

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting #2008-8

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, November 7, 2008
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers

Present

Dr. F. Gilbert	Dr. A. Gilbert	Dr. T. Randall
Mr. F. Allaire	Dr. C. Gottardo	Dr. K. Reynolds
Dr. P. Allingham	Dr. S. Hamilton	Dr. M.N. Rinne
Ms. J. Arscott	Dr. L. Hayes	Dr. U. Runesson
Mr. G. Boyle	Dr. G. Hayman	Dr. C. Russell
Dr. H. Chen	Dr. S. Islam	Mrs. M. Ryks-Szelekovszky
Dr. G. Colton	Dr. P. Jasen	Dr. H. Saliba
Dr. J. Crossman	Dr. R. Koster	Dr. A. Serenko
Dr. B. Dadgostar	Dr. J. Lanphear	Ms. P. Sevean
Mr. K. Dahl	Dr. J. Leggatt	Dr. G. Siddall
Dr. A.P. Dean	Ms. A. Leishman	Dr. H. Smith
Mrs. A. Deighton	Dr. K. Leung	Dr. B. Stolar
Dr. A. den Otter	Dr. B. Lorch	Dr. S.D. Stone
Mr. E. Downie	Mr. D. Lyons	Mr. B. Taylor
Dr. J. Farrell	Dr. A. Mallik	Dr. T. Tikka
Dr. K. Fedderson	Dr. S. Mansour	Dr. D. Tranter
Dr. H. Fennell	Dr. L. Meyer	Dr. R. Wang
Ms. A. Foshay	Dr. M. Nisenholt	Ms. A. Wease
Dr. P. Fralick	Mr. T. North	Dr. M. Zahaf
	Ms. D. Palmer	Ms. K. Roche

Regrets

Dr. S. Agbo	Dr. J. Blahuta
Dr. R. Berg	Dr. F. Blaikie
Dr. J.Y. Bernard	Dr. M. Boyd
	Dr. K. Crowe

Observers

Mrs. K.L. Clarke	Dr. M. McPherson	Ms. G. Wojda
Ms. H. Doyle	Ms. P. Merriman	
	Mr. J. Smith	

Address to Senate by Mr. Kevin Cleghorn, Chair of the Board of Governors

Dr. Fred Gilbert introduced Darlene Palmer and Ewan Downie as new representatives of the Board of Governors on Senate.

Dr. Gilbert introduced the speaker, Mr. Kevin Cleghorn, Chair of the Board of Governors. Mr. Cleghorn noted that he has spent most of his adult life in Thunder Bay in the legal

profession.

Mr. Cleghorn discussed the successes of Lakehead University, noting that in the quickly changing environment of the times, Lakehead University must adapt to remain healthy and financially competitive delivering services to the students.

Mr. Cleghorn complimented the current administration, under the leadership of Dr. Gilbert, for turning new ideas into action such as the Medical School, the Orillia Campus and the purchase of PACI. He noted that a new Presidential Search Committee is being struck and that Senate plays a role on the Search Committee.

Welcome and Introduction of 2008/2009 Presidential Scholarship Recipients

Dr. F. Gilbert congratulated the Presidential Scholarship recipients for 2008/09, Mr. Mario Anthony Nucci and Mr. Robert Buchkowski.

Dr. Hayes welcomed and introduced Jazmyn Balfour-Boehm, Robert Buchkowski, Kaylie Lundgren, Mario Anthony Nucci and Katie-Lynn Robinson recipients of 2008/2009 Millennium Excellence Entrance Award Laureates.

Dr. Hayes welcomed and introduced Luc Cousineau, Michael Mason and Brent Moyer the recipients of 2008/2009 Millennium Excellence In-Course Award Program Laureates.

Senate recognized the hard work and academic achievement of these young scholars.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (B. Dadgostar/J. Leggatt) that the agenda be approved with the following addition:

5. Faculty of Business Administration

- Honours Bachelor of Commerce Administrative Studies

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2008-7 held on October 3, 2008

MOVED (A. Mallik/G. Siddall) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #2008-7 held on October 3, 2008 be approved with the following amendments:

- The attendance list amended to include: T. Tikka; A. den Otter; B. Taylor; T. North; and Observer – M. McPherson
- #12 to read: "The Chair explained that responses had not been received..."

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Graduands

4.1 Undergraduate degrees and diplomas

MOVED (A. Foshay/J. Crossman) that the proposed list of individuals to receive undergraduate degrees and diplomas be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Graduate degrees

MOVED (J. Crossman/A. Foshay) that the proposed list of individuals to receive graduate degrees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (B. Dadgostar/R. Koster) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Business Administration

- Business 4273
- Business Minor – Management Information Systems
- Honors of Bachelor of Commerce – Administrative Studies^{KR Dec. 5,2008}

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- BA Mathematics Group I and Group II
- BSc Mathematics Group I and Group II
- Reflecting New High School Curriculum
- Mathematics 0150 and 0152
- Geography 3271
- Geography Mapping Sciences
- Physics 4611

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- English 3819/Indigenous Learning
- Women's Studies 4110

Faculty of Education

- Education 3210 and 4273

CARRIED

6. Reports of Senate Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

6.1 MOVED (T. North/G. Siddall) that the following Undergraduate Calendar Changes be approved as recommended:

Faculty of Education

- Education 3239 listing Electives (June 13, 2008)
- Lifelong Learning – Course Name Changes (Oct. 3, 2008)
- Lifelong Learning – Educ 4544 and 4725 (Oct. 3, 2008)

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Languages - French 2420, 2611, 2615 (June 13, 2008)
- Library and Info Studies (June 13, 2008)
- Sociology (May 20, 2008)
- Sociology/Anthropology (May 20, 2008)
- Sociology/Anthropology/Environmental Studies (May 20, 2008)
- Sociology – Deletion of 2203, 3207 and 4409 (May 20, 2008)
- ORPT I/S Teachable (Oct. 3, 2008)

Faculty of Business Administration

- Business Administration 4478 (June 13, 2008)

Faculty of Engineering

- Engineering – Course Number Changes (Oct. 3, 2008)

CARRIED

6.2 MOVED (C. Gottardo/T. Randall) that the following Graduate Calendar Changes be approved as recommended:

Faculty of Engineering

- Control Engineering 5211 & 5611 (June 13, 2008)

Faculty of Environmental Studies and Science

- PhD Chemistry and Materials Science (April 25, 2008)

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- MES Nature Based Recreation and Tourism

CARRIED

7. Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Committee Report

MOVED (P. Sevean/A. Foshay) that the Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

8. Senate Academic Committee Report

MOVED (D. Tranter/G. Siddall) that the Senate Academic Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

9. Senate Budget Committee Report

MOVED (T. Randall/R. Koster) that the Senate Budget Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

10. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

MOVED (R. Koster/H. Fennell) that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

11. Faculty of Graduate Studies Report

J. Crossman reported that the Faculty of Graduate Studies had been working on several issues including a revised mission statement, advertising for graduate student recruitment, and finalizing arrangements for graduate student space requirements. The Canadian Graduate and Professional Survey 2007 has been released by the Office of Institutional Analysis and Government Relations. Deans, Graduate Coordinators, and the Acting Dean of Graduate Studies will meet with the Office of Institutional Analysis and Government Relations to discuss the findings and to develop strategies to address any issues.

The Acting Dean of Graduate Studies participated in the two CUPE negotiation meetings that were held this year.

MOVED (J. Crossman/H. Smith) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Report be

accepted.

CARRIED

12. Senate Organization Committee Report

12.1 MOVED (G. Colton/H. Smith) that the Terms of Reference for the Senate Budget Committee be amended to add an additional faculty member to the composition of the Senate Budget Committee bringing the number of faculty members on that committee to five.

CARRIED

12.2 MOVED (G. Colton/T. North) that the Terms of Reference for the Senate Academic Committee be amended as follows:

- a. The addition of the Associate Vice-President (Academic), ex officio
- b. The addition of the Director, Institutional Analysis and Government Relations, ex officio
- c. The committee organization to include a Vice-Chair, to be elected by the Committee from among those members holding academic appointment.

CARRIED

12.3 MOVED (G. Colton/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the Senate Organization Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

13. Senate Nominations Committee Report

MOVED (H.A. Fennell/P. Allingham) that Dr. Liping Liu be appointed to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee for the term beginning immediately to June 30, 2009.

CARRIED

14. Revision to Deans' and President's List Regulation

MOVED (A. Foshay/H. Smith) that the revised wording for the Deans' and President's List Regulation be referred to the Senate Academic Committee.

CARRIED

15. Proposed 2009-2010 Academic Schedule

MOVED (A. Foshay/R. Koster) that the proposed 2009-2010 Academic Schedule be approved.

CARRIED

16. Senior Associate Dean (West) to be added as a voting member of Senate

MOVED (G. Colton/B. Dadgostar) that the By-laws of the Senate of Lakehead University amended to add the Senior Associate Dean (West) of the Northern Ontario School of Medicine as a voting member of Senate (Article VI (8)).

CARRIED

17. LUSU Recommendation for graduate student appointment to Senate Standing Committee

MOVED (A. Wease/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that Scott Miller be appointed as the graduate student to the Senate Information Systems Committee.

CARRIED

18. Approval of Adjunct Professors

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

18.1 MOVED (S. Islam/G. Siddall) that Mr. Kevin Cleghorn be appointed as an external Adjunct Professor in the Department of Political Science for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

18.2 MOVED (C. Gottardo/G. Hayman) that Dr. Michael Campbell be appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Chemistry for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

18.3 MOVED (D. Tranter/J. Crossman) that Dr. Monica Vermani be appointed

as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychology for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

18.4 MOVED (D. Tranter/J. Crossman) that Dr. Diane Walker be appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the School of Social Work for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

Faculty of Engineering

18.5 MOVED (H. Saliba/S. Mansour) that Dr. Laura Curiel be appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

18.6 MOVED (H. Saliba/S. Mansour) that Dr. Samuel Pichardo be appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering for the term July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012.

CARRIED

19. Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees

19.1 MOVED (B. Stolar/G. Colton) that Senate temporarily adjourn to enter an *in camera* session to consider candidates for honorary degrees at Lakehead University's May 2009 Convocation.

CARRIED

19.2 MOVED (B. Dadgostar/G. Siddall) that Senate go *in camera* to consider the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees' candidates for honorary degrees.

CARRIED

In Camera Session

19.3 MOVED (B. Stolar/G. Colton) that Senate accept the potential candidates for honorary degrees presented by the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees.

CARRIED

19.4 MOVED (G. Hayman/P. Allingham) that the *in camera* session be adjourned.

CARRIED

The names of the approved potential candidates will be added to the previously created list for consideration for Honorary Awards from Lakehead University.

19.5 MOVED (B. Stolar/C. Gottardo) that Senate resume business where it had left off.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

20. Senate Representation on the Presidential Search Committee

Requests for Nominations will be emailed to Senators for representation on the Presidential Search Committee. Four Senate members are to be elected by the Senate, two of whom must be faculty members at large, one of whom must be a student Senator, and one of whom must be an academic administrator (Chair, Director, or Dean).

21. Research Ethics Board Annual Report to Senate (May 1, 2007 – April 30, 2008)

The Chair noted that this item was available on the website.

22. Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

Summary On The Work Of The Sub-Committee On Student Evaluation Of Teaching At Lakehead University (Senate Teaching and Learning Committee

M. McPherson reported that the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee is making a revised instrument for course evaluations. Data from the students on a few courses are being collected and analyzed. M. McPherson requested that faculty who are interested in participating in the trials contact her.

23. COU Academic Colleague Report

A. Mallik reviewed the COU Academic Colleague report that was posted on the Senate website for this meeting. The COU highlights from the past several months was presented. Additional information on the COU highlights and a COU discussion paper entitled "Learning Disabilities: A Guide for Faculty at Ontario Universities" were posted to the Senate website with the agenda.

24. Adjunct Professor Renewals

Dr. Gilbert reported the following Adjunct Professors renewals:

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Dr. R. Rempel renewed as Adjunct Professors in the Department of Biology for the term July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011.
- Dr. A. Rodgers renewed as Adjunct Professors in the Department of Biology for the term July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2011.

25. President's Report

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Dr. Gilbert reported that many universities have been affected by the downturn in the economy including Lakehead University. Endowed scholarships and pension funds have suffered. The projections indicate that we are likely headed into more turbulent times. The province also has been impacted by the declining financial markets and indications are that the provincial government will not contribute more to post-secondary education in the near future.

As part of the process to address the 2009/2010 budget, Lakehead University is developing a set of guidelines that will provide direction in reducing the budget by 6% next year.

The Institutional Analysis and Government Relationships Office prepared reports from surveys on graduate and undergraduate student satisfaction. The Deans are examining the results of these surveys and are gathering information on how to address student dissatisfaction.

On November 7th representatives from Lakehead University attended one of nine forums being held by the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines as

part of the Northern Growth Plan Health Technical Working Session. The Ministry sought input about stimulating economic development in the Health sector from key organizations in the north and international experts. A paper will be prepared at the conclusion of these sessions.

Minister Milloy visited Lakehead University Thunder Bay Campus. He toured the campus and met with Dr. Gilbert to discuss Lakehead University's plans and five year financial projections. Dr. Gilbert emphasized the importance of provincial funding to assist with the University's expansion plans and to address operating expenses.

Recent rankings by Research Infosource, Inc., listed Lakehead University as 30th in Canada's Top 50 Research Universities 2008 compared to 33rd one year ago. The research funding growth over the previous 5 year period was the third greatest change of all of the undergraduate universities listed.

Dr. Gilbert reported that the Federal Indirect Costs program is undergoing an audit process. Small universities have been receiving 40% funding through the Federal Indirect Costs program compared to 30% funding at larger universities.

As part of the COU Executive Heads meeting, the FIPPA Commissioner discussed circumstances when it is appropriate to release personal information. The implications of FIPPA legislation related to releasing information pertaining to an individual permit releasing personal information if either the individual or the public are at risk. Faculty should be aware that circumstances may warrant releasing information. The Response Team at Lakehead University is working on developing more information on this to assist faculty with the assessment process.

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

L. Hayes reported on the status of the internal work at Lakehead University. Three Dean searches have begun. References are being obtained for candidates for the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Dean of the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences. The Dean of Graduate Studies job description and advertisement have been prepared and will be published as of the first week in December. Twenty-five faculty have submitted for PTR. The PTR Committee will begin deliberations on December 8th. The balloting is underway for the Merit Awards Committee. A subcommittee of the Senate Academic Committee is preparing the University's response to the audit of undergraduate program review completed by the COU in March 2007.

The COU has created a website containing Common University Dataset Ontario

(CUDO) which lists information on every university in Ontario. General statistics about each university are available as well as NSSE survey results, client involvement, and Canadian Graduate Professional Student Survey. At present the website does not have the capacity to compare results if an individual wanted to view more than one university on a single screen, but the datasets are consistent with provincial reporting and therefore, are comparable.

The Deans Council and the VP Academic are preparing information related to the 2009/2010 budget. The Budget Guidelines, which are anticipated in December, will provide a framework for the Faculties in determining their budgetary requirements and opportunities.

The Ontario Vice-Presidents Academic and the Vice-Presidents Research will be meeting together in early December to discuss opportunities for undergraduate research and issues surrounding post-doctorate fellows.

27. Report of NOSM

J. Lanphear reported on events at the Medical School including a NOSM site inspection and an independent self-study which was needed for accreditation. A report on NOSM will be coming to both Lakehead University and Laurentian University.

Applications have been received for students entering NOSM in 2009. The average age of those accepted was 26 years old. The students' average GPA was 3.67 out of 4.0. Fourteen of the students had completed a Masters Degree and 1 had completed a PhD. Males represented 26% of those accepted. Six Aboriginal students applied and 3 were accepted. Fifteen Franco-phones were accepted.

Students in the 4th year program are making residency applications.

Graduation plans are underway for the first graduating class. The hooding ceremonies are private and will be held on May 29. Convocation will take place on May 30th at Lakehead University being undertaken at the Medical School that will bring people who support learners to the same location on each campus. The Laurentian hooding and convocation ceremonies will take place on June 4st and June 5nd, respectively.

28. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus

K. Fedderson reported that work is on-going on the Orillia Academic Plan. The Faculties are working together to bring this document to Senate in December or January. Brian Jeffs, Assistant VP Administration and Finance is working on the 5 year Business Plan and Enrolment Management Plan which will provide targets for recruitment and retention as part of the Orillia Campus Strategic Plan now in development.

The Orillia Campus Phase I schematic design has been completed. K. Fedderson will be presenting visuals of this material at the Town Hall meeting in Thunder Bay on December 3rd.

A. den Otter and K. Fedderson will be participating with the students in the "Take the Night Back" event in Orillia.

An Open House is planned on the Orillia Campus. The OUF recruits have been invited to attend and to tour the campus. Faculty will be on hand to discuss what programs are offered at the Orillia Campus.

29. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Governors

The report of the Board of Governors had been posted to the Senate website. J. Leggatt summarized the information in the report noting that the Board approved a new Capital Debt Policy.

MOVED (K. Dahl/H. Fennell) that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Dr. F. Gilbert, Chair

Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary