

LAKEHEAD UNIVERSITY
Senate Meeting #2008-9

Minutes of Meeting held on Friday, December 5, 2008
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers

Present

Dr. F. Gilbert
Dr. P. Allingham
Ms. J. Arscott
Dr. R. Berg
Dr. F. Blaikie
Mr. G. Boyle
Dr. G. Colton
Dr. J. Crossman
Dr. B. Cuthbertson
Dr. B. Dadgostar
Mr. K. Dahl
Mrs. A. Deighton
Dr. A. den Otter
Dr. K. Fedderson
Dr. H. Fennell
Ms. A. Foshay
Dr. E. Gardner
Dr. A. Gilbert

Dr. C. Gottardo
Dr. S. Hamilton
Dr. L. Hayes
Dr. G. Hayman
Dr. S. Islam
Prof R. Isotalo
Dr. P. Jasen
Dr. W.D. Jobin Bevans
Prof G. Knutson
Dr. J. Leggatt
Dr. K. Leung
Dr. B. Lorch
Mr. D. Lyons
Dr. S. Mansour
Dr. R. Maundrell
Dr. L. Meyer
Dr. K. Natarajan
Dr. M. Nisenholt
Mr. T. North

Dr. J. O'Meara
Ms. K. Roche
Dr. T. Randall
Dr. C. Russell
Mrs. M. Ryks-
Szelekovszky
Dr. H. Saliba
Dr. V. Schonberger
Prof P. Sevean
Dr. G. Siddall
Dr. S. Siddiqui
Dr. H. Smith
Dr. B. Stolar
Dr. S.D. Stone
Mr. S. Strickland
Mr B. Taylor
Dr. T. Tikka
Ms. A. Wease
Dr. M. Zahaf

Regrets

Dr. J. Blahuta
Dr. J. Farrell
Dr. R. Koster

Ms. A. Leishman
Dr. A. Mallik
Prof K. Poole
Dr. R. Pulkki

Dr. U. Runesson
Ms. B. Sabourin
Dr. D. Tranter

Observers

Mrs. K.L. Clarke
Ms. H. Doyle

Ms. T. Marks
Dr. M. McPherson

Mr. J. Smith
Ms. G. Wojda

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (P. Allington/J. Leggatt) that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Add - #5 Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences MPH
- #6.1 – strikeout “be approved as recommended” and insert “approved with changes:”
- #11.2 – strikeout “approved as presented” and insert “referred to the Senate Organization Committee”

- #11.3 – insert “report from the” before “Joint Senate”
- T. Randall will report for the Joint Senate NOSM Committee
- A. Foshay will report for the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2008-8 held on November 7, 2008

MOVED (J. Leggatt/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #2008-8 held on November 7, 2008 be approved with the following amendment:

Add: #5. Faculty of Business Administration – Honours Bachelor of Commerce Administrative Studies

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

4. Proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (C. Gottardo/G. Siddall) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- HBSc Applied Bio-Molecular Science
- Physics Rearrangement
- Mathematics 2131
- HBSc and BSc Bioinformatics
- Bioinformatics and Biological Chemistry
- BIOL 3470
- Biology Research Internship 3990
- Biology Research Internship 3991
- Change Biology 3151 Biogeography
- Rename HBESc Environmental Studies
- Rename HBESc Geography
- Rename HBESc Geography
- HBESc in Earth Science
- Concurrent Educ HBESc

Faculty of Education

- Aboriginal Education
- Professional Year Requirements, 4284, PJ Requirements
- Education 3499

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology – Minor Program Changes
- Sociology – SOCI 2612 and 2613
- Sociology – Add Critical Inquiry
- Sociology – Add new half year Courses – Orillia
- Sociology – Change 2911
- Philosophy – Minor Program Changes
- Languages – Minor Program Changes
- Languages – African and Caribbean Literature
- Economics – Minor Program Changes
- Northern Studies – Minor Program Changes
- Northern Studies – Calendar addition
- Visual Arts – Minor Program Changes
- History – Minor Program Changes
- History – Program changes
- Women's Studies – Minor Program Changes
- Women's Studies – History 3105
- Music – Calendar Changes
- Political Science – Minor Program Changes
- Political Science – Delete POLI 4211
- Political Science – International Politics
- Political Science – Delete Minor in Law and Politics
- Political Science – Remove 3311, 3313 and 3359 Prerequisites
- Political Science – Addition of 4330
- Political Science – Delete 2530
- Political Science – Course Description POLI 4110

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Science

- Psychology – Add C Core Half Course
- Psychology – PSYC 4901

CARRIED

5. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (J. Crossman/B. Dadgostar) that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Business Administration

- Proposed MBA program

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Biology 5010 division

Faculty of Education

- Course Title change ED 6020 and 6040

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

- Psychology – Update Faculty listing
- Psychology – PSYC 6092 (9092)
- MPH

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- English – Graduate course changes

Faculty of Graduate Studies

- “Waiver of Fees During an Approved Time Extension” - delete
- Proposed change to Period of Study Regulation.

CARRIED

6. Reports of Senate Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

6.1 MOVED (A. Foshay/S.D. Stone) that the following Undergraduate Calendar Change be approved with changes:

- Gerontology 4230 – Social Work 4253/4230 (April 25, 2008)

The Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee noted that in the Interdisciplinary Dementia Studies Certificate Program, additional changes were made to replace the Required Course (c) Social Work 4253 - Special Issues in Social Work: Dementia Care: A Case Study Approach, with (c) Gerontology 3230/Social Work 3230 - Dementia Care: A Case Study Approach.

CARRIED

6.2 MOVED (J. Crossman/S. Mansour) that the following Graduate Calendar Changes be approved as recommended:

- Master of Science Engineering - Faculty of Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering (March 23, 2008)

CARRIED

7. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

MOVED (A. Foshay/P. Allington) that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report be accepted with the addition of the changes noted above in #6.1.

CARRIED

8. Senate Budget Committee Report

MOVED (T. Randall/B. Dadgostar) that the Senate Budget Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

9. Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Report

MOVED (P. Sevean/B. Dadgostar) that the Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Report be accepted.

CARRIED

10. Faculty of Graduate Studies Report

- 10.1 MOVED (J. Crossman/B. Dadgostar) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Terms of Reference be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

CARRIED

- 10.2 MOVED (J. Crossman/T. Randall) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Report be accepted.

CARRIED

11. Joint Senate Northern Ontario School of Medicine

- 11.1 MOVED (T. Randall/H.A. Fennell) that the NOSM Academic Calendar of Events 2009-2010 Academic Year be approved.

CARRIED

- 11.2 MOVED (T. Randall/G. Colton) that the revised Joint Senate Committee Terms

of Reference be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

CARRIED

- 11.3 MOVED (T. Randall/G. Siddall) that the report from the Joint Senate Northern Ontario School of Medicine Report be accepted.

CARRIED

12. Senate Academic Committee Report

MOVED (L. Hayes/T. Randall) that the Senate Academic Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

13. Senate Nominations Committee

- 13.1 MOVED (H. A. Fennell/T. Randall) that Dr. Dimiter Alexandrov be appointed to the Senate Budget Committee for the term December 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.

CARRIED

- 13.2 MOVED (H. A. Fennell/ H. Smith) that Dr. Jenny Roth be appointed to the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee for the term December 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011.

CARRIED

14. Report of Senate Honorary Degrees Committee

MOVED (B. Stolar/G. Siddall) that the Terms of Reference for the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

CARRIED

15. Report of Senate Teaching and Learning

MOVED (B. Stolar/G. Colton) that the Terms of Reference for the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

CARRIED

16. Guidelines on Use of Students as Research Subjects

MOVED (R. Maundrell/R. Berg) that Senate approve the Guidelines on Use of Students as Research Subjects as submitted by the Senate Research Ethics Board.

CARRIED

17. Centre for Research on Safe Driving

MOVED (C. Gottardo/G. Hayman) that the application for formal Centre status of The Centre for Research on Safe Driving (CCRS) be approved.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

18. There were no items of discussion.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

19. Senate Representatives on Presidential Search Committee

The Secretary of Senate reported that the Presidential Search Committee Senate representatives are as follows:

Two Senators who are faculty members at large:

- Dr. Azim Mallik – acclaimed from the first Interest to Serve request sent on November 11, 2008
- One vacancy – ballot to fill this position was sent to Senators on December 2, 2008; balloting closes on December 15, 2008

One Student Senator:

- Ms. Anna Wease – acclaimed from the first Interest to Serve request sent on November 11, 2008

One Senator who is an academic administrator (Dean, Director or Chair):

- Andrew P. Dean – ballot to fill this position was sent on November 24, 2008; balloting closed on December 1, 2008

20. Late Additions to the Fall Graduands

The Senate's "Enabling Motion Graduands on Record" empowers the Dean of the Faculty and Registrar to approve late additions to the graduands' list who had not appeared on the convocation list. No motion was necessary. The list was distributed at the meeting.

21. Summary Report 2008-09 from Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee

S. Strickland summarized the Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Committee report.

22. President's Report

Dr. Gilbert noted that he was among 70 other representatives to meet with the Minister of Finance at a Pre-Budget Hearing on December 1st. Dr. Gilbert stressed 3 messages from universities at this time: 1) current university operating budget deficits need to be addressed; 2) pension solvency needs to be addressed; 3) government funding for infrastructure if issued to universities could stimulate the economy through long term benefits. Infrastructure funding from the government would assist Lakehead University with renovations on this campus and with new buildings on the Orillia Campus.

The COU is working toward raising political awareness of the benefits of universities to the local areas where they are located. Among the benefits emphasized are: increased volunteering; public forums; education and training opportunities; and economic spin-offs. The COU is targeting MPPs emphasizing the importance of caucus MPPs as an advocacy group on behalf of universities.

Dr. Gilbert asked for any questions related to the recent Town Hall Meeting or to this report from the President. A Senator asked if provincial capital funding were received, would it be used toward projects on the Thunder Bay Campus. Dr. Gilbert noted that there are many deferred maintenance projects that would be addressed on the Thunder Bay Campus as well as the Braun Building.

A Senator expressed concern that the process being followed in this Strategic Planning exercise is different than in the past. The Senator asked for assurance that Senators would have the opportunity for input. Dr. Gilbert noted that the draft plan, once completed, would be brought to Senate for discussion and debate. Dr. Gilbert noted that many of the members of the Strategic Plan Committee are Senators.

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

L. Hayes thanked all for a productive fall term, and acknowledged specifically those affected by the aftermath issues related to the Braun Building fire.

L. Hayes noted that PTR hearings begin December 8th, merit balloting has been underway, and sabbatical requests will be reviewed shortly. The interviews for the Dean of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Dean of Health and Behavioural Sciences are being planned. Applications for the Dean of Graduate Studies are being accepted.

Two sets of guidelines are being developed by a subgroup of the COU Quality Assurance Transition/Implementation Task Force: one for reviews of existing undergraduate and graduate programs and the other for new program appraisals for both undergraduate and graduate programs. A draft document is expected for review and feedback to OCAV in February 2009.

The Vice-Presidents Research and the Vice-Presidents Academic in Ontario met in Toronto this week to discuss undergraduate research, Canada Research Chairs (the role and the challenges and opportunities), and Post-doctoral fellows.

A. P. Dean is working with L. Hayes to identify student participants for a cross-disciplinary undergraduate research conference to be held in April in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

L. Hayes noted that the Student Satisfaction Survey (Course) - Report is posted at: http://www.lakeheadu.ca/~analysis/senate_course_evaluations_2007_08.pdf

23. Report of NOSM

There was no report from NOSM.

25. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus

K. Fedderson reported that the draft Orillia Strategic Plan is being reviewed and input is welcome from the faculty at the Thunder Bay Campus. The Academic Plan is part of the strategic planning process and will come to Senate for referral to committees for review.

The title transfer of the Home Farm property should be completed by late December. The transfer of this property to Lakehead University represents a significant contribution by the City of Orillia toward the Lakehead University Orillia Campus.

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

J. Leggatt noted that the Board of Governors met on November 20th and approved the committees' action plans. The plans are available on the Board of Governors' web page.

The Board of Governors approved the following Board members as representatives on the Presidential Search Committee: Mr. Colin Bruce; Ms. Vonnie Cheng; Mr. Kurt Dahl; Mr. Gil Labine; and Ms. Maria Phipps. The Board also approved Mr. Michael Pawlowski as the Vice-President representative.

It was noted that the Board approved revisions to the Fellow Award criteria. The criteria can be viewed on the Board of Governors' web page.