

Senate Meeting #2009-8
Friday, November 6, 2009
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers
MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. F. Gilbert (Chair)
Dr. D. Alexandrov
Dr. P. Allingham
Mr. G. Amadei
Dr. R. Benlamri
Dr. M. Benson
Dr. J. Blahuta
Dr. F. Blaikie
(teleconference)
Mr. R. Buchkowski
Dr. A. Carastathis
Mr. T. Cava
Dr. H. Chen
Ms. V. Cheng
Dr. G. Colton
Dr. B. Dadgostar
Mr. K. Dahl
Dr. I. Dawood
Dr. A.P. Dean
Mrs. A. Deighton
Dr. A. den Otter
(teleconference)
Dr. L. Di Matteo
Dr. J. Farrell
Dr. K. Fedderson
(teleconference)

Guests

Mrs. E. Abaya
Ms. K. Bjorkman
Ms. M. Boyle
Ms. S. Browne
Ms. E. Collins
Mr. F. Cappadocia
Ms. M. Dufresne

Regrets

Dr. R. Berg
Dr. M. Beaulieu

Ms. J. Flett
Dr. A. Gilbert
Dr. A. Gillies
Dr. C. Gottardo
Dr. S. Hamilton
Dr. L. Hayes
Dr. G. Hayman
Mr. R. Hewitt
Dr. M.L. Hill
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. P. Lee
Dr. J. Leggatt
Ms. A. Leishman
Dr. L. Livingston
Dr. N. Luckai
Mr. J. Luo
Dr. A. Mallik
Dr. R. Maundrell

Ms. J. Frattolin
Sister Alice Greer
Ms. F. Harding
Mr. B. Hughes
Mrs. A. Kyle
Ms. O. Di Matteo
Dr. M. McPherson

Mrs. A. Huillery
Dr. S. Mansour

Dr. R. Mawhinney
Mr. D. McPherson
Ms. B. Nelson
Dr. J. Nicholas
Prof. M. Nisenholt
Dr. J. O'Meara
Mr. G. Phillips
Mrs. K. Poole
Dr. M.N. Rinne
Ms. K. Roche (Secretary)
Dr. U. Runesson
Dr. C. Russell
Mrs. M. Ryks-Szelekovszky
Ms. B. Sabourin
(teleconference)
Dr. H. Saliba
Dr. G. Siddall
Dr. S. Siddiqui
Dr. H. Smith
Dr. P. Smith
Dr. B. Stolar
Dr. S.D. Stone
Mr. S. Strickland
Dr. R. Wang
Dr. K. Zaniewski

Ms. P. Merriman
Dr. U. Panu
Mr. M. Pawlowski
Mr. M. Sanche
Ms. S. Tokar
Mr. G. Walsh
Mr. S. Whitley

Ms. J. Penney
Dr. A. Van Tuyl

Welcome and Introduction of 2009/2010 Presidential Scholarship Recipients

Dr. F. Gilbert introduced the 2009/2010 **Presidential Scholarship Recipients:**

- Jennifer D. Frattolin, a first year student in the BEng w Diploma (Mechanical) program from Thunder Bay, Ontario, and Mara E. Boyle, a first year student in the HBSc (Chemistry) program from Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Dr. Gilbert noted that these students have been actively involved in community volunteer activities, athletics, and the arts.

Dr. L. Hayes introduced the 2009/2010 **Millennium Excellence Entrance Award**

Laureates:

- Olivia Di Matteo, HBSC (Physics) from Thunder Bay, Ontario; Matthew Sanche, BEng w Dipl (Mechanical) from Stonewall, Manitoba; and Seth M. Whitley HBKBEEd Kinesiology from Richards Landing, Ontario. These students are in their first year.

Dr. L. Hayes introduced the 2009/2010 **National In-Course Excellence Award**

Laureates:

- Katarina Bjorkman, HBSc Geology from Atikokan, Ontario; and Stacey Tokar, HBSc Applied Bio-Molecular Science from Thunder Bay, Ontario. These students are in their third year.

Dr. L. Hayes introduced the 2009/2010 **National Entrance Excellence Award Laureate:**

- Erin Collins, HBSc in Applied Bimolecular Science from Winnipeg, Manitoba. This student is in her second year.

Dr. Hayes noted the students' contributions and achievements in community involvement and academics.

Senate recognized the academic and community achievements of these young scholars.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (M. Ryks-Szelekovszky/S. Hamilton) that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- #5.2 and #8 - I. Dawood will be reporting for P. Hicks
- Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral will be #6.1
- Anthropology – A3150
- Anthropology - adjustments
- Geology 3310 & 2112 will be added under the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies in Item #6.1

- Graduate Calendar Changes for Referral will be added as Item #6.2
- Clinical PhD in Psychology will be added under #6.2
- #7.1- Removed from the agenda
- #7.5 SCEDL Report will be given by B. Nelson
- #21 “Anthropology” will be changed to “Kinesiology”

CARRIED

MOVED (G. Phillips/J. Leggatt) that the vote on the Strategic Plan 2010-2013, Item #4, be by secret ballot with 2 scrutineers, and that members of Senate participating by teleconference be offered the opportunity to call in to another private line guaranteeing confidentiality, and that one of the scrutineers be Sister Alice and the other be the Secretary of Senate.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2009-7 held on October 2, 2009

MOVED (J. Leggatt/G. Hayman) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #2009-7 held on October 2, 2009 be approved with the following amendments:

- Recipients for the 2009 contribution to Teaching and Learning Awards – Dr. James Gellert was present; Dr. William R. Horne was unable to attend the meeting
- Item #21 – “Masters of Health Program Review” changed to “Master of Social Work”

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

4. Proposed Strategic Plan 2010-2013

MOVED (B. Dadgostar/G. Siddall) that the proposed draft Strategic Plan 2010-2013 be accepted.

The Chair opened the floor to discussion of the proposed Strategic Plan.

Concerns expressed by a few Senators included the following:

- The Strategic Plan is based on a 5-year operating budget projection based on the multi-year planning tool that was posted on the website which is a “worst-case” scenario;
- Past plans always stressed that Lakehead values its people and this is lacking in this particular plan;
- A committee should be set up to continually review the Strategic

Plan;

- Excellence in teaching is not in the document;
- The Strategic Plan should not be approved prior to the appointment of the new President;
- The SWOT analysis was not adequate;
- The Strategic Plan addresses the deficit through actions of the faculty and staff although decisions are made at a higher level;
- It will be difficult to maintain high integrity of the institution with the number of implementations related to cutbacks;
- The fundamental concepts and assumptions of the plan are flawed and therefore only cosmetic changes have been made.

The Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, A. P. Dean, noted that the proposed Plan is re-affirming what is in the Academic Plan and the concept of the Academic Charter has been included in this revision. He reported that the Strategic Planning Committee had received input from 20 individuals including Senators and students. The marked up version shows some substantial changes reflecting the input received.

Committee members noted that the Faculties (through their Deans) will need to seek funds from other sources. The document acknowledges the need to rethink how we do things. It was also noted that the acknowledgement of the importance of excellence in teaching at Lakehead University had been emphasized in these revisions.

A Senator expressed concern about what happens if Advancement cannot raise the funds to cover scholarships. The Chair responded that administration at the time would make decisions about how to cover the shortfalls.

The Chair called the question. Ballots were distributed. The Chair asked if Senate would agree to have the Secretary of the Board of Governors, Patti Merriman, count the ballots instead of the Secretary of Senate. Senate agreed by consensus.

5. Graduands

Undergraduate degrees and diplomas

- 5.1 MOVED (B. Nelson/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the proposed list of individuals to receive undergraduate degrees and diplomas be approved as presented.
CARRIED

5.2 Graduate degrees

MOVED (J. Luo/B. Stolar) that the proposed list of individuals to receive graduate degrees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6. Proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral

6.1 MOVED (G. Leggatt/A. Dean) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology – Life Course Studies

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Chemistry – 2211 & 1210
- Computer Science – Engineering & Computer Science
- Computer Science – 4451,3415,0433
- Biology – 3221
- Biology – 3470
- Biology - 4111
- Economics – program changes to conform to new Faculty
- Economics – designation as an Arts or Science elective
- Economics – Honour's BSc in Resource and Environmental Economics
- Geography – First Year
- Geography – Fourth Year
- Geography - Certificate in Mapping
- General Science 0350 & 0370
- Geology Course replacements & miscellaneous fees
- Physics and Bio-Molecular Science
- Geology 3310 & 2112
- Anthropology – A3150
- Anthropology - adjustments

Faculty of Education

- One Year BEd admission degree type
- Police background/TB Skin test
- Education 4410

Faculty of Engineering

- Engineering 4539

CARRIED

6.2

MOVED (G. Hayman/G. Siddall) that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

- Clinical PhD in Psychology

CARRIED

7. Reports of Senate Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

Senate Academic Committee Report

7.1 MOVED (G. Siddall/R. Koster) that the Senate Academic Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

7.2 Senate Budget Committee Report

MOVED (D. Alexandrov/T. Cava) that the Senate Budget Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

7.3 Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

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

CARRIED

7.4 Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning

MOVED (B. Nelson/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Report be accepted.

CARRIED

7.5 Approval of Calendar Changes

MOVED (A. Dean/R. Koster) that the following Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Computer Science 4411 (May 15, 2009) (with revisions)

CARRIED

MOVED (L. Livingston/R. Koster) that the following Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

- NNEP Applications to BScN (with revisions)

CARRIED

MOVED (R. Koster/G. Siddall) that the following Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Philosophy – 4th Year courses

CARRIED

8. Faculty of Graduate Studies Report

8.1 MOVED (I. Dawood/G. Colton) that the revision to the terms of reference to include the Associate Vice-President (Academic) on the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

CARRIED

8.2 MOVED (I. Dawood/G. Knutson) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Report be accepted.

CARRIED

9. Referral of Master of Science Biology Program Review

MOVED (A. Dean/R. Koster) that the Master of Science Biology Program Review be referred to the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council and the Senate Budget Committee.

CARRIED

10. Senate Organization Committee Report

MOVED (G. Colton/S. S. Islam) that the Terms of Reference for the subcommittee of Senate Academic Committee named the Senate Academic Committee – Quality Assurance Committee be approved.

CARRIED

11. Senate Nominations Committee Report

MOVED (A. Carastathis/B. Stolar) that Dr. Timothy Kaiser be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee for the term October 21, 2009 through June 30, 2011.

CARRIED

12. Joint Senate Committee for NOSM

- 12.1 MOVED (J. Farrell/M. L. Hill) that the following amendment be added to the NOSM Academic Calendar of Events – 2009-2010 Academic Year and approved as amended.

“December 15, 2009 – last day to withdraw without academic penalty”

CARRIED

- 12.2 MOVED J. Farrell/T. Cava) that the NOSM Academic Calendar of Events – 2010-2011 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- 12.3 MOVED (J. Farrell/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the amendments to the NOSM Code of Student Conduct be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- 12.4 MOVED (J. Farrell/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the amendments to the General Academic Medical Education Regulations (NOSM) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

13. Proposed 2010-2011 Academic Schedule

- 13.1 MOVED (B. Nelson/P. Allingham) that the proposed 2010-2011 Academic Schedule be approved.

A Senator objected to the requirement that grades must be submitted within 72 hours of exams. The Registrar noted that flexibility would be exhibited when faculty need additional time to mark exams.

MOVED (G. Knutson/G. Hayman) to amend the motion to allow the faculty until Dec 22nd to mark the exams in the Fall Term column and to remove “within 72 hours of exam” wherever it appears.

A Student Senator spoke against the motion emphasizing the students’ desire to receive their grades as soon as possible following exams. A Senator noted that students have expressed a preference for inquiry-based essay questions on exams. If the goal is to expedite posting the marks then the impact will be on the type of exams offered.

The mover and seconder agreed to remove only “within 72 hours of exam” clause from the Academic Schedule”.

CARRIED

The motion was amended to read “that the proposed 2010-2011 Academic Schedule be approved with the deletion of “within 72 hours of exam” wherever it appears.”

The Chair called the question.

CARRIED

- 13.2 MOVED (B. Nelson/G. Knutson) that the format of a Monday start date be adopted for a minimum of 2 academic years and that during that time a working group be struck by the Registrar to investigate a Fall study break, the most appropriate start date of Fall classes, and other issues that would form a policy for the development of future Academic Schedules.

A request was made to provide clarification in the Senate Minutes that the Monday start date refers to the Monday after Labour Day. The intent of the motion was to have a policy in place for next year.

CARRIED

The Chair reported on the ballot count for Item #4 the vote on approving the proposed Strategic Plan 2010-2013:

Number of Ballots Cast 70

In Favour of the motion: 37

Opposed to the motion: 33

The motion to approve the Strategic Plan 2010-2013 was

CARRIED

MOVED (M. Ryks-Szelekovszky/G. Siddall) that the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

14. Regulation IX – Academic Dishonesty

MOVED (B. Nelson/J. Leggatt) that the title of Regulation IX – “Academic Dishonesty” be revised to “Academic Misconduct” in the Calendar in order to better reflect the University Policy on Student Behaviour pending the approval of the revised Student Code of Conduct by the Board of Governors.

CARRIED

15. Approval of Adjunct Professors

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Science

MOVED (G. Knutson/J. Farrell) that the following individuals be appointed as external Adjunct Professors in the Master of Public Health Program for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013:

- 15.1 • Dr. Eleanor Boyle
- 15.2 • Dr. Sophie Soklaridis
- 15.3 • Dr. Carlo Ammendolia

CARRIED

- 15.4 MOVED (J. Farrell/G. Hayman) that Dr. Susan Forbes be appointed as an external Adjunct Professor in the School of Kinesiology for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

CARRIED

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- 15.5 MOVED (G. Siddall/J. Leggatt) that Dr. Philip Allingham be appointed as an internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of English for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

CARRIED

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- 15.6 MOVED (A. Dean/C. Gottardo) that Dr. Maria Grazia Viola be appointed as an internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of Mathematical Sciences for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

CARRIED

- 15.7 MOVED (A. Dean/C. Gottardo) that Dr. Christopher Phenix be appointed as an external Adjunct Professor to the Department of Chemistry for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

CARRIED

Faculty of Education

- 15.8 MOVED (J. O'Meara/P. Allingham) that Dr. J. Randolph Valentine be appointed as an external Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Education for the term November 1, 2009 through October 31, 2013.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

16. COU Academic Colleague Report

A. Mallik presented the COU Academic Colleague Report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

17. Board of Governors –Update on Presidential Search

Kevin Cleghorn, Chair of the Board of Governors, thanked Senate for the opportunity to speak. He noted his gratitude for the Contribution to Teaching Award that was awarded to him at the last Senate meeting and noted that he regretfully was unable to attend that meeting due to other professional commitments.

Mr. Cleghorn introduced D. Campbell, member of the Presidential Search Committee, and noted the other members on the committee who were present are Colin Bruce, Andrew Dean, Alexandrov Serenko, Azim Mallik, Vonnie Cheng, Michael Pawlowski, Kurt Dahl, and Anna Wease.

Simultaneous to this presentation, a communiqué was being released on the Lakehead University website to update the University community on the Presidential Search. Mr. Cleghorn read the Communications Bulletin to the Senate.

Mr. Cleghorn reported that Canadian universities have been forced to take a much more private approach in the vetting of presidential candidates than was used many years ago. The Search Committee made the decision that it would be a great disservice to Lakehead University to insist on a public audition if it meant the loss of one or more of the best candidates. With this decision taken, the process is moving forward in very encouraging ways and no obstacles are anticipated in making a smooth transition well in time for next spring.

Further updates will be made as the process continues.

18. Report on H1N1

L. Hayes noted that a pandemic flu status has been declared in Canada. L. Hayes reminded faculty on Senate that communications have been released, a Communications Bulletin and MyInfo, to inform the University

community that a decision has been made to suspend the requirement for influenza notes from doctors.

Only four faculty members and one department reported spikes in absenteeism due to the flu. Student Health and Counselling reported an increase in the number of patients and Residence halls reported a spike in flu illnesses last week. Only two cases of H1N1 have been reported at the Orillia Campus.

No further measures are planned at this time. If necessary, alternatives will be considered for absenteeism during final exams.

19. The February 27, 2009 Senate minutes have been corrected to indicate that Dr. Robert Dekker was appointed as an "External" rather than "Internal" Adjunct Professor to the Department of Biology.
20. The May 15, 2009 Senate minutes have been corrected to include the following undergraduate Calendar Changes approved by Senate:
 - Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies: Geoarchaeology
 - Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities: Political Science – Addition of HBA Political Science/ Pre-Law
 - Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities: Political Science – Special Seminar on Law
 - Department of Interdisciplinary Studies - Majors in Anthropology, English and Geography
 - Faculty of Business Administration: Business Minor Minimum Marks (see SUSC Report to Senate on April 17, 2009)
 - Faculty of Education: Aboriginal Education
21. Renewal of Adjunct Professors

Dr. Diane Walker's appointment as an Adjunct Professor to the Department of Kinesiology has been renewed for the term July 2010 through June 2014.
22. Report from the Secretary of Senate

The voting for a Faculty Representative on Senate closed on Friday, October 16th. Dr. Mary Louise Hill will be the Faculty Representative for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.
23. President's Report

COU is working on a strategy document that will address the funding issues

in the system to meet the anticipated new growth in the GTA, tuition policy and multi-year accountability agreements.

The Vice-President (University Advancement) candidates have been shortlisted. There will be an open session for candidates to address the university community. Further information will be posted next week. The first interview is scheduled for November 17th.

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

Discussion on program review continues at the provincial level. At Lakehead University the review of the undergraduate degree programs in Mathematical Sciences was just completed. L. Hayes thanked those who participated with special emphasis on the role of "inside reviewer". She thanked specifically A. Gilbert, L. Garred, M. Richardson and R. Delaney for recent service.

Before the next meeting of Senate on the 4th of December, two events will occur on that date that merit Senate attention and participation: Preview Day for Grades 11 and 12 and interested others, and the Teaching as Activism by Dr. Leesa Fawcett, Symposium on Teaching and Learning.

2008/09 Student Satisfaction Survey of Courses (Course Evaluations) has been posted to the Lakehead University website.

25. Report of NOSM – no report

26. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus – no report

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

J. Leggatt noted that the Board of Governors has not met since the last Senate meeting and there is no other business to report.

28. *In Camera* Session

28.1 MOVED (T. Cava/G. Hayman) that Senate temporarily adjourn to enter an *in camera* session to consider names to be added to the list of candidates for Honorary Degrees at Lakehead University and a discussion of a Professor Emeritus candidate

MOVED (J. Nichols/S. Hamilton) that the meeting of Senate be adjourned.
CARRIED

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Dr. F. Gilbert, Chair

Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate