

Senate Meeting #8- 2010
Friday, December 3, 2010
4:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers

In attendance

Mr. Muhammad Ali
Dr. Philip Allingham
Ms. Neva Bassingthwaite
Dr. Rachid Benlamri
Dr. Maurice Benson
Mr. Robert Buchkowski
Dr. Aristocles Carastathis
Dr. Lori Chambers
Dr. Brent Cuthbertson
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar
Mr. Kurt Dahl
Dr. Isaam Dawood
Mrs. Anne Deighton
Dr. Roger Delaney
Dr. Alice den Otter*
Dr. Livio Di Matteo
Dr. Joey Farrell
Ms. Judy Flett
Dr. Mark Gallagher
Dr. Antony Gillies
Dr. Christine Gottardo

Dr. Gordon Hayman
Dr. Philip Hicks
Dr. Mary Louise Hill
Dr. Douglas Ivison
Dr. Stephen Kissin
Prof. Glenna Knutson
Dr. Peter Lee
Dr. Judith Leggatt
Dr. Lori Livingston
Dr. Nancy Luckai
Dr. Sabah Mansour
Dr. Carney Matheson
Dr. Richard Maundrell
Dr. William McCready
Dr. Wayne Melville
Dr. Sabah Mohammed
Mr. Gregor Mulzer
Dr. Gary Munro
Prof. Mark Nisenholt
Mr. Donovan Norsworthy*
Dr. John O'Meara

Dr. Laure Paquette
Prof. Gerald Phillips
Mrs. Karen Poole
Ms. Karen Roche
Dr. Jennifer Roth
Dr. Connie Russell
Mrs. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky
Ms. Beverly Sabourin
Dr. Vincent Schonberger
Dr. Chander Sahi
Dr. Sultan Siddiqui
Prof. Victor Smith
Dr. Teresa Socha
Dr. Brian Stevenson
Dr. Sharon Dale Stone
Dr. David Tranter
Dr. Jo-Ann Vis
Dr. Rui Wang
Ms. Brenda Winter
Dr. Sandra Wolf
Dr. Kamil Zaniewski

Guests

Ms. Heather Doyle

Ms. Diane Henson
Ms. Patti Merriman

Dr. Umed Panu
Ms. Gwen Wojda

Regrets

Dr. Michel S. Beaulieu
Dr. Richard Berg
Dr. Ronald Harpelle

Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans
Dr. R. Harvey Lemelin
Dr. Craig MacKinnon
Dr. Ulf Runesson

Dr. Henri Saliba
Dr. Mohammad Uddin
Dr. Adam Van Tuyl
Ms. Emma Lois Whiteside

* teleconference

Mr. Colin Bruce, Chair of the Board of Governors, spoke to Senate on activities and plans related to the Lakehead University Board of Governors including key events, finances, Orillia Campus, Strategic Plan and Board/Senate relations. Mr. Bruce noted that two key events defined 2010 for Lakehead University – opening of the new Orillia Campus and the appointment of the new President.

Although at present the Lakehead University finances appear fine, challenges are anticipated in 2013. The good news is that the province is allowing some room on the

pension plan; enrolment numbers appear on target which will help with sustainability through revenues; and investment goals are being achieved through the Office of University Advancement. Mr. Bruce noted that fund-raising has shown significant growth with the addition of the Vice-President University Advancement, Lee Gould and the Manager, Jennifer Childs. The Board is also being encouraged to assist with fundraising.

On January 21st, the Board plans to have a meeting and an annual dinner with students and alumni. The Board will hold its annual retreat on January 22nd to discuss governance and the next Strategic Plan.

The Board is taking responsibility for developing the next Strategic Plan. In the past Strategic Plans have been developed by administration, faculty, and staff and brought to the Board for approval. The Board of Governors recognizes how the Academic Plan fits together with the Strategic Plan. Strategic planning has to be mindful and in harmony with the Academic Plan. The development of the Strategic Plan will overlap the development of the Academic Plan.

The Board is working toward improving communications between the Board and Senate and toward developing a greater understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Board and Senate. Through the Senate Liaison Committee, socials, and daily communication, the Board and Senate will work more closely together.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (P. Allingham/S. Stone) that the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED

2. Minutes of Senate Meeting #7-2010 held on November 5, 2010

MOVED (M. Ryks-Szelekovszky/J. Roth) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #7-2010 of November 5, 2010 be approved with the following amendment:

- Page 7 – “SWAT” changes to “SWOT” analysis
- CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

4. Proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral

4.1 MOVED (B. Dadgostar /A. Gillies) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Engineering

- Delete ENGI-1234, 2939. Change ENGI-2151, COMP-0411. Add ENGI-1XXX.

Faculty of Education

- Course titles changed to reflect Ministry & OCT Documents
- Professional Year requirements, PBC, J/I and I/S specialization

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

- KINE-1710 - Course title/description update

Faculty of Science & Environmental Studies

- Splitting MATH-1281
- Replacing MATH-4101, 4221
- Updating MATH-2231, 2233
- Update list of electives for Computer Science
- Game Programming Specialization
- GEOG- 4211
- GEOG-4351
- GEOG- 3311
- GEOG- 3251
- GEOG- 4771

Interdisciplinary Studies

- Criminology Minor
- Media Studies Minor
- Interdisciplinary Codes

CARRIED

5. Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for Referral
 - 5.1 MOVED (P. Hicks/L. Paquette) that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Business
 - BUS 5061/5071/5091
Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences
 - Misc. clean up changes
Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies
 - Biology – Graduate Seminars and Required half coursesCARRIED
6. Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee
 - 6.1 MOVED (W. Melville/P. Allingham) that the Senate Academic Committee review the curricular rationale for course prerequisites and their effect on smaller departments and programs, in order to develop a course prerequisites policy.
CARRIED
 - 6.2 MOVED (W. Melville/P. Allingham) that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report be accepted.
CARRIED
7. Senate Budget Committee Report (Dr. Laure Paquette)
 - 7.1 MOVED (L. Paquette/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference for the Senate Budget Committee be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.
CARRIED
 - 7.2 MOVED (L. Paquette/D. Ivison) that the Senate Budget Committee Report be accepted.
CARRIED

8. Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes

- 8.1 MOVED (B. Dadgostar/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the following Undergraduate Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Business Administration

- Business 3293, 4233, and cross-calendar with Engineering

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- Sociology- prerequisites
- Languages, new courses (from Dec 4, 2009)

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Computer Science 0314
- Computer Science 3473
- Renaming Mathematics 1210 and 1230
- Splitting Mathematics 1160 and 1180 into 2 - 0.5 FCE courses
- Minor Program in Mathematics

CARRIED

9. Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Report

- Revised Masters of Public Health – MPH
- Revised Chemistry, PhD in Chemistry and Materials Science

- 9.1 MOVED (P. Hicks/C. Gottardo) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Report be accepted.

CARRIED

10. Approval of Graduate Calendar Changes

- 10.1 MOVED (P. Hicks/S. Stone) that the following Graduate Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Natural Resources Management

- “Advisory Committee” changed to “Supervisory Committee”

CARRIED

11. Proposed Four-Year Non-Direct Entry Degree Programs

- 11.1 MOVED (C. Gottardo/B. Winter) that for all 4-year non-direct entry degrees in the Faculty of Science and Environmental Science, students will be moved into these programs only when they are no longer academically eligible to stay in an Honours program.

The Chair of the Senate Budget Committee stated that the financial impact of this proposed change should be examined since a significant amount of money of could be lost.

It was noted that this motion was crafted under the Registrar's direction and, as written, the regulation would allow only students who would not qualify for the 4-year Honours program to fall back into a non-Honours degree program. It does not allow students to voluntarily enter the non-Honours program.

MOVED (L. Paquette/G. Phillips) that the following motion:

“for all 4-year non-direct entry degrees in the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies, students will be moved into these programs only when they are no longer academically eligible to stay in an Honours program”

be referred to the Senate Academic Committee and to the Senate Budget Committee for debate and that both Senate committees report back to Senate.

A count of votes was requested.

The Chair called a vote on the motion to Refer.

40 in favour; 13 opposed.

CARRIED

(Note: Senate will vote on the Main motion when the committees report back to Senate)

12. Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Committee Report
 - 12.1 MOVED (J. Vis/P. Hicks) that the proposed changes to the Senate Continuing Education and Distributed Learning Committee be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.
CARRIED

13. Proposed Revisions to the Calendar Changes – Required Information Policy
 - 13.1 MOVED (B. Winter/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the proposed revisions to the Calendar Changes – Required Information Policy be referred to the Senate Academic Committee.
CARRIED

14. Senate Nominations Committee Report
 - 14.1 MOVED (A. Carastathis/C. Shahi) that Sreekumari Kurissery faculty member from the Orillia Campus be appointed to the Senate Honourary Degrees Committee for the term commencing immediately through June 30, 2012.
CARRIED

15. Joint Senate Committee for NOSM Report
 - 15.1 MOVED (J. Farrell/W. McCready) that the Academic Calendar of Events – 2011-2012 Academic Year be approved as presented.
CARRIED

 - 15.2 MOVED (J. Farrell/P. Hicks) that the following revision to the NOSM Course Calendar: Curriculum Description: Phase 3 Electives be approved as follows:

That the required rotation in Family Medicine (MEDS 5712) be removed from the current Course Calendar and replaced with the proposed required elective in Family Medicine as outlined in the attached revised Curriculum Description: Phase 3 Electives.
CARRIED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

16. Calendar Changes Ad Hoc Committee Report

This committee has produced a document summarizing the types of changes each Senate Committee reviews and the information that committees require. The Registrar noted that new software will be used next September to track the changes but the process will continue as summarized in this document. Faculty can refer to the Senate website for more information on the Calendar Changes process and forms.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

17. Fall 2010 late additions to graduand list

The Senate's "Enabling Motion Graduands on Record" empowers the Dean of the Faculty and Registrar to approve late additions to the graduands' list who had not appeared on the convocation list. No motion is necessary. The list was distributed at the meeting.

18. Senate Research Committee Report

Dr. Ron Harpelle was not in attendance.

19. President's Report

Dr. Stevenson reported that he has continued to visit with each Faculty at the University. Recently he visited the Faculty of Natural Resources and discussed with some of the faculty additional opportunities for economic development, academic partnerships and international student recruitment.

A Fund-raising Plan will be developed early in the new year.

Although good applications were received, none had the qualifications needed in recruitment and marketing internationally and therefore, Lakehead University will not be going ahead with an Associate Vice-President search. Rather, early in the new year, a search for an "Executive Director, Marketing and Recruitment, International" position will begin. A representative from Senate will be invited to join the committee.

Dr. Stevenson noted that the Deans and Acting VP (Academic) met with Confederation College to discuss transfer and articulation agreements as

well as how to improve pathways for students to transfer between postsecondary institutions. Three hundred students annually attend Lakehead University either as college graduates or as transfer students from Confederation College. A similar situation could exist between the Orillia Campus and Georgian College graduates.

The first step will be to review the current articulation agreements between the two institutions to ensure the agreements are up to date and that these agreements provide well-defined pathways for students to transfer credits from one institution to the other. Additional meetings are planned to identify and prioritize the next steps and to involve the other northern colleges and universities in discussions.

Dr. Stevenson reported that a review of the structure of the President's Office has been undertaken. These changes apply to the staff and direct reports in the President's Office. An announcement will be made shortly. The President will be sending to Senate and the Board members a communiqué 24 hours before making a press release.

A guest speaker from GrokChina in New York is scheduled to speak on "Lakehead: International Engagement & China" on December 16th and 17th. Kim Morrison will be speaking on achieving recruitment, academic, and research goals in China.

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

Dr. Moira McPherson noted that Lakehead University had received feedback from the Quality Council. The Council requested some very minor changes which will be made in consultation with the committee.

Dr. McPherson discussed the plans for Program Day scheduled for next week. Faculties would like direct involvement and were asked to contact Diane Henson for ways to become involved.

Dr. McPherson explained that after 6 weeks of working through the mechanics of the hiring process with the Deans, hiring proposals were

submitted about 10 days ago. Based on those proposals, resignations/retirements will be filled in the first phase. The remainder of positions to be filled are being reviewed to determine which would result in growth or capacity for the University.

The committee working on the Academic Plan is collecting and analyzing the materials to be used for an Environmental Scan and SWOT Analysis. A full day planning session is scheduled for December 9, 2010.

The Merit Committee has been elected and will meet on December 6th to review procedures. The Merit Departmental Process has also begun. The President will notify the candidates of the decisions by Jan 31, 2011.

An open discussion on issues related to Wi-Fi in the classroom is being organized and will be held during the first Teaching and Learning Week, January 24-28. More information will be communicated early in the winter term.

All of the sabbatical requests have been reviewed and the recommendations have been passed on to the President. Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome by December 15, 2010.

21. Report of NOSM

Dr. William McCready reported that OPSEU has returned to work. NOSM is working to ensure a smooth transition.

22. Report of the Dean Orillia Campus

There was no report.

23. Aboriginal Management Council Report

Dr. Sandra Wolf summarized the highlights from the Aboriginal Management Council report. The link to the report can be accessed through the Senate website.

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

Dr. Christine Gottardo, Chair of Senate Liaison Committee, reported that all of the Board reports are posted on the Lakehead University website.

25. In-Camera Session

- 25.1 MOVED (L. Paquette/G. Phillips) 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.
CARRIED
- 25.2 MOVED (L. Paquette/R. Delaney) that the names submitted from the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee be accepted for consideration to receive honorary degrees from Lakehead University.
CARRIED
- 25.3 MOVED (G. Knutson/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the *in-camera* session be adjourned.
CARRIED

ADJOURN

MOVED (P. Hicks/B. Dadgostar) that the Senate meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

Dr. Brian Stevenson, President

Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary of Senate