

**LAKEHED UNIVERSITY**  
**Senate Meeting #2008-5**

**Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008**  
**10:30 a.m. – Senate Chambers**

**Present:**

Dr. F. Gilbert, Chair  
Dr. F. Allaire  
Dr. G. Boire  
Dr. M.C. Courtland  
Mr. K. Dahl  
Mr. F. Dawood  
Dr. A. Dean  
Mrs. A. Deighton  
Dr. T. Dunk  
Dr. K. Fedderson  
Ms A. Foshay  
Dr. A. Gillies  
Dr. S. Hamilton  
Mrs. C. Hartviksen  
Dr. L. Hayes  
Dr. G. Hayman  
Dr. M. L. Hill

Dr. S. Islam  
Dr. B. Isotalo  
Dr. A. Kajander  
Dr. S. Kinrade  
Dr. J. Lanphear  
Dr Kam Leung (acting)  
Dr. J. Leggatt  
Dr. M. Leitch  
Dr. S. Mansour  
Dr. L. Meyer  
Dr. K. Natarajan  
Dr. I. Newhouse  
Dr. J. Nicholas (acting)  
Prof. M. Nisenholt  
Dr. J. O'Meara  
Prof. K. Poole  
Dr. M.N. Rinne

Dr. M. Robson  
Ms K. Roche, Secretary  
Dr. U. Runneson  
Dr. H. Saliba  
Dr. W. Sears  
Dr. A. Serenko  
Dr. G. Siddall  
Dr. S. Siddiqui  
Dr. B. Singh  
Dr. H. Smith  
Dr. T. Socha  
Dr. M. Uddin  
Dr. C. van Barneveld  
Dr. R. Wang  
Mrs. G. Wojda  
Dr. M. Zahaf

**Regrets:**

Dr. S. Agbo  
Ms S. Badio  
Dr. A. Bartley  
Dr. F. Blaikie  
Dr. M. Boyd  
Dr. K. Brown  
Mr. C. Bruce  
Dr. G. Colton  
Dr. K. Crowe  
Dr. B. Cuthbertson  
Dr. B. Dadgostar  
Dr. Q. L. Dang  
Dr. T. Dufresne  
Dr. J. Epp  
Mr. S. Esarik  
Dr. J. Farrell  
Dr. P. Fralick  
Dr. E. Gardner  
Dr. A. Gilbert  
Mr. B. Johnson  
Ms J. Johnson  
Dr. R. Koster

D. B. Lorch  
Dr. L. Malek  
Dr. R. Maundrell  
Dr. D. McPherson  
Dr. M. McPherson  
Dr. B. Moazzami  
Ms J. Morrison  
Prof.G. Phillips  
Mr. T. Pile  
Dr. R. Pulkki  
Ms. B. Sabourin  
Dr. S. Stone  
Dr. R. Strasser  
Ms L. Sutton  
Dr. D. Tranter  
Dr. K. Yu

**Guests:**

Dr. M. Beaulieu  
Dr. J. Blahuta  
Dr. R. Dilley  
Dr. T. Hardie  
Dr. R. Harpelle  
Dr. L. Korteweg  
Dr. R. Nelson  
Mrs. B. Stefureak  
Dr. B. Strang  
Dr. A Van Tuyl

**Observers:**

Mrs. K.L. Clarke  
Ms. H. Doyle  
Dr. B. Strang

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (F. Dawood/M. Leitch) that the agenda for the Senate Meeting #2008-5 be approved with the following amendments:

- #6.2 – delete Kinesiology/Gerontology
- #6.2 – delete Gerontology 4230/Social Work 4253 and 4230
- #8 – delete LUSU Recommendations for Student Representatives

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2008-4 held on April 25, 2008

MOVED (M.C. Courtland/H. Saliba) that the Minutes of the Senate Meeting #2008-4 held on April 25, 2008 be approved with the following amendment:

13. Azim Mallik will attend the *next COU* ~~COU Academic Colleagues~~ next meeting as he begins his two-year term as Academic Colleague.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

**ITEMS FOR DECISION**

4. Proposed Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (T. Dunk/M.L. Hill) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for 2008-2009 be referred to the appropriate committees.

4.1 Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology
- Sociology/Anthropology
- Sociology/Anthropology/Environmental Studies
- Sociology – Deletion of 2203, 3207 and 4409

4.2 Modular Degree Initiative

T. Dunk briefly explained the concept of the Modular Degree Initiative. This proposal by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities will allow students to “design” their own degree by selecting courses throughout the Faculty. Visual Arts and Music are not currently compatible with this Modular Degree.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for 2008-2009 be referred to the appropriate committees.

MOVED (G. Boire/F. Dawood) that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for 2008-2009 be referred to the appropriate committees.

- 5.1 Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
- Sociology – Addition of 5<sup>th</sup> year course
- 5.2 Supervisory Responsibilities Regulation

CARRIED

6. Reports from Senate Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

- 6.1 MOVED (G. Boire/T. Dunk) that the reports from the following Senate Standing Committee on proposed Calendar changes be accepted:
- Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (R. Koster)
  - Senate Budget Committee (B. Singh)
  - Senate Academic Committee (G. Hayman)
  - Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (G. Boire)

CARRIED

- 6.2 MOVED (W. Sears/B. Singh) that the following Undergraduate Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Mathematical Sciences – 3012 & 3032
- Physics – Electives, pre-requisites, 3231 & 4113

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- English - Minor
- Women's Studies Joint Honours BA
- Women's Studies/Psychology
- Women's Studies - requirements

Faculty of Professional Schools

- Kinesiology – admission requirements

Faculty of Education

- Junior/Intermediate Teachable Titles
- Education 3499

CARRIED

- 6.3 MOVED (G. Boire/B. Singh) that the following Graduate Calendar Changes be approved:

- Regulation Students Leave of Absence (Apr. 25/08)
- Physics - MSc program description (Apr. 25/08)

CARRIED

7. Report of the Senate Academic Committee on referral from January 25, 2008 Senate Meeting on current practices concerning the presentation of sensitive/emotionally charged course material and consideration of a policy establishing a maximum for peer evaluation as a component of final course marks.

G. Hayman explained that the Senate Academic Committee had reviewed the question and the Senate Academic Committee concluded that except in rare cases, the weight given to peer evaluation would not exceed 15% of the final grade and that approval to exceed 15% of the final mark would be obtained from the Chair and Dean. In academic units that do not have a Chair, the Director's approval and the Dean's approval would be required.

- 7.1 MOVED (G. Hayman/F. Dawood) that the Senate Academic Committee develop a regulation to ensure that unless approval has been received from the head of the academic unit and the Dean, not more than 15% of the final course mark shall be composed of peer evaluation.

CARRIED

8. Report of the Joint Senate Committee for NOSM

- 8.1 MOVED (B. Singh/M.C. Courtland) that to achieve a passing grade in Phase 3 courses, a minimum of 60% is required be approved.

CARRIED

- 8.2 MOVED (B. Singh/K. Dahl) that the revised Admissions Calendar information be approved as presented.

CARRIED

9. Report of the Senate Organization Committee

M. C. Courtland introduced the proposed Lakehead University Senate By-laws explaining that these by-laws essentially formalize the way Senate has customarily operated for many years. The Senate Organization Committee met with B. Stefureak seven times between January 12<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup> to review sections of the draft by-laws. M.C Courtland noted that B. Stefureak was in attendance at this Senate Meeting to answer questions.

MOVED (M.C. Courtland/F. Dawood) that the proposed By-laws of the Senate of Lakehead University be adopted.

CARRIED

M. C. Courtland thanked B. Stefureak for her work on the by-laws noting that B. Stefureak had many years of practical experience with Lakehead University's Senate.

10. Report from Faculty of Graduate Studies Council – 2008 Appraisal Briefs – Academic Plan Preliminary Internal Review

G. Boire thanked faculty for all of their work toward increasing graduate student enrolment. He highlighted parts of the Graduate Expansion Report submission to MTCU that was prepared by Institutional Analysis/Government Relations. Lakehead University achieved 93.4% enrolment growth for 2007-08 when measured over the benchmark year of 2004-05 in the Master's program. The PhD target of 24.5 FTEs was exceeded by 8.8 FTE's.

Full-time faculty growth showed an increase of 61 from the 2002-03; 36 of those positions were filled since 2004-05. In addition, the percentage of full-time (tenured and tenured-track) faculty with PhDs increased from 85.9% in 2002-03 to 93.4% in 2007-08.

As part of the Academic Plan Preliminary Internal Review, the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council requests that the Senate Budget Committee review the 2008 Academic Briefs.

MOVED (G. Boire/T. Dunk) that the following 2008 Academic Briefs be referred to the Senate Budget Committee:

- M. Sc. Chemistry
- M. A. Economics
- M.A./M. Sc. Mathematical Sciences

CARRIED

11. Report from the Senate Research Committee – Establishment of an Advanced Institute for Globalization and Culture (AIG+C)

MOVED (H. Saliba/G. Boire) that the Establishment of an Advanced Institute for Globalization and Culture (AIG+C) be approved.

CARRIED

12. Approval of Adjunct Professors

12.1 MOVED (T. Dunk/S. Islam) that Mr. Peter Globensky be appointed as an Adjunct Professor of Political Science for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

12.2 MOVED (W. Sears/A. Dean) that Dr. Fridolin Ting be appointed as an Internal Adjunct Professor in the Department of Physics for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

12.3 MOVED (U. Runesson/F. Alliare) that Dr. Brian Palik be appointed as an Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

13. Graduands

13.1 Undergraduate Degrees and Diplomas

The list of recipients for 2008 undergraduate degrees and diplomas list was distributed at the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

MOVED (A. Foshay/M.L. Hill) that the candidates on the list distributed by the University Registrar list be awarded the undergraduate degrees or diplomas indicated with the following typographical changes: p. 9 spacing corrected – Anthony Deagazio – First Class Standing and Christopher Shawn Houle - First Class Standing. First Class Standing to be removed from Shanna Duff and Jordan John Lajoie.

CARRIED

#### 13.2 Graduate Degrees

***List was distributed at the meeting***

MOVED (G. Boire/M.C. Courtland) that the candidates on the list distributed by the University Registrar be awarded the graduate degrees indicated.

CARRIED

#### 14. Medals

##### 14.1 The Dean Braun's Medals

MOVED (A. Foshay/G. Boire) that the Dean Braun's Medals be awarded to the highest ranking graduating students in the Faculties of Business Administration, Engineering, Forestry and the Forest Environment and the Schools of Kinesiology, Nursing, Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Tourism and Social Work

Honours Bachelor of Commerce – Megan Ott Bcomm (Hons)  
Bachelor of Administration – Anthony DeAgazio BAdmin  
Bachelor of Engineering – Matthew MacDonald BEng  
Diploma in Engineering Technology – Brittany McNeice Dipl Mech Eng  
Honours Bachelor of Science in Forestry – Laurie Thompson BScF (Hons)  
Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Forest Conservation) – Alain Joseph BES (Hons)(FCon)  
Bachelor of Environmental Studies (Forest Conservation) – Becky Fawcett BES (FCon)  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Sherice Almgren BScN  
Honours Bachelor of Kinesiology – Tyler Hyvarinen BK (Hons)  
Honours Bachelor of Outdoor Recreation – Kelsey Agnew BOR (Hons)  
Honours Bachelor of Social Work – Marianne Brener BSW (Hons)

CARRIED

14.2 The William A. West Medals

MOVED (A. Foshay/G. Boire) that the William A. West Medals be awarded to the highest ranking graduating students in the Faculty of Education.

Native Language Instructors' Diploma – Francine Lee Dip. Lat. Lang. Inst.  
Bachelor of Education (Native Teacher Education) – Marlo Dahl BEd BA  
Bachelor of Education (Primary/Junior) – Mary Swainson BEd  
Bachelor of Education (Junior/Intermediate) – Rebecca Penner BEd  
Bachelor of Education (Intermediate/Senior) – Andrew Bryce BEd  
Master of Education

MOVED (T. Socha/J. O'Meara) that the motion be amended to include the PhD of Education.

CARRIED

CARRIED

14.3 The Dean of Science and Environmental Studies Medals

MOVED (A. Foshay/L. Hayes) that the Dean of Science and Environmental Studies Medals be awarded to the highest ranking graduating students in the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies.

Four Year Program – Joseph Del Paggio BSc (Hons)  
Three Year Program – Gerald Bell BA

CARRIED

14.4 The Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities Medals

MOVED (A. Foshay/T. Dunk) that the Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities Medals be awarded to the highest ranking graduating students in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities.

Four Year Program – Vasilinka Tsar BSc (Hons)  
Three Year Program – Kim Bortolin BA

CARRIED



14.5 The Chancellor's Medal - Anthony Deagazio BAdmin

MOVED (A. Foshay/F. Allaire) that the Chancellor's Medal be awarded to the highest ranking part-time student in the graduating class of the Bachelor's or Honours Bachelor's degree programs.

CARRIED

14.6 The Vice-Chancellor's Medal – Jessica Brinkman BA

MOVED (A. Foshay/M.C. Courtland) that the Vice-Chancellor's Medal be awarded to the highest ranking full-time student in the graduating class of the three-year Bachelor's degree programs.

CARRIED

14.7 The Governor General's College Bronze Medal – Brittany McNeice  
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MOVED (A. Foshay/H. Saliba) that the Governor General's College Bronze Medal be awarded to the highest ranking full-time student in the graduating class of the undergraduate diploma program of minimum two-year duration.

CARRIED

14.8 The Governor General's Silver Medal – Chanel Parent, Bed BA  
(Hons)

MOVED (A. Foshay/A. Dean) that the Governor General's Silver Medal be awarded to the highest ranking full-time student in the graduating class of the Honours Bachelor's or equivalent programs.

CARRIED

14.9 The Governor General's Gold Medal – Xijiang Dou

MOVED (A. Foshay/G. Boire) that the Governor General's Gold Medal be awarded to the highest ranking graduating student in a graduate program.

CARRIED

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

15. Report of the Secretary of Senate – Email requests for nominations to fill the three vacancies in the Faculty Representatives on Senate were requested March 17 and April 11, 2008. No nominations were received from the March 17, 2008 request. One response was received from the April 11, 2008 request – J. Farrell was acclaimed Faculty Representative on Senate for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. A third request for nominations was sent out on April 30, 2008 and four nominations were received for the remaining two vacancies. An election is being held.

16. Report on Academic Appeals

The President reported that an Academic Appeal had been filed and heard. He reported that the appeal was not upheld.

17. President's Report
  - 17.1 Professors Emeriti/ae to be conferred

MOVED (F. Dawood/M. C. Courtland) that the Professors Emeriti/ae be conferred on Raija Warkentin (Anthropology) and David Kemp (Geography).

CARRIED

Dr. F. Gilbert reported that MTCU and COU have been working on issues related to university funding. The most progress has been made on capital funding. Most likely funding will be available for new capital projects, and although this is welcome, it will not address the operational funding shortages. Most universities in Ontario, including Lakehead University, are struggling to balance operational budgets due to the rising operational costs and the limited provincial funding available. Dr. Gilbert noted that the Lakehead University Operations Budget will be coming to Senate on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Gilbert noted that the COU is working with the government to develop a new funding model. It is anticipated that the government will be instituting a new policy for tuition funding in the near future.

18. Report of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost

L. Hayes congratulated the recipients and called on each to receive the 2008 Contribution to Teaching and Learning Awards: Dr. Adam Van Tuyl (not in attendance); Dr. Bruce Strang; Dr. Randall Nelson; Dr. Lisa Korteweg; Dr. Timothy Hardie; and Dr. Jason Blahuta.

L. Hayes noted that the Academic Plan Update will be prepared in June.

L. Hayes reported that the recent earthquake which devastated the Sichuan province of China indirectly affected one of our partner universities UESTC (the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China) in Chengdu. A fund-raiser for those affected by the earthquake will be held by Chinese members of our faculty and staff in the Agora on May 21st. Dr. Dilley noted that the group of students participating in a field school in China, accompanying Drs. Kemp and Wilson, had recently visited the site of the earthquake epicentre, but were not there at the time of the disaster and were unharmed.

#### 19. Report of NOSM

Dr. Lanphear will continue to report to Senate in his role as the Senior Associate Dean of the Western Campus. The Chair noted that Senate looks forward to Dr. Lanphear's continued participation and reporting to Senate.

#### 20. Report from the Orillia Campus

K. Fedderson discussed the Orillia convocation ceremony planned for June 7<sup>th</sup>. Ten students will be graduating as the first graduating class from the Orillia Campus. A new award has been created called the Civitas Award and will be presented to Sue Muchahey one of the advocates of the early initiatives to establish a university in the City of Orillia in the 1960's.

On April 5<sup>th</sup> approximately 100 members from the Orillia community provided input into the planning process for the Orillia Campus. Areas explored were sustainable education, sustainable economy, and sustainable communities. The information gathered will be used to develop a Strategic Plan for the Orillia Campus. This Strategic Plan will include an Academic Plan, an Enrolment Management Plan, and a revised Business Plan. The Academic Plan will be brought to Senate before the end of 2008.

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Plans for the permanent Orillia Campus are underway but Lakehead University will maintain a downtown presence at Heritage Place. Plans for the permanent campus currently include an 85,000 square foot building to open in 2010. In response to an RFP, proposals have been received from interested architects. A decision on the architectural firm will be made soon. The master plan for the permanent campus will be shared for information with Senate this fall. K. Fedderson noted that there will be an opportunity for the Thunder Bay Campus of Lakehead University to comment on the plans.

The Chair reminded Senators that Senate will be meeting at 9:30 am on June 13 to review the proposed Operations Budget 2008-09.

MOVED (F. Dawood/M. C. Courtland) that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

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Dr. F. Gilbert, Chair

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Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary