

Senate Meeting #2010-3
Friday, March 26, 2010
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers
MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. F. Gilbert	Dr. A. Gilbert	Dr. R. Mawhinney
Dr. D. Alexandrov	Dr. A. Gillies	Dr. J. Nicholas
Dr. M.S. Beaulieu	Dr. C. Gottardo	Prof. M. Nisenholt
Dr. R. Benlamri	Dr. L. Hayes	Dr. J. O'Meara
Dr. M. Benson	Dr. G. Hayman	Mr. G. Phillips
Dr. R. Berg	Dr. P. Hicks	Mrs. K. Poole
Dr. P. Berger	Dr. M.L. Hill	Dr. M.N. Rinne
Dr. J. Blahuta	Dr. S. Islam	Ms. K. Roche
Dr. F. Blaikie *	Prof. R. Isotalo	Dr. U. Runesson
Dr. A. Carastathis	Dr. P. Jasen	Dr. C. Russell
Ms. V. Cheng	Dr. W.D. Jobin-Bevans	Mrs. M. Ryks-Szelekovszky
Dr. G. Colton	Dr. D. Kerr	Dr. W. Sears
Dr. B. Cuthbertson	Dr. S. Kissin	Dr. C. Shahi
Dr. B. Dadgostar	Ms. G. Knutson	Dr. S. Siddiqui
Mr. K. Dahl	Dr. R. Koster	Dr. H. Smith
Dr. I. Dawood	Dr. J. Lanphear	Dr. B. Stolar
Dr. A.P. Dean	Dr. P. Lee	Dr. S.D. Stone
Mrs. A. Deighton	Dr. J. Leggatt	Mr. S. Strickland
Dr. A. den Otter *	Dr. L. Livingston	Dr. J. Taylor
Dr. L. Di Matteo	Dr. N. Luckai	Dr. M. Uddin
Dr. K. Fedderson *	Dr. S. Mansour	Ms. B. Winter
Ms. J. Flett		

Guests

Dr. W. Gao	Dr. M. McPherson	Ms. G. Wojda
Ms. A. Huillery	Dr. U. Panu	

Regrets

Dr. T. Bauer	Ms. A. Leishman	Dr. A. Van Tuyl
Mr. R. Buchkowski	Ms. J. Penney	Dr. K. Zaniewski
Mr. T. Cava	Ms. B. Sabourin	
Mrs. K.L. Clarke	Dr. H. Saliba	

* teleconference

The Chair noted that the Guest Speaker – Mr. Don Campbell, Board of Governors Nominating Committee, sent his apologies. He was unable to address Senate due to another pressing meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

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

- Items #5, 6.1, 9, 10, and 11- “G. Siddall” will be changed to “A. den Otter”
- Item #6.4 Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities – Northern Studies – Prerequisites 3112, 3212, 3312 removed from the agenda.

CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2010-2 held on February 26, 2010

MOVED (M. Ryks-Szelekovszky/A. Deighton) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #2010-2 held on February 26, 2010 be approved with the following amendments:

#9.2 – “October 2010” be amended to read “October 2009”

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

President’s Report (February 26, 2010) - The Registrar reported that the customary enrolment numbers have been available to the Deans and Chairs. The Registrar was asked to obtain those the numbers so they could be made available later in this meeting.

4. Proposed Calendar Changes for Referral

4.1 MOVED (A. Dean/W. Sears) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Engineering

- Electrical Engineering – Addition of course number and description

Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies

- Math – Remove HBA Mathematics of Finance option
- Physics – Additional text entry – Minor in Physics
- Computer Science – Comp 0433

CARRIED

4.2 MOVED (L. Hayes/B. Dadgostar) that the following Graduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

- FGSC Regulation - Thesis Examination (from FGSC Report to Senate February 26, 2010)

CARRIED

5. Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment name change – at the February 26, 2010 Senate Meeting. This item was postponed to the March 26th meeting of Senate.

MOVED (A. den Otter/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment be changed to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management.

M. L. Hill spoke to Senate about her concerns about this name change noting that she had discussed this with the Interim Dean of Forestry and the Forest Environment since the last Senate meeting. Her concerns were primarily that Natural Resources includes more than just Forestry and that there was not good communication of the intention to change the name prior to coming to Senate for approval.

The Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies voted in favour of this motion at its Faculty Council meeting.

The Interim Dean of the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment noted that he had met with M. L. Hill to discuss her concerns. Dr. Runesson noted that, in part, this name change is being proposed to improve recruitment into the program. The section on Forestry in the Calendar is skipped over by prospective students because “Forestry” has a reputation that does not work well for recruitment of students that are interested in Environmental Management. It was noted that 1999 was the peak of enrolment in Forestry. Since then, Forestry has dropped 65%. Environmental Science, in contrast, is listed as one of the top programs chosen. Natural Resources is up 600%. Currently, Guelph, Waterloo, and Trent are all competing for those students and have programs very similar to Lakehead University’s.

Departments have agreed to work cooperatively if this motion was passed.

The Chair called the question to change the name of the Faculty of Forestry and the Forest Environment to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management.
CARRIED

2 opposed

6. Reports of Senate Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

6.1 Senate Academic Committee Report.

MOVED (A. den Otter/P. Berger) that the Senate Academic Committee Report be accepted.
CARRIED

6.2 Senate Budget Committee Report

MOVED (D. Alexandrov/P. Hicks) that the Senate Budget Committee Report be accepted.
CARRIED

6.3 Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

MOVED (R. Koster/J. Leggatt) that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report be accepted.
CARRIED

6.4 MOVED (R. Koster/H. Smith) that the following Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Education

- EDUC 3296 – requirement notes

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Biology 4231
- Biology 3219

Faculty of Business Administration

- Business - 3058, 2018, 3018

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Northern Studies - Include in sections of calendar
- Indigenous Learning – 1312 & 1314

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- History – deletions, additions and changes

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Science

- Psychology 4531 - Name change and course description

- Kinesiology – Updates to Regulations (except Item #3)
- Kinesiology – Co-op and Course Descriptions

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- History – “Major Research Project” – Graduate

CARRIED

7. Faculty of Graduate Studies Report

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

CARRIED

8. Faculty of Education - Request for Chair of Education at the Orillia Campus

MOVED (J. O’Meara/P. Berger) that the position of Chair of Education Programs (Orillia) be approved.

A question was raised about the reporting structure for this Chair position. The Dean of Education noted the revised Chair structure would meet the Education Department’s needs in Orillia. The Orillia Campus Dean would be the primary Dean for reporting purposes.

MOVED (G. Phillips/M. L. Hill) that the motion be amended to read that the position of Chair of Education Programs (Orillia) in the Faculty of Education be approved. It is understood that the person occupying this position reports to the Dean of Education as their Principal Dean.

Following a discussion about the reporting responsibilities, the following motion was passed:

MOVED (R. Berg/J. Leggatt) that the motion to approve the Chair of Education Programs (Orillia) be referred to the Senate Academic Committee for clarification.

CARRIED

9. Courses Outside Canada Guidelines

MOVED (A. den Otter/R. Koster) that the Courses Outside Canada – Guidelines

(approved Sept. 29, 2000) be withdrawn and that a new policy be developed by a sub-committee of the Senate Academic Committee and brought back to Senate for approval.

It was noted that in the interim there would be no policy in place.

10. Articulation Agreement Policy and Procedures

MOVED (A. den Otter/R. Koster) that the Articulation Agreements: College/University Policy and Procedures be approved as revised.

Two revisions were approved by consensus:

- Under Process for the Development of a New Articulation Agreement #5: “The University Dean, working with the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, will be responsible ...”
- Under Process for the Renewal of an Articulation Agreement #2: “The University Dean, working with the Office of Admissions and Recruitment, will be responsible....”

M. McPherson noted that when the package is prepared, the Dean ultimately puts the package forward to the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee then it is reviewed by the Senate Budget Committee and the agreement ultimately comes back to Senate for approval. Review and approval by Senate Standing Committees ensures academic oversight of the articulation agreement.

CARRIED

11. Approval of Regulation 1(n)

MOVED (A. den Otter/P. Hicks) that the revisions Regulation 1(n) be approved.

The discussion at Senate began with concerns about what courses can and cannot be used toward a Minor and ended with comments about the lack of definition for a Major and a Minor. Senators expressed concerns about this regulation noting that there is no definition of a Major or a Minor.

MOVED (G. Philips/W. Sears) that the motion to be postponed to next Senate meeting.
CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

12. COU Academic Colleague Report

Jane Taylor offered to forward questions to Tony Bauer. There were no questions.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

13. Adjunct Professor Renewals (Information Only)

Dr. Mary Ann Mountain's appointment as an Adjunct Professor to the Department of Psychology has been renewed retroactively to July 1, 2009 for a 4 year term through June 30, 2013.

14. Secretary of Senate – Report on Appointments of Faculty Senators and Senator on the Board of Governors

The following faculty have been appointed to Senate for the term March 2010 through June 30, 2011: Dr. R. Delaney; Dr. N. Sayed; Dr. M. Uddin

The following faculty have been appointed to Senate for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013: Dr. D. Ivison; Dr. R. H. Lemelin; Dr. S. Mohammed

Dr. S. D. Stone has been appointed as the Faculty Senator Representative to the Board of Governors for the term October 2010 through the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors in 2013.

15. President's Report (Dr. F. Gilbert)

Dr. Gilbert summarized the Fall 2009 counts for eligible students. There were 7485 students – 454 graduate students and 7031 undergraduate students.

Dr. Gilbert noted that more student applications have been received this year than last year but confirmations are tracking behind last year. In fact, they are down by 15%. Registrations are very important to the University. In the next 1 to 2 months we need to convert those applications to confirmations and ultimately to registrations.

The Provincial Budget was announced yesterday. There will be full funding for 2009-10 growth and 20,000 spaces will be funded over the next 3 years. \$20M has been committed to that growth. At this time it appears that the 2009-10 funding might go into base; the 2010-11 may not go into base but may be allocated instead just over the 3 year period.

The Province hopes to see International student growth increase by 50%. The universities have expressed concern that growing international students does not improve the finances of the university since international students are not funded students and the visa students' tuition only equals the domestic government grant and tuition.

The Budget announcement included a statement related to collective agreements. There will be a freezing of salaries for the next two years although existing collective agreements will be honoured. More details will follow.

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

L. Hayes reported that several cultural awareness activities have been underway during the past few weeks. International Week at Lakehead University celebrated different cultures, foods, and partnerships. As well, during Aboriginal Awareness week, a powwow was held at the University.

The review of the Omsbudperson was conducted and a recommendation has been made for the contract to be renewed for a term May 1, 2010- April 30, 2011. A report will come to Senate at the next meeting.

Work has been underway on reaching outside of the campus by cultivating international contacts. One relationship that has been underway is an arrangement with the University of India to offer a MBA partnership. As well, an exchange student program is being discussed that would offer the opportunity for faculty and student exchanges with a university in Germany.

17. Report of NOSM

Dr. J. Lanphear reported that NOSM graduates were highly successful once again in the matching service – 60% of the NOSM graduates have chosen family medicine. Of those 45% selected areas across Canada and 55% of the residencies will stay in the area.

This weekend interviews will take place in Sudbury for the incoming class. Applicants from the Thunder Bay area will travel to Sudbury for interviews and vice-versa. Both the English version and now French version of the early history of NOSM have been be released.

18. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus

There was no report.

K. Fedderson noted the competitions framework for the Search Committees is in place and it is anticipated that the advertisements will appear no later than May for the sessional hires. The full- time competitions must be filled prior to that.

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

J. Leggatt reported that the March 4th meeting of the Board was posted on the website. The first ever meeting of Board in Orillia will take place in June.

MOVED (J. Leggatt/P. Berger) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Dr. F. Gilbert, President

Ms. K. Roche, Secretary of Senate