

Senate Meeting #2010-4
Friday, April 23, 2010
2:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers
MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. F. Gilbert
Dr. D. Alexandrov
Dr. R. Benlamri
Dr. M. Benson
Dr. R. Berg
Dr. J. Blahuta
Dr. F. Blaikie *
Dr. A. Carastathis
Mr. T. Cava
Ms. V. Cheng
Dr. B. Cuthbertson
Dr. B. Dadgostar
Mr. K. Dahl
Dr. I. Dawood
Dr. A.P. Dean
Mrs. A. Deighton
Dr. R. Delaney
Dr. A. den Otter *
Dr. L. Di Matteo
Dr. K. Fedderson *
Dr. A. Gilbert
Dr. A. Gillies

Dr. C. Gottardo
Dr. S. Hamilton
Dr. L. Hayes
Dr. S. Islam
Prof. R. Isotalo
Dr. P. Jasen
Dr. W.D. Jobin-Bevans
Dr. D. Kerr
Dr. R. Koster
Dr. P. Lee
Dr. J. Leggatt
Ms. A. Leishman
Dr. L. Livingston
Dr. N. Luckai
Mr. J. Luo
Dr. S. Mansour
Dr. R. Maundrell
Dr. R. Mawhinney
Dr. J. Nicholas
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
Dr. H. Saliba
Dr. N. Sayed
Dr. W. Sears
Dr. C. Shahi
Dr. H. Smith
Dr. P. Smith
Dr. B. Stolar
Dr. S.D. Stone
Mr. S. Strickland
Dr. J. Taylor
Dr. A. Van Tuyl
Dr. R. Wang
Ms. B. Winter
Dr. K. Zaniewski

Guests

Ms. G. Wojda

Regrets

Dr. P. Allingham
Dr. M.S. Beaulieu
Dr. P. Berger
Mr. R. Buchkowski
Mrs. K. L. Clarke

Dr. G. Colton
Dr. M. L. Hill
Ms. G. Knutson
Dr. G. Siddall
Dr. S. Siddiqui

Dr. J. Lanphear
Dr. U. Panu
Ms. J. Penney
Ms. B. Sabourin

* teleconference

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (U. Runesson/C. Gottardo) that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

Item #4.4 – under bullet 3 of the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies Articulation Agreement - add “Parts I and 2”

Item #11 & 12 deleted; remainder renumbered

Item #15 – delete the words “the Development of”
CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #2010-3 held on March 26, 2010

MOVED (K. Dahl/S. Hamilton) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #2010-3 held on March 26, 2010 be approved with the following amendment:

Item #15 – The first sentence be replaced with “Dr. Gilbert summarized the Fall 2009 counts for eligible students. There were 7485 students – 454 graduate students and 7031 undergraduate students.” The Secretary noted that these were the numbers reported at the Senate meeting.

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

- 3.1 The motion to approve General Regulation 1 (n) was postponed to the April 23rd Senate meeting. This matter is being reviewed by the Senate Academic Committee’s Regulation Sub-Committee and will be brought to the May Senate meeting.

MOVED (R. Koster/S. Stone) that the motion to approve General Regulation 1(n) be postponed to the May Senate meeting.
CARRIED

- 3.2 Chair of Education Programs in the Faculty of Education in Orillia

At the March 26, 2010 meeting, this item was referred to the Senate Academic Committee to consider. R. Koster reported on behalf of the Senate Academic Committee that the Committee recommends that Senate approve the main motion brought to Senate on March 26th.

The Chair noted that the amendment would change the meaning of the main motion and therefore the amendment is ruled out of order.

MOVED (R. Koster/J. O'Meara) that the original question be brought back to the table.
CARRIED

The Chair called the question to the motion of March 26, 2010:
that the position of Chair of Education Programs (Orillia) be approved.
CARRIED

4. Reports of Senate Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

4.1 Senate Academic Committee Report

MOVED (R. Koster/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the Senate Academic Committee Report be accepted.
CARRIED

4.2 Senate Budget Committee Report

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

4.3 Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report (Part 1, Part 2, Part 3)

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

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

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Economics – program changes to conform to new Faculty (Dec. 4, 2009 Senate Undergraduate Studies and Senate Budget Committee reports to Senate)
- Economics – HBSc in Resource and Environmental Economics
- Articulation Agreement -HBSc (Water Resource Science) with a specialization in Applied Environmental Water Management (Parts 1 &2)
- General Science 0350 & 0370 (see Senate Budget Committee Report March 26, 2010)

Faculty of Education

- Education 4410
- Education – Police background, TB Test

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Music – restructuring of Music History Courses
- Women's Studies – 2112, 2711, 4113, 4010, 3111

CARRIED

- 4.5 MOVED (C. Russell/C. Gottardo) that the following Graduate Calendar Change be approved:

- Faculty of Graduate Studies Regulation – Thesis Examination

CARRIED

5. Senate Nominations Committee Report (A. Carastathis/B. Stolar)

MOVED that the recommendations for appointments to the Senate Standing Committees 2010-2011 in the Report of the Senate Nominations Committee be approved.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6. COU Academic Colleague Report

COU Media Release on Provincial Budget's PSE Priority
T. Bauer was not present at the meeting.

7. Adjunct Professor Renewals (Information Only)

- 7.1 Dr. Dave Morris' appointment as an Adjunct Professor to the Faculty of Natural Resources Management has been renewed from July 1, 2010 for a 4 year term through June 30, 2014.

- 7.2 Dr. Peter McGhee's appointment as an Adjunct Professor to the Department of Physics has been renewed from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2014.

8. Internal Program Review

The Master of Science Biology Program Review has been completed.

9. Annual Report of Athletics
Questions related to the Athletics Report should be directed to Tom Warden, Director of Athletics.

10. President's Report

Dr. Gilbert reported that the tuition policy was approved at the last meeting of the Board of Governors. MTCU's policy on increases in tuition remained the same as the previous year with one exception that 10% had to be set aside for student financial assistance.

The Operating Budget 2010-2011 will come to AEC on Tuesday, April 27th, and will then go to the Senate Budget Committee and the Board of Governors' Finance and Investment Committee.

TBRI and Lakehead University are working together to augment research. Through the agreement between TBRI and Lakehead University, which sets out the arrangements for sharing indirect costs and hiring research chairs, the searches have begun to fill up to 8 jointly appointed research chairs. A number of Departments, Physics, Chemistry, and Biology, as well some in Engineering, will be engaged in projects related to diagnostic imaging.

The hiring arrangements will permit TBRI to determine the suitable candidates from the applications. Then the University will conduct a review of the selected candidates and make the final decisions on the appointments. TBRI will be responsible for the Research Chairs for the first 5 years; the second 5 years these positions will be a joint responsibility; and then, after 10 years, these positions will become Lakehead University's responsibility. The Chairs will be required to teach one full course, likely a 3rd or 4th year course and graduate courses. It was noted that 1st and 2nd year courses may also be taught where needed. Lakehead University intellectual property rules will apply.

Dr. Gilbert reported on discussions at the AUCC meeting and the COU Executive Heads' meeting. The economic situations at the federal and provincial levels will constrain government spending significantly for the next 5 to 10 years while the deficits are addressed. It was noted that the requirement for KIP projects to be finished by March 31st, 2011 will be upheld. Cost savings at the federal level must be found. Universities are expected to be the generators of economic recovery through the knowledge based economy. The government has expressed concern that the investment in university research is not paying the dividends that were expected. The government will be assessing this over the next 2 years.

The colleges are presenting information supporting that they can provide higher education at a lower cost than universities and that they can provide what the province needs. The province has indicated the directions that they want universities to move in. The expectation is that transferring from colleges to universities will be easier and more of the load of the education will occur at the college level. One scenario may be that the first 2 years are offered at some colleges finishing with the third and fourth years at the university. Another is that some colleges may be allowed to offer more 4-year degree programs.

The university sector needs to emphasize the services that the universities offer. While the government has focussed on the need to meet growth and accessibility, the universities need to emphasize the advantages provided related to technical services, support services, student counselling, pedagogical improvements, and regional socio-economic impacts, not just focus on teaching.

There is no indication of capital funding at this time. The province is committed to enrolment growth and has indicated that the one-time payment made for the previous year's growth will become part of base. There is no indication about whether the growth from this year will be funded. The government is looking for ways to accommodate growth without capital expenditures. One approach is the proposed virtual university. COU has taken the stand that it would be better to build on what is already in place at the universities.

The Executive Heads passed a motion to address the 2010-2011 growth distribution funding by allocating notional shares where each university would receive a percentage of the funding based on its percentage of students in the system now. If the university does not achieve that growth, then the funds would be distributed to other institutions. In the longer term, the Executive Heads are proposing negotiating targets through the MYAAs.

The province has the expectation that the international student body will increase by 50% within 5 years, but no additional funding from the province will be provided. There is no indication that province will increase funding for reciprocal arrangements where the international experience will be provided to Canadian students.

Dr. Gilbert updated Senate on the discussions related to intercollegiate athletics. The AUCC is discussing alternatives to the current governance structure with the Presidents having more control over the functioning of the CIS. Proposals will be coming forward to address problems about direction and costs. Additionally, scholarship offers may be increased up to \$4000 for athletics in this province compared to \$7,000 nationally but there will be no reduction in the academic

requirements.

The government has announced a reduction in 1000 spaces in Education. These cuts will not simply be from institutions that had received increases in Education. The impact of this on Lakehead University will depend on how the formula is derived and how the cuts will affect Concurrent and Consecutive Education students.

A Senator raised a question regarding the recent media attention about the sale of University land. Dr. Gilbert explained that over a year ago, the University entered into an agreement with a developer. This agreement was approved by the Board of Governors. It was contingent on certain approvals that the developer would have to obtain. Lakehead University would receive \$2 M that would be set aside for future capital projects. This property is zoned Residential and therefore would require a Zoning Amendment if the University were to use it for institutional purposes but given its location that was an unlikely prospect.

A Senator noted that the CIS is proposing requirements for grade point averages in the high sixties yet the academic average of Lakehead University's Men's Wrestling and Basketball teams are below that. The President noted that this had been raised with T. Warden, Director of Athletics. Lakehead University should expect student athletes to perform as well if not better than other students.

11. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus

K. Fedderson reported that the Orillia Campus has been engaged in hiring faculty for the upcoming academic year. All of the search committees are working toward a deadline of May 31st to have position recommendations through all stages. Full-time positions will be filled before working on filling part-time positions but all positions will be filled before September.

In June, the Board of Governors will be meeting in Orillia. The members will attend the Chancellor's dinner followed by the Convocation ceremony with 300-350 graduands.

12. Report of the Senate Representative to the Board of Governors (J. Leggatt)

J. Leggatt reported that the Board of Governors met on April 16th. The meeting report is posted on the Board's website. Action taken included the approval of tuition fees for next year. The incoming students' tuition increased 4.5%, continuing students increased 4%. The Board of Governors approved an

increase in health services fee at the Orillia Campus from \$25 to \$40 and a new athletics fee of \$80.

13. Notice of Motion

A motion to approve the Diversity Awareness Policy will come forward to the May 14, 2010 Senate Meeting.

MOVED (S. Strickland/K. Dahl) that the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Dr. F. Gilbert, President

Ms. K. Roche, Secretary of Senate