



**SENATE MEETING #8-2015**

**October 26, 2015**

**4:00pm**

**Thunder Bay Location: SENATE CHAMBERS**

**Orillia Location: OA 2005**

**MINUTES**

**In attendance**

Dr. Brian Stevenson, Chair  
 Dr. Razvan Anisca  
 Dr. David Barnett  
 Mr. Nicholas Baxter  
 Dr. Michel Beaulieu  
 Dr. Paul Berger  
 Dr. Jason Blahuta  
 Dr. Patrick Cain  
 Dr. Aristocles Carastathis  
 Dr. Glenn Colton  
 Mr. Daniel Glen Cox  
 Dr. Gautam Das  
 Dr. Bahram Dadgostar  
 Dr. Andrew P. Dean  
 Ms. Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary  
 Dr. Joey Farrell  
 Dr. Laurence Fiddick\*  
 Dr. Mark Gallagher  
 Ms. Amanda Gallo  
 Mr. Brett Gloor  
 Dr. Christine Gottardo

Dr. Daniel Hannah  
 Dr. Timothy Hardie  
 Dr. Frances Helyar\*  
 Dr. Mary Louise Hill  
 Dr. Peter Hollings  
 Dr. Kristy Holmes  
 Dr. Douglas Ivison  
 Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans  
 Dr. Donald Kerr  
 Dr. Ti King  
 Dr. Glenna Knutson  
 Dr. Rhonda Koster  
 Dr. Sree Kuriserry  
 Dr. David Law  
 Dr. Judith Leggatt  
 Dr. Apichart Linhananta  
 Dr. Craig MacKinnon  
 Dr. Carney Matheson\*  
 Dr. Margaret McKee  
 Dr. Moira McPherson, Vice-chair  
 Dr. Penny Moody-Corbett

Ms. Taylor Murie  
 Dr. Christopher Murray\*  
 Dr. Hassan Naser  
 Dr. John O'Meara  
 Prof. Gerald Phillips  
 Prof. Karen Poole  
 Dr. Antony J Puddephatt  
 Mr. Matt Quick  
 Dr. Todd Randall  
 Dr. Jennifer Roth  
 Ms. Yvonne Roussel, Recorder  
 Dr. Murari Roy  
 Dr. Ulf Runesson  
 Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky  
 Dr. Teresa Socha  
 Dr. Michael Stevenson  
 Dr. Mirella Stroink  
 Ms. Andrea Tarsitano  
 Dr. Xuequn Wang  
 Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux

**Regrets**

Dr. Maurice Benson  
 Dr. Isaam Dawood  
 Mr. William Keeler

Mrs. Karen Keiller  
 Dr. Isabelle Lemee  
 Prof. Jason MacLean

Dr. Lynn Martin  
 Dr. Lense Meyer

**Official Observers**

Dr. Nancy Luckai

Mrs. Kathy Pozihun

Ms. Cathy Ridley

**Guests**

Mrs. Ashley Beda  
 Ms. Sarah Browne  
 Mr. Jason Marchand

Dr. Wayne Melville  
 Dr. Douglas Morris  
 Ms. Catharine O'Connor

Mr. Peter Puna  
 Prof. Matthew Roy  
 Mrs. Gwen Wojda

\*via teleconference

### **Contribution to Teaching Awards**

Dr. Moira McPherson, Dr. Brian Stevenson and Dr. Nancy Luckai presented six Contribution to Teaching Awards to the following instructors:

- Dr. Rhonda Koster, Outdoor Recreation, Parks & Tourism
- Dr. Sree Kurissery, Sustainability Sciences/Biology
- Dr. Wayne Melville, Education
- Dr. Douglas Morris, Biology
- Dr. Robert Omeljaniuk, Biology
- Prof. Matthew Roy, Education

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

The Chair noted that a revised agenda was distributed and posted to the website on Friday, October 23, 2015 with all requested amendments reflected in bold.

The Secretary of Senate read one additional request for an addition to the agenda, which was received by the Secretariat Office just prior to today's Senate meeting:

- Item 5.1 – Add the following calendar change for referral under the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies: 2015-SCI-5242 – Program\_minor modification BSCBED2.EART PJ & IS – update ENGL course and add ICR note

MOVED (J. Leggatt/T. Randall) to approve the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

MOVED (J. Roth/M.L. Hill) that the Minutes of Senate Meeting #7-2015 of September 21, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

#### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes (not included elsewhere on the agenda)

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. Graduands

4.1 Undergraduate Degrees and Diplomas

The Chair noted that one student requested that their name not be published on the Graduands list until the spring of 2016 for reasons related to personal safety. A confidential document was distributed to Senators in attendance and emailed to Senators on the phone so that this individual could be included in the approval process. Senators were asked to return the confidential document to a member of the University Secretariat Office immediately following the meeting and those with an electronic version were asked to delete the document. In the interest of the individual's safety Senators were asked not to share the name.

MOVED (A. Tarsitano/M. Beaulieu) that the proposed list of individuals to receive undergraduate degrees be approved as presented.

CARRIED

4.2 Graduate Degrees

MOVED (C. Gottardo/A.Tarsitano) that the proposed list of individuals to receive graduate degrees, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

5. Calendar Changes for Referral

5.1 Proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (M. Stevenson/T. Randall) that the proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- 2015-SCI-5079 – New course – Biology 4470 – Global Change Biology
- 2015-SCI-5201 – Minor in Socio-cultural Anthropology
- 2015-SCI-5217 – Additional Anthropology Science Courses
- 2015-SCI-5226 – Program – Modifications-UG-Geology-HBSc/BSc4\_minor changes (English & ICR updates)

- 2015-SCI-5227 – Course Modification\_UG\_Geology\_cross-listing requirement
- 2015-SCI-5241 – Course-Modifications-UG-Geography-Prerequisite Update
- 2015-SCI-5242 – Program\_minor modification BSCBED2.EART PJ & IS – update ENGL course and add ICR note
- 2015-SCI-5243 – Program changes\_UG\_Geology\_HBESc-BESc-BSc Earth\_course numbers and ICR note
- 2015-SCI-5246 – Anthropology English & ICR Update
- 2015-SCI-5247 – GEOA – English & ICR Update
- 2015-SCI-5248 – Courses-Modifications-UG-Anthropology-Course Description updates
- 2015-SCI-5255 – Courses-New-APBI
- 2015-SCI-5256 – Courses-New-UG-Biology
- 2015-SCI-5257 – Courses-NewVersion-UG-Applied Bio-Molecular Science
- 2015-SCI-5263 – Program-Minor Modification-UG-Water Resource Science-ICR and Geography Requirements in First Year

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- 2015-SOC-5205 – Course-New-UG-Philosophy

CARRIED

5.2 Proposed Graduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (C. Gottardo/J. Roth) that the proposed Graduate Calendar Changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- 2015-SCI-5250 – Courses\_modification\_GEOLOGY\_GR\_Description/title updates
- 2015-SCI-5251 – Courses\_New\_Geology\_Graduate new courses
- 2015-SCI-5252 – Courses\_Discontinued\_Geology GR Courses remove from calendar

Faculty of Natural Resources Management

- 2015-NAT-5220 – Remove pre-requisite from NRMT-5530

CARRIED

6. Reports of Senate Standing Committees

6.1 Senate Academic Committee Report

2012-17 Academic Plan Review and Refresh Presentation

Dr. Moira McPherson provided Senators with a presentation regarding the 2012-2017 Academic Plan Review and Refresh. The following topics were included:

- Integrating Our Planning
- Excerpts from the Academic Plan (e.g. Vision)
- 2012-2017 Academic Plan Priorities & Incorporating our Research Priorities
- 2015 Review and Refresh
- Implementation Update
- Academic Plan Strategies and Revised Actions
- Where we Need to Continue to Focus Efforts
  - Enhance Student Supports
  - Enhance Support for Teaching and Learning
  - Enhance the Quality of the Teaching and Learning Experience
  - Other Areas of Focus
- Next Steps

Clarification of the categories of implementation was provided.

A Senator requested information related to the Human Rights and Equity Officer hiring process. It was noted all of Lakehead's union presidents, non-union leaders and the Lakehead University Student Union were invited to participate.

6.1.1 MOVED (D. Ivison/M. Beaulieu) that Senate approves the revised Action Plans of the 2012-2017 Academic Plan.  
CARRIED

6.1.2 MOVED (D. Ivison/J. Roth) that Senate approves the Definition Report

and adopts the Implementation Plan.

It was clarified that it is up to the academic units to define what courses comprise their majors.

CARRIED

- 6.1.3 MOVED (D. Ivison/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the Senate Academic Committee Report be accepted.

The Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Chair noted that it is anticipated that SAC will be bringing forward a motion regarding the academic schedule to the next Senate meeting.

CARRIED

6.2 Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

MOVED (M. Stevenson/M. Beaulieu) that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.3 Senate Organization Committee

MOVED (M. Gallagher/J. Leggatt) that Article VI, paragraph 8(b) of the Senate Bylaws be amended to delete the reference to the “Dean & Vice-Provost of the Orillia Campus” and insert “Principal, Orillia Campus.”

CARRIED

6.4 Senate Research Committee Report

MOVED (A.P. Dean/D. Hannah) that the Senate Research Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.5 Senate Library Committee Report

- 6.5.1 MOVED (D. Hannah/J. Roth) that the proposed revisions to the Senate Library Committee Terms of Reference be referred to the Senate Organization Committee.

CARRIED

- 6.5.2 MOVED (D. Hannah/J. Leggatt) that the Senate Library Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.6 Senate Budget Committee Report

MOVED (D. Kerr/C. Gottardo) that the Senate Budget Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

6.7 Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report

MOVED (C. Murray/M. Beaulieu) that the Senate Teaching and Learning Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

7. Calendar Change Approvals

7.1 Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes

MOVED (M. Stevenson/D. Kerr) that the following Undergraduate Calendar Change be approved:

Faculty of Education

- 2015-EDU-5206 – Course Name Change – Religious Education AQ

CARRIED

7.2 Approval of Graduate Calendar Changes

MOVED (C. Gottardo/J. Roth) that the following Graduate Calendar Change be approved:

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- 2013-SOC-2932 – Program-New Graduate Degree-Social Justice Studies (*Phase 1 Approval*)

CARRIED

8. Lakehead University Student Union (LUSU) Recommendations for Student Members on Senate Standing Committees for 2015-2016

MOVED (M. Quick/P. Berger) that the LUSU recommendations for student members on Senate Standing Committees for 2015-2016 be approved.

CARRIED

9. Approval of Adjunct Professors

9.1 MOVED (J. Roth/M. Stroink) that the following Adjunct Professors for the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences be approved:

- Dr. Shevaun Nadin, be appointed as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Health Sciences for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

CARRIED

9.2 MOVED (C Gottardo/R. Koster) that the following Adjunct Professors for the Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies be approved:

- Dr. Neha Gupta, be appointed as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Anthropology for the term July 1, 2105 to June 30, 2019.
- Dr. Isabelle Lemee, be appointed as an Internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of Anthropology for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
- Dr. Tamara Varney, be appointed as an Internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of Biology for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.<sup>Secretary</sup>

Note: Dr. Varney's appointment was submitted as a "new" adjunct in error, as it was actually a renewal for informational purposes only.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

10. Honorary Degree Nominations

The Chair reminded Senators that the Senate Honorary Degrees Committee is seeking Honorary Degree nominations. Nomination forms are available through the link provided on the agenda and are accepted on an ongoing basis.

11. Adjunct Professor Renewals (Information Only)

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

- Dr. J. David Cassidy's appointment as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Health Sciences has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.



- Dr. Crescentia Dakubo's appointment as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Health Sciences has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
- Mr. Sacha Dubois' appointment as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Health Sciences has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
- Dr. Jane Lawrence-Dewar's appointment as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Health Sciences has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
- Dr. Christopher Mushquash's appointment as an Internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of Health Sciences has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

#### Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- Dr. Neelam Khaper's appointment as an Internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of Biology has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
- Dr. Brian Ross' appointment as an Internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of Biology has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
- Dr. Marina Ulanova's appointment as an Internal Adjunct Professor to the Department of Biology has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.
- Dr. Robert Rempel's appointment as an External Adjunct Professor to the Department of Biology has been renewed for the term July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019.

#### 12. Senate Appointments and Elections

- Faculty Senator – Prof. Jason MacLean was acclaimed for the term commencing October 5, 2015 through June 30, 2017.
- Board of Governors Member on Senate – Mr. William Keeler was appointed for the term commencing October 1, 2015 through to the close of the Board's annual meeting in 2016.
- COU Academic Colleague Alternate – Dr. Azim Mallik was acclaimed for the term commencing October 16, 2015 through June 30, 2018.

13. COU Academic Colleague Report

The COU Academic Colleague Report was posted to the website. Dr. Hill provided Senate with a summary of her report.

14. President's Report

The President's Report was posted to the website. Highlights from the President's Report included:

- New Legacy Society Named in Honour of William G. Tamblyn
- Lakehead University Research Ranked First in Canada
- Maadaadizi 2015
- First Homecoming Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Truth & Reconciliation Commission Honours Dr. Wesley-Esquimaux

15. Provost & Vice-President (Academic) Report

The Provost & Vice-President (Academic) Report was posted to the website.

Enrolment Update

The Provost reported that, following analysis of the Sept 28 enrolment report, data coding issues were revealed that resulted in earlier 2015/16 projections being overstated. This coding issue has now been corrected.

The enrolment numbers will remain unstable until the November 1 count date, and we will not have a full and precise picture of where we are until that data is cleaned and processed – but regardless, it is clear that we are under our projections and that this is due to a dramatic decline in Concurrent and Consecutive Education enrolments.

As many of you are probably aware the decrease in enrolment in Concurrent Education also impacts enrolment in programs offered in Social Sciences and Humanities, Science and Environmental Studies, and Health and Behavioural Sciences.

There are some positive enrolment results, both undergraduate and graduate as well as increases in the number of International students, but these will not

completely mitigate the domestic education enrolment decline.

We are addressing this as part of the budget planning for next year, and by next Senate, the day before the MTCU report due date, we will have a fuller report.

It was noted that an update on the transfer of web pages onto the new Lakehead University website system will be provided at the next Senate meeting as part of the Provost Report.

Dr. McPherson informed Senators that the development of a strategic enrolment plan has been initiated. The first phase will involve collecting data that will ultimately be used to set targets for the institution.

16. Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM) Report

The NOSM Report was posted to the website. Dr. Penny Moody-Corbett noted that NOSM is currently renewing their relationship agreements.

17. Senator on the Board of Governors Report

The Senator on the Board of Governors Report was posted to the website.

18. Adjournment

MOVED (M. Beaulieu/M.L. Hill) that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED

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Dr. Brian Stevenson, President

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Ms. Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary