

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting #2008-7

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, October 3, 2008
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers

Present

Dr. F. Gilbert (Chair)
Dr. P. Allingham
Dr. R. Berg
Dr. J.Y. Bernard
Dr. J. Blahuta
Dr. H. Chen
Dr. G. Colton
Dr. J. Crossman
Dr. B. Cuthbertson
Dr. B. Dadgostar
Mr. K. Dahl
Ms. M. Dawood
Dr. A.P. Dean
Mrs. A. Deighton
Dr. A. den Otter
Dr. J. Farrell
Dr. K. Feddersen
Dr. H. Fennell

Ms. A. Foshay
Dr. E. Gardner
Dr. A. Gilbert
Dr. C. Gottardo
Mrs. C. Harviksen
Dr. L. Hayes
Dr. G. Hayman
Dr. S. Islam
Dr. P. Jasen
Dr. R. Koster
Dr. J. Leggatt
Ms. A. Leishman
Dr. K. Leung
Dr. B. Lorch
Dr. A. Mallik
Dr. R. Maundrell
Dr. L. Meyer
Dr. K. Natarajan
Dr. M. Nisenholt

Dr. J. O'Meara
Mr. T. North
Prof. K. Poole
Dr. R. Pulkki
Dr. T. Randall
Dr. M.N. Rinne
Dr. C. Russell
Mrs. Ryks-Szelekovszky
Ms. B. Sabourin
Dr. W. Sears
Dr. G. Siddall
Dr. S. Siddiqui
Dr. H. Smith
Dr. B. Stolar
Dr. S.D. Stone
Mr. B. Taylor
Dr. T. Tikka
Ms. A. Wease
Dr. M. Zahaf
Ms. K. Roche (Secretary)

Regrets

Ms. E. Abaya
Dr. S. Agbo
Mrs. M. Anderson
Ms. J. Arscott
Mr. J. Barker
Dr. M. Benson
Dr. F. Blaikie
Dr. M. Boyd
Mr. C. Bruce
Dr. K. Crowe

Dr. P. Fralick
Dr. S. Hamilton
Mr. R. Hewitt
Prof. R. Isotalo
Ms. G. Knutson
Dr. J. Lanphear
Mr. D. Lyons
Dr. S. Mansour
Dr. D. McPherson
Dr. T. Miao
Dr. B. Moazzami

Prof. G. Phillips
Mr. T. Pile
Dr. K. Reynolds
Dr. U. Runesson
Dr. H. Saliba
Prof. P. Sevean
Dr. T. Socha
Dr. D. Tranter
Dr. C. van Barneveld
Dr. R. Wang
Ms. D. Wright

Observers

Mrs. K.L. Clarke
Ms. G. Wojda
Dr. M. McPherson

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (J. Blahuta/G. Siddall) that the amended agenda for the Senate Meeting #2008-7 be approved with the following additions:

4. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
 - ORPT I/S Teachable

5. Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
 - MES Nature Based Recreation and Tourism
8. Amended list of student representatives on Senate and Senate Committees
9. Dr. J. Farrell be appointed to the Senate Joint NOSM Committee
22. Board of Governors Report to Senate

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2008-6 held on June 13, 2008

MOVED (R. Koster/J. Leggatt) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #2008-6 of June 13, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

4. Proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (P. Allingham/S.D. Stone) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for 2009-2010 be referred to the appropriate committees.

Faculty of Education

- Lifelong Learning – Course Name Changes
- Lifelong Learning – Educ 4544 and 4725
- Lifelong Learning – Educ 4726

Faculty of Engineering

- Engineering – Course Number Changes

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology – Sociology 3503
- ORPT I/S Teachable

CARRIED

5. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (A. Gilbert/B. Cuthbertson) that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for 2009-2010 be referred to the appropriate committees.

Faculty of Engineering

- Control Engineering

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- MES – Nature Based Recreation and Tourism

CARRIED

6. Senate Academic Committee Report

6.1 MOVED (L. Hayes/J. Crossman) that the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Academic Committee be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

CARRIED

6.2 MOVED (L. Hayes/B. Dadgostar) that the following regulation related to peer evaluation be added to the university regulations, Section V, Standing:
University regulation on the maximum weight of peer evaluation as a component of the final grade: "For courses that include a peer evaluation component, the maximum weight of the peer evaluation component will not exceed 15% of the final grade unless otherwise approved by the head of the academic unit and the Dean."

CARRIED

6.3 MOVED (L. Hayes/K. Fedderson) that the recommended amendments to the Senate Academic Appeals Policy be accepted.

The revision to the Senate Academic Appeals Policy was a minor revision to provide consistent deadline dates for submissions.

CARRIED

6.4 MOVED (L. Hayes/R. Koster) that Senate accept the Senate Academic Committee Report.

CARRIED

7. Senate Budget Committee Report

MOVED (T. Randall/G. Siddall) that Senate accept the Senate Budget Committee Report.

CARRIED

Action on the proposed Calendar Changes cited in the Senate Budget Committee Report will be dealt with at up-coming Senate meetings when all Senate committees have submitted their recommendations on these proposed changes.

8. LUSU Recommendations for Student Representation on Senate Standing Committees

MOVED (A. Wease/A. Mallik) that the following LUSU recommendations for student appointments to Senate and Senate Standing Committees be approved.

- Senate Academic Appeals Committee (Undergraduate student) -Sandrine Badio to replace Justin Barker
- Senate Academic Appeals Committee (Graduate student) - Will Dechert
- Senate Academic Appeals Committee (Alternate graduate students) - Emily Hull and Steve Sidorski
- Senate Academic Committee (Undergraduate student) - Richard Hewitt to replace Bradley Taylor
- Senate Executive Committee – Anna Wease to replace Greg Boyle
- Joint NOSM – Slim Babay
- Senate Library Committee (Graduate student) - Troy Davis
- Student Senators – Bradley Taylor to replace Justin Barker

CARRIED

9. Senate Nominations Committee Report

MOVED (H.A. Fennell/G. Colton) that the Senate Nominations Committee's recommendations for appointments to fill vacancies on committees be accepted as follows:

- Dr. Jane Nicholas be appointed to the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee effective immediately and to June 30, 2010.
- Dr. Douglas Hayes be appointed to the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee effective immediately and to June 30, 2009.
- Dr. Chander K. Shahi be approved as an NSERC eligible faculty member

with experience in or knowledge of human subject research on Senate Research Ethics Board Committee effective immediately to June 30, 2010.

- Donnas Stuart be recommended as one of the community members on the Senate research Ethics Board Committee for the term effective immediately and to June 30, 2011.
- Ms. Cindy Sinnotte be recommended as the representative from Lakehead University Centre for Health Care Ethics on the Senate Research Ethics Board Committee effective immediately to June 30, 2011.
- Dr. Joey Farrell be recommended as the Senate Faculty representative on the Senate Joint NOSM Committee for the term effective immediately through June 30, 2011.

CARRIED

10. Senate Executive Committee Report

MOVED (J. Blahuta/K. Fedderson) that Dr. Mohammad Uddin be appointed to the Senate Nominations Committee.

CARRIED

11. Senate Organization Committee Report

MOVED (G. Colton/H.A. Fennell) that the Terms of Reference for the Senate Budget committee be amended to add the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to the composition of the Senate Budget Committee and that the term of office be deemed *ex officio*.

G. Colton noted that the Senate Organization Committee passed a motion to amend the Senate composition of Senate due to the restructuring of NOSM last spring and the appointment of the Senior Associate Dean (West). G. Colton gave notice to Senate that a motion will come to the November Senate Meeting to make a revision to the Senate By-laws for Lakehead University. The proposed amendment will be to add the Senior Associate Dean (West) of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine as a voting member of Senate (Article VI (8)).

CARRIED

12. Election of Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors

The Chair explained that responses had not^{KR Nov. 7, 2008} been received to the

solicitation for Interest to Serve for this appointment therefore the nominations and election of a Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors would be filled from the floor of Senate.

MOVED (B. Sabourin/H.A. Fennell) that Dr. E. Gardner be nominated as the Faculty Representative to the Board of Governors for the term effective immediately through June 30, 2009.

No other nominations were made.

CARRIED

13. Approval of Adjunct Professors
- Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

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

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – None

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

14. COU Academic Colleague Report

A. Mallik reported on the highlights of the COU Academic Colleagues Retreat in Toronto on August 28th. He noted that the COU working committee on the transition from the OCGS to the Quality Assurance Agency is examining options of quality assurance through the formulation of a new system and appraisal body. Self-assessment would be a large component of this system with an Office of Quality Assurance at each university and province-wide review committees formed by selected graduate Deans and government officials. The program will take effect in September 2010.

15. Adjunct Professor Renewals (Information Only)

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Dr. David Chapman renewed as Adjunct Professor in the Department of Biology for the term July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2013.

16. Report of the Secretary of Senate

The Secretary of Senate noted that minor revisions were made to the Senate By-laws to correct the job titles in the Terms of Reference for the following:

- Calendar/Graduate Records Officer in the Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council and the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee;
- International Studies Officer was changed to Graduate Funding Officer in the Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council; and
- Graduate Studies Officer was changed to Manager, Graduate Studies in the Terms of Reference for the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council.

17. President's Report

Dr. F. Gilbert thanked the Negotiating Team for their work over the summer on the LUFA Agreement which was approved by the Board of Governors in September.

Dr. Gilbert and other executive heads had met with the Minister Milloy, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities. Discussions around additional funding for post-secondary education were not optimistic except possibly through the Reaching Higher program which has one remaining year and it may be a source of some minor additional funding. Effective October 1, 2008, Marie-Lison Fougère is serving as Acting Deputy Minister, Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities while a replacement is identified for Philip Steenkamp. Ms. Fougère has strong credentials in education. She has been serving as the Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Policy and Programs with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities. She has been involved with the education sector for over ten years.

The COU has struck a committee to work on re-inventing the funding formula. Although projections show that the student aged population in the GTA will increase by 50,000- 80,000 students, some universities are choosing not to expand to meet the anticipated GTA student growth unless the funding formula gives the universities more funding to meet their expenditures. Dr. Gilbert noted that Lakehead University is prepared at this time for growth and will not support a funding model that does not support our growth. Lakehead University is lobbying for support from colleagues for the campus development in Orillia emphasizing that growth at the Orillia Campus is part of the solution to meeting

the increased GTA student numbers.

The Strategic Plan 2010-2013 Committee has been struck and likely will come forward to Senate with a document within the next few months.

Dr. Gilbert updated Senate on the progress toward the new Orillia Campus construction. The architect firm Moriyama and Teshima has been appointed to design the LEED building for the Orillia Campus. Orillia City Council has approved re-zoning of the Horne Farm property and when the OMB appeal deadline has passed the property transfer will be finalized.

Lakehead University submitted a capital development proposal to the MTCU in early September listing the following capital projects as Lakehead University priorities: demolition and re-building of the Braun Building; and expansion on the Orillia Campus.

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

L. Hayes updated Senate on the success of the Ontario Universities Fair held in Toronto on September 26, 27, and 28th and thanked staff, faculty, and students who helped with Lakehead University's recruitment at this event. J. Smith reported to Senate that data on 3,361 potential students were gathered and faculty will be asked to assist with contacting these potential students when follow-up recruiting begins.

Search Committees have been struck for Deans of Social Sciences and Humanities, Health and Behavioural Sciences, and Graduate Studies and will soon meet to review position descriptions and applications.

Implementation of the Academic Plan continues. The report to Senate required by the Plan in June 2007 was incomplete at that time because of deadlines missed by the Academic, Budget, and Undergraduate Studies Committees of Senate as well as the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Each committee continues its work and L. Hayes will report back to Senate soon. Most notable now is the list of statements by academic programs of how students in each achieve the University's mission focus on leadership, critical thinking, and social and environmental responsibility. The March 31, 2008 deadline for these commitment statements was missed by several programs who will be notified one more time.

M. McPherson, appointed Associate Vice-President (Academic) in August, is now leading undergraduate program review. A subcommittee of the Senate Academic Committee has been struck to work with her on undergraduate

programs being reviewed this year and the university's response to the *Report of the Auditors on Undergraduate Program Reviews at Lakehead University, March 2007*.

Acknowledging A. Mallik's COU Academic Colleague report on changes in the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies, L. Hayes noted that undergraduate and graduate program reviews are being combined in the terms of reference for the new Ontario University Quality Assurance Council (OUQAC) now scheduled for implementation in Fall 2010.

A notice has been circulated to all Deans from the Registrar's Office that the deadline for all Calendar Changes for 2010 is January 23, 2009.

An International Liaison Committee has been struck to work with the VP Academic to stimulate more interest in international programs, exchanges, collaborations, etc. A delegation from China will be attending Lakehead University in October.

19. Marks Report for Fall/Winter 2007/08

K. L. Clarke noted that this annual report is submitted to Senate each year.

20. Report of NOSM – no report

21. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus

K. Fedderson updated Senate on the promotion of Lakehead University at the Ontario Universities Fair and thanked the faculty and staff for their assistance and enthusiasm in recruiting students for Lakehead University in Thunder Bay and Orillia.

K. Fedderson noted that Lakehead University's re-zoning application for the Horne Farm property was supported by the Orillia City Council. The property transfer will occur immediately after the appeal period on the re-zoning application has expired. Plans are moving ahead to open the new facility for the fall term of 2010. At present, a schematic design is being developed for the Phase I Building incorporating input from the faculty in the design plans. Geothermal testing is being done.

Work is underway on a 5-year Academic Plan for Orillia. The plan should be completed this fall and will be brought to Senate for approval. Thunder Bay

faculty are participating in the development of the Orillia Campus Academic Plan. It is anticipated that 800 students will be recruited to the Orillia Campus in 2009/10.

Paul Weber is actively advocating the Orillia Campus. He is working with the Vice-President (University Advancement) on raising the necessary \$20 million for the Orillia Campus development.

22. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Governors was posted to the website as a link on the Senate agenda

The Chair asked for a moment of silence for Dr. Peggy Tripp.

MOVED (A. Mallik/R. Pulkki) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Dr. F. Gilbert, Chair

Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary