

**Special Meeting  
Senate #2009-6  
September 11, 2009  
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers**

**In attendance**

Dr. D. Alexandrov	Dr. M.S. Beaulieu
Dr. R. Benlamri	Dr. M. Benson
Dr. R. Berg	Dr. J. Blahuta
Dr. F. Blaikie	Dr. H. Chen
Ms. V. Cheng	Dr. G. Colton
Dr. J. Crossman	Dr. B. Dadgostar
Mr. K. Dahl	Dr. I. Dawood
Dr. A.P. Dean	Mrs. A. Deighton
Dr. A. den Otter	Dr. L. Di Matteo
Dr. J. Farrell	Ms. J. Flett
Dr. A. Gilbert	Dr. F. Gilbert
Dr. A. Gillies	Dr. C. Gottardo
Dr. L. Hayes	Dr. G. Hayman
Dr. P. Hicks	Dr. P. Hollings
Dr. S. Islam	Prof. R. Isotalo
Dr. P. Jasen	Dr. W.D. Jobin-Bevans
Dr. D. Kerr	Dr. S. Kissin
Ms. G. Knutson	Dr. R. Koster
Dr. J. Lanphear	Dr. J. Leggatt
Dr. L. Livingston	Dr. N. Luckai
Dr. A. Mallik	Dr. S. Mansour
Dr. R. Maundrell	Dr. R. Mawhinney
Mr. D. McPherson	Ms. B. Nelson
Prof. M. Nisenholt	Dr. J. O'Meara
Mr. G. Phillips	Mrs. K. Poole
Dr. M.N. Rinne	Ms. K. Roche
Dr. U. Runesson	Dr. C. Russell
Mrs. M. Ryks-Szelekovszky	Ms. B. Sabourin
Dr. H. Saliba	Dr. G. Siddall
Dr. H. Smith	Dr. B. Stolar
Dr. S.D. Stone	Dr. R. Strasser
Mr. S. Strickland	Dr. D. Tranter
Dr. A. Van Tuyl	Dr. R. Wang
Dr. K. Zaniewski	Mr. G. Amadei
Mr. R. Buchkowski	Mr. T. Cava
Mr. R. Hewitt	Ms. A. Leishman
Mr. J. Luo	Ms. J. Penney

## Guests

Mrs. K.L. Clarke  
Ms. A. Huillery  
Dr. M. McPherson  
Mr. M. Pawlowski  
Dr. L. Curthoys

Ms. M. Dufresne  
Ms. A. Kyle  
Dr. U. Panu  
Ms. G. Wojda

### 1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (G. Hayman/A. Mallik) that the agenda be approved.

A Senator raised an issue with procedure stating that the minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting should have been distributed beforehand. He objected that the Senate By-laws require that 20 people submit in writing prior to the calling of a special meeting. The Chair noted that more than 20 people were present at the Special Meeting of the Senate Executive Committee who voted to call a Special Meeting of Senate.

CARRIED

### 2. Update from the Strategic Planning Committee

Dr. A. P. Dean reviewed the discussions and activities of the Strategic Planning and Senate Executive Committees that led to the calling of this Special Meeting of Senate. He expressed that the Strategic Planning Committee wanted Senate to endorse continued work on the draft Plan and to approve the proposed timelines for the work to be completed.

### 3. Discussion of Proposed Motion to endorse Senate Executive Committee's decision to have the Strategic Planning Committee revise the draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013.

MOVED (T. Cava/C. Gottardo) that Senate endorses the motion that was passed by the Senate Executive Committee on July 15, 2009 "that the Strategic Planning Committee be requested to reconvene to review and consider revisions, and to add clarification to portions of the Strategic Plan based primarily on the discussions held at the Senate Meeting on May 15, 2009"

A question was asked about why the approval of the previous version would go to the Board of Governors. A. P. Dean explained that the Board of Governors reviewed the draft Plan at their June meeting and at that time agreed to vote

on the Strategic Plan in September. The Strategic Planning Committee had discussions in July with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board of Governors asking for an extension to make revisions to the draft Plan and to bring it back to Senate. This would allow another opportunity for Senate to approve the Plan. He noted that the Strategic Planning Committee felt it was in the University's best interest to have a Plan approved by both the Senate and the Board of Governors.

A discussion followed pertaining to the implications of a Strategic Plan receiving approval from the Board of Governors while not being approved at the Senate. Dr. Gilbert noted that independent approvals of academic decisions would still come through Senate even if the Board of Governors approved the Plan. A suggestion was made that an on-going committee be formed to monitor progress on achieving the goals in the Strategic Plan.

A. P. Dean will provide the Board of Governors an update at the Board's September meeting on whether Senate will consider a revised draft Plan and he will ask for an extension on a Board decision on this Plan should Senate approve the motion.

Draft Minutes from the May 15, 2009 Senate Meeting will be distributed to Senators during the week of September 15-19th.

A. P. Dean noted that those who commented at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were contacted and asked for details on their comments. This motion is intended to provide individuals, including anyone who may not have spoken at the May 15<sup>th</sup> Senate meeting, with the opportunity to speak to the Strategic Planning Committee about revisions to the Plan. Students will be provided the same opportunity to meet with the Committee.

The list of the Strategic Planning Committee members indicating which members are also on Senate will be posted on the Lakehead University website.

CARRIED

4. MOVED (C. Gottardo/T. Cava) to approve the timelines and process for consultation as proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee:
  - A period of consultation with the University community September 15, 16, and 17, 2009
  - A revised Strategic Plan 2010-2013 to be posted on the University website by September 25, 2009
  - A vote to be taken on the revised Strategic Plan 2010-2013 at the October 2, 2009 Senate Meeting

Senate requested that the revised Draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013 reflecting the work completed over the summer be posted on the Lakehead University website. The revised Draft Plan in its current state will be posted immediately.

A request was made to see all of the comments and Strategic Plan Committee's responses to submissions. It was noted that individuals would need to be contacted prior to releasing that information. Individuals will be contacted asking permission to release that information to the public. Senate Committee comments and the Strategic Planning Committee's responses will be made available.

The committee was asked if it would consider extending the deadlines for Senate approval to the November 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of Senate.

MOVED (G. Knutson/G. Siddall) to amend the motion by substituting "November 6, 2009" for "October 2, 2009" as the date for the vote to be taken at Senate.

CARRIED

MOVED (A. P. Dean/R. Berg) to amend the motion by substituting "October 6, 7 and 8, 2009" for "September 15, 16, and 17, 2009" as the period of consultation with the University community.

A. P. Dean suggested that if there is demand for more hours of consultation then additional time would be provided. The Committee will accept written comments from Senators if schedules do not allow for a face-to-face meeting.

Communication Bulletins will be sent out to explain the process and indicate the dates with time-lines.

The proposed amendment was DEFEATED.

MOVED (A. P. Dean/F. Blaikie) to amend the motion by substituting "September 22, September 30, and October 8, 2009" for "September 15, 16, and 17, 2009" as the period of consultation with the University community.

CARRIED

MOVED (G. Knutson/T. Cava) to amend the motion by substituting "October 16, 2009" for "September 25, 2009" as the date to have the revised Strategic Plan posted to the University website.

The proposed amendment was DEFEATED

MOVED (F. Blaikie/R. Berg) to amend the motion by substituting "October 23, 2009" for "September 25, 2009" as the date to have the revised Strategic Plan

posted to the University website.  
CARRIED

**The amended motion was read by the Chair:**

*MOVED to approve the timelines and process for consultation as proposed by the Strategic Planning Committee:*

- *A period of consultation with the University community September 22, 30, and October 8, 2009*
- *A revised Strategic Plan 2010-2013 to be posted on the University website by October 23, 2009*
- *A vote to be taken on the revised Strategic Plan 2010-2013 at the November 6, 2009 Senate Meeting*

The Chair called the question.  
CARRIED

MOVED (C. Gottardo/R. Berg) that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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Dr. F. Gilbert, Chair

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Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate