mandate and inclusive mission. Ms. Minarik said that, at a recent discussion at Student Senate Caucus, the consensus was that the statement failed to capture the weight of students' concerns that the province did not value research carried out in some disciplines. She cited her own discipline of philosophy as an example. She recognized that it

was not always possible to speak out but raised a concern that these disciplines, which were suffering in the current political climate, would increasingly suffer with the newly implemented structures.

Referring to the province' mandate letter for postsecondary institutions, which states that universities should cease programs that lack value in a modern context, Ms. Minarik wondered what this would mean for universities and for her own education which, despite how the province might value it economically, had been invaluable to her. Ms. Minarik said young researchers were concerned that the province was redefining the goal of postsecondary education in a way that favoured industry over knowledge and that this shift would either prevent them from following their dreams of pursuing academic research in their home province or it would greatly undervalue that pursuit.

Professor Prentice said she would be pleased to meet with representatives of the Graduate Students' Association to discuss revisions to bring back to Senate.

Professor Blunden said he did not disagree with anything in the draft Senate statement. He agreed there was a push in many quarters toward a very utilitarian view of higher education. Referring to the penultimate sentence in the last paragraph, he suggested that the phrase that the institution, "...does much more than simply train students for today's labour market..." was provocative. A preferable approach might be to acknowledge that the University had a role in preparing students for careers but also had a role beyond that to teach students to write, to think critically about, analyse, and synthesize information.

President Barnard invited Senators to contact Professor Prentice outside of the meeting with any additional feedback they might have on the draft Senate statement.

President Barnard thanked Professor Prentice for her work on drafting the Senate statement.

IX REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee Page 183

Professor Gabbert said Senate Executive met on January 22, 2020. The comments of the committee accompany the reports on which they were made.

2. Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee

Professor Watt said the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee had met on January 27, 2020, to discuss a report from the Faculty of Graduate Studies concerning a proposal for a Master of Supply Chain Management and a proposal from the Faculty of Science for a Bachelor of Science (Major) in Data Science.

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

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Dress** Page 184
**RE: Stole for Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Medical
Physiology and Pathophysiology**

Dean Taylor said the Senate Committee on Academic Dress had met on January 13th, to consider a proposal from the Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology, Max Rady College of Medicine, to create a silver stole, with two half-inch royal blue strips in a V pattern, for the Post-baccalaureate Diploma in Medical Physiology and Pathophysiology. The Max Rady College Council had endorsed the design at its meeting on November 18, 2019.

Dean Taylor MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Dress concerning a stole for the Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Medical Physiology and Pathophysiology, which is silver in colour with two half inch royal blue strips in a V pattern.

CARRIED

2. **Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures** Page 185
RE: Revisions to Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw

Dean Taylor said the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures (SCRP) had met on June 19, 2019 and January 8, 2020 to consider proposed revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw. The Faculty was proposing several amendments to the membership and meeting rules of the Faculty Council. The SCRP had requested that the Faculty provide clarifications with respect to some of the changes. Items identified had been addressed by the Faculty and were reflected in the proposal included with the Senate agenda.

Dean Taylor MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures concerning revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw, effective upon approval.

Dean Jurkowski said that, in advance of the meeting, he had received some questions and comments from student Senators on a number of the proposed revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw. Due to the nature and content of those, he wanted to have an opportunity to have a discussion with the Faculty of Music Council.

Dean Jurkowski MOVED, seconded by Professor Gabbert, that the Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures concerning revisions to the Desautels Faculty of Music Council Bylaw be referred back to the Faculty for further discussion.

CARRIED

3. **Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations**

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Professor Edwards said the Senate Committee on Nominations (SCN) had met on January 17th, to consider nominations to a number of Senate committees. The committee's recommendations for nominees were contained in the Report of the SCN, dated January 27, 2020.

There were no further nominations.

Professor Edwards MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations [dated January 27, 2020].

CARRIED

XI **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS** - none

XII **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 7, together with the agenda, pages 1 to 196, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on February 5, 2020.