

Senate Meeting #2010-2
Friday, February 26, 2010
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers
MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. F. Gilbert	Dr. A. Gillies	Dr. R. Maundrell
Dr. D. Alexandrov	Dr. C. Gottardo	Dr. R. Mawhinney
Dr. P. Allingham	Dr. S. Hamilton	Mr. D. McPherson
Dr. T. Bauer	Dr. L. Hayes	Dr. J. Nicholas
Dr. M.S. Beaulieu	Dr. G. Hayman	Mr. G. Phillips
Dr. R. Benlamri	Dr. P. Hicks	Mrs. K. Poole
Dr. M. Benson	Dr. M.L. Hill	Dr. M.N. Rinne
Dr. R. Berg	Dr. S. Islam	Ms. K. Roche
Dr. P. Berger	Prof. R. Isotalo	Dr. U. Runesson
Mr. R. Buchkowski	Dr. P. Jasen	Ms. B. Sabourin
Dr. J. Blahuta	Dr. D. Kerr	Dr. C. Shahi
Dr. A. Carastathis	Dr. S. Kissin	Dr. G. Siddall
Ms. V. Cheng	Ms. G. Knutson	Dr. H. Smith
Dr. G. Colton	Dr. R. Koster	Dr. P. Smith
Dr. A.P. Dean	Dr. J. Leggatt	Dr. B. Stolar
Mrs. A. Deighton	Ms. A. Leishman	Dr. S.D. Stone
Dr. A. den Otter *	Dr. L. Livingston	Mr. S. Strickland
Dr. L. Di Matteo	Dr. N. Luckai	Dr. J. Taylor
Dr. K. Fedderson *	Mr. J. Luo	Dr. A. Van Tuyt
Ms. J. Flett	Dr. S. Mansour	Dr. K. Zaniewski

Guests

Mrs. M. Anderson	Dr. M. McPherson	Ms. G. Wojda
Ms. H. Doyle	Dr. U. Panu	

Regrets

Mr. G. Amadei	Dr. J. Lanphear	Dr. C. Russell
Dr. B. Cuthbertson	Dr. P. Lee	Dr. H. Saliba
Mr. K. Dahl	Prof. M. Nisenholt	Ms. B. Winter
Dr. W.D. Jobin-Bevans	Dr. J. O'Meara	

* teleconference

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (J. Blahuta/D. Alexandrov) that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

- Amend #5.1 – The Senate Budget Committee Report revised to include 2(b) approval of the HBSc in Forestry
- Amend #5.3 – “New Degree and Revision of an Existing Degree HB

Environmental Management” deleted and the following inserted: “HB Environmental Management and Revision of HBSc in Forestry”

- Add #7.1 – MOVED that the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee be revised to add one full-time faculty member from the Orillia Campus (bringing the total of full-time faculty members on the Committee to five).
- Add #7.2 - MOVED that all Senate Committees’ Terms of Reference pertaining to graduate student representation “from the GSA” be revised to indicate “from LUSU in consultation with the Graduate Student Commissioner.
- #9.2 – Remove “MOVED that the Articulation Agreement Policy and Procedures be approved” and insert “MOVED that the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment be changed to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management.”
- #10.2 – “2019” deleted; and “2009” inserted

CARRIED

M. L. Hill objected to the renaming of the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment to the Faculty of Natural Resources being on the agenda for action.

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2010-1 held on January 29, 2010

MOVED (G. Hayman/D. Alexandrov) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #2010-1 held on January 29, 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

4. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (P. Hicks/D. Alexandrov) that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

- Clinical Psychology – practicum requirements

CARRIED

5. Reports of Senate Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

- 5.1 Senate Budget Committee Report

MOVED (D. Alexandrov/ P. Hicks) that the Senate Budget Committee Report be accepted with the following addition: 2(b) approval of the HBSc in Forestry.

CARRIED

5.2 Senate Undergraduate Studies Report

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

CARRIED

5.3 MOVED (R. Koster/C. Shahi) that the following Undergraduate Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

- HB Environmental Management and Revision to the HBSc in Forestry

Department of Interdisciplinary Studies

- New Program in Environmental Sustainability (HBASc in Environmental Sustainability)

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology – Life Course Studies

CARRIED

6. Faculty of Graduate Studies Report

6.1 MOVED (P. Hicks/R. Maundrell) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.2 MOVED (P. Hicks/R. Maundrell) that the following Graduate Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology - program requirements

Faculty of Business Administration

- MSc Mgmt Program Admission Requirement Changes

Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

- Forestry MScF, MF program requirements

CARRIED

7. Senate Organization Committee Report

- 7.1 MOVED (G. Colton/G. Siddall) that the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee Terms of Reference be revised to add one full time faculty member from the Orillia Campus (bringing the total of full-time faculty members on the Committee to five).

CARRIED

- 7.2 MOVED (G. Colton/ P. Hicks) that all Senate Committees' Terms of Reference pertaining to graduate student representation "from the GSA" be revised to indicate "from LUSU in consultation with the Graduate Student Commissioner."

CARRIED

- 7.3 MOVED (G. Colton/U. Runesson) that the report of the Senate Organization Committee be accepted.

CARRIED

8. Report of the Joint Senate Committee for NOSM

- 8.1 MOVED (L. Hayes/P. Hicks) that the following amendment to the NOSM Code of Student Conduct (Section 1.4 b) and (1.6 last bullet) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- 8.2 MOVED (L. Hayes/A. Deighton) that the proposed revisions to the University Calendars: NOSM Phase 1-3 Course Descriptions be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- 8.3 MOVED (L. Hayes/M. Beaulieu) that the addendum to the Student Assessment and Promotion Committee Guidelines entitled "Grade assignment procedure for a student missing a summative assessment for circumstances involving illness, other medically-related issues, family emergencies, and academically-relevant events" be approved as presented.

CARRIED

- 8.4 MOVED (L. Hayes/S. S. Islam) that the amendments to the NOSM Student Admissions Policy, Section: Transcript Requirements be approved as presented.

CARRIED

9. Senate Academic Committee Report

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

CARRIED

- 9.2 MOVED (G. Siddall/N. Luckai) that the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment be changed to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management.

A Senator spoke against the motion noting that this motion was added to the Senate agenda. The Senator suggested that this motion should not be coming forward to Senate until further discussion had taken place.

MOVED (M. L. Hill/G. Phillips) that the motion pertaining to changing the name of the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management be postponed to the March 26, 2010 Senate meeting.

CARRIED

U. Runesson commented that the name change was part of a Calendar Change referred to Senate in October 2009 and that this has been vetted through the Senate Academic Committee, Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee, and the Senate Budget Committee.

The Chair noted that recently the deadlines for submitting motions and supporting documents have not been adhered to and he reminded Senators that all motions on the Senate agenda should be approved at the Senate Executive Committee meeting held two weeks prior to the Senate meeting.

10. Approval of Adjunct Professors

Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment

- 10.1 MOVED (U. Runesson/R. Berger) that Dr. Iain Davidson-Hunt be appointed as an external Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.

CARRIED

- 10.2 MOVED (U. Runesson/G. Siddall) that Dr. Gordon Putz be appointed as an external Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment for the term July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013.

CARRIED

11. Schedule for Senate Executive Committee Meetings and Senate Meetings in 2010-11

MOVED (M. Beaulieu/A. Carastathis) that the schedule for Senate Executive Committee Meetings and Senate Meetings in 2010-11 be approved.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12. Senate Undergraduate Scholarships and Bursaries Report

There were no questions on the report.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

13. Senate Teaching and Learning

B. Stolar presented a report on the development of the new instrument to test the Student Evaluation of Teaching at Lakehead University. The report is posted on the Senate website with the meeting materials.

14. Report of the Secretary of Senate

K. Roche reported that a correction has been made to the May 15, 2009 Senate Meeting Minutes to acknowledge the Senate approval of the following Graduate Calendar Changes which were included in Part I of the Senate Budget Committee's report to Senate:

- Computer Science MSc Calendar Entry
- Mathematical Science MA/MSc Calendar Entry

[The Faculty of Graduate Studies had included its approval in the FGSC report to Senate in March 2009.]

The Secretary of Senate announced that nominations for 5 faculty members had been received for the three vacancies for 1 year term Faculty Senators. Ballots

will be sent out next week.

15. President's Report

Dr. F. Gilbert reported that Throne speeches will be presented next week at both federal and provincial levels. In the past the province had included COU in policy discussions and had promoted multi-year agreements. But recently, policies have not been shared with COU prior to their announcement and therefore, COU is not predicting what will be included in the provincial budget. Expectations are not very positive. The Federal budget commitments have been made already through the infrastructure commitments and any remaining funds likely will be put back into the general budget.

The government is indicating a large provincial budget deficit and is projecting a difficult time as it works to climb out of this situation although a local funding announcement was made today. TBRI received over \$6M from the provincial government.

Confirmations from applicants are being received for the Orillia and Thunder Bay Campuses. Applicants listing Lakehead University as their first choice were much higher this year but the challenge will be to convert those applications into confirmations. At this time confirmations are tracking behind last year which is likely a reflection that other universities are working hard to get these students. Student growth is one way to increase revenue and many universities will use growth to combat structural deficits. There will be tremendous competition from other universities.

Dr. Gilbert noted that the student growth this past year was with discounted BIUs. A one-time grant provided relief this past year, but it is less likely that the universities will receive this funding again.

There is a very strenuous college lobbying effort underway related to the anticipated student growth in the GTA. Colleges are lobbying for the opportunity to offer 4 year degrees and to become more involved in research growth in the hopes of obtaining tri-council funding. A concerted effort is being applied to position colleges as more valuable to the province than the university sector. The university sector needs to plan its lobby effort and to reinforce the high value of universities to the province.

A Senator asked for enrolment numbers from November 2009 as reported to the province. The goal was 7200 students but he noted that 7500 would be \$3M extra in revenue. The Chair assured Senate that these numbers will be made available. L. Hayes noted that these numbers have been shared with the Deans and commented that in interpreting the funding, it is important to note that the

values reported are in various formats: head counts; full-time students; FTEs and BIUs. Funding based on enrolment is 'slip-year funding' and as such increases in funding are not realized until the following year.

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

L. Hayes reported that this was the last day of Research and Innovation Week. The events included faculty, graduate students and undergraduate students. L. Hayes thanked those involved in all the planning and coordinating of this event and she noted that this event was very effective.

L. Hayes updated Senate on the meeting of the Vice-Presidents (Academic) (OCAV). She commented that Ontario colleges have been able to speak as one voice while universities do not speak uniformly. The result is that colleges are getting their message across about their importance while the universities are not. To counteract this imbalance, OCAV is addressing issues surrounding mobility between the two systems.

The completion of the Quality Assurance Framework was also discussed at OCAV. A draft, supported by all OCAV members, was referred to COU Executive Heads who met this week. The document was then returned to OCAV for some additional work.

The Academic Council of NOSM had a retreat to discuss the role, structure, function of the Council. Some used Lakehead University's Senate as a model in this discussion. The Council is also considering offering Professor Emeritus and Honorary Professor status. The Secretary of Senate and L. Hayes are working on refining and making the process more transparent and on defining the various appointment names which come through Senate for approval. L. Hayes will continue to report on this.

Senate discussed some of the pathways between colleges and universities that would enable student mobility between these post-secondary institutions. Degree level expectations and pathways would need to be clear.

17. Report of NOSM

There was no report from NOSM.

18. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus

K. Fedderson thanked Senate for passing item 5.3, the HBASc in Environmental Sustainability and emphasized that this program is very important to the Orillia Campus.

MOVED (M. Ryks-Szelekovszky/S. Hamilton) that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Dr. Frederick Gilbert, Chair

Mrs. K. Roche, Secretary of Senate