

Senate Meeting #4-2015
Monday, April 13, 2015
2:30 p.m. – Senate Chambers
MINUTES

In attendance

Dr. Brian Stevenson – Chair	Dr. Frances Helyar*	Dr. John O’Meara
Dr. Razvan Anisca	Mr. David Heroux	Prof. Gerald Phillips
Dr. Michel Bedard	Dr. Mary Louise Hill	Prof. Karen Poole
Dr. Maurice Benson	Dr. Wendy Huang	Dr. Antony J. Puddephatt
Dr. Paul Berger	Dr. Syed Islam*	Mr. Matt Quick*
Dr. Joan Chambers*	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Dr. Todd Randall
Dr. Glenn Colton	Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans	Dr. David Richards
Dr. Bahram Dadgostar	Dr. Donald Kerr	Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary
Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Dr. Stephen Kinrade	Ms. Yvonne Roussel, Additional Support
Dr. Hubert de Guise	Dr. Glenna Knutson	Dr. Ulf Runesson
Dr. Kim Fedderson*	Dr. David Law*	Ms. Marian Ryks-Szelekovszky
Dr. Laurence Fiddick*	Dr. Judith Leggatt	Dr. Chander Shahi
Dr. Monica Flegel	Dr. Apichart Linhananta	Dr. Birbal Singh
Dr. Mark Gallagher	Prof. Roland Martin	Dr. Teresa Socha
Dr. Yanglin Gong	Dr. Carney Matheson	Dr. Michelle-Marie Spadoni
Dr. Christine Gottardo	Dr. Brian McLaren	Ms. Andrea Tarsitano
Dr. Daniel Hannah	Dr. Moira McPherson	Dr. Beatrice Vernier
Dr. Timothy Hardie	Dr. Wayne Melville	Dr. Maria Grazia Viola*
Dr. Douglas Hayes	Dr. Penny Moody-Corbett	Dr. Sandra Wolf
Dr. Gordon Hayman	Dr. Hassan Naser	Dr. Kam Yu

Regrets

Dr. Michel Beaulieu	Mr. Arop Jok	Dr. Cheryl Lousley
Mrs. Anne Deighton	Dr. Derek Kivi	Dr. Sonia Mastrangelo
Mr. Cody Fraser	Mr. Justin Kulp	Dr. Mohammad Uddin
Dr. Peter Hollings	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux

Official Observers

Ms. Kerrie-Lee Clarke	Dr. Nancy Luckai	Ms. Cathy Ridley
Ms. Barbara H. Eccles	Mrs. Kathy Pozihun	Mrs. Gwen Wojda

Guests

Ms. Sarah Browne	Mr. Robert Perrier
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*via teleconference

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED (B. Dadgostar/J. Leggatt) that the agenda be approved as

amended.

The following item was removed from the agenda:

- Item 13 – COU Academic Colleague Report

It was noted that the COU Academic Colleague Report will be included on the May Senate meeting agenda.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Senate Meeting #3-2015 held on March 23, 2015

MOVED (S. Islam/D. Richards) that the Minutes of the Senate Meeting #3-2015 of March 23, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

Senators were reminded that the Evaluation Process for the Indigenous Content Requirement was approved at the March 23, 2015 Senate meeting under Item 10.1. It was noted that proposals for that process should be submitted to the email indicated in the documentation.

4. Calendar Changes for Referral

4.1 Proposed Undergraduate Calendar Changes for Referral

MOVED (W. Melville/D. Jobin-Bevans) that the proposed Undergraduate calendar changes be referred to the appropriate committees:

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- 2015-SOC-4850 – Cross-list MDST 3zzz with SOCI 3455
- 2015-SOC-4851 – Cross-list MDST 3xxy with SOCI 3555
- 2015-SOC-4926 – Artist Certificate in Performance & Pedagogy: New Undergraduate Certificate in Music
- 2015-SOC-4927 – New Music Courses for proposed Artist Certificate in Performance and Pedagogy (2014-SOC-4926)

CARRIED

5. Reports of Standing Committees on Proposed Calendar Changes

5.1 Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee Report

MOVED (W. Melville/B. Dadgostar) that the Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee report be accepted.

CARRIED

5.2 Senate Budget Committee Report - Part 1

MOVED (B. Singh/S. Islam) that the Senate Budget Committee Report - Part 1 be accepted.

CARRIED

5.3 Senate Academic Committee Report

MOVED (D. Ivison/D. Hayes) that the Senate Academic Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

5.4 Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Report – Part 1

MOVED (C. Gottardo/D. Ivison) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Report - Part 1 be accepted.

CARRIED

6. Calendar Change Approvals

6.1 Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes

MOVED (W. Melville/M. Bedard) that the following Undergraduate Calendar Changes be approved:

Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences

- 2014-HBS-4519 – Program-ModifyLessSignificantHBK.CP
- 2014-HBS-4493 – Course-ChangeDescriptionKinesiology

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- 2014-SCI-4417 – Changing title for ABMS programs

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

- 2014-SOC-4550 – Visual Arts program changes
- 2014-SOC-4551 – Visual Arts Course changes
- 2014-SOC-4552 – Visual Arts Discontinued courses
- 2014-SOC-4553 – Visual Arts Discontinued courses
- 2014-SOC-4556 – English Curriculum Major Modifications
- 2014-SOC-4559 – English Major Modifications – New 2nd year courses
- 2014-SOC-4560 – English Major Modifications 2nd yr discontinued courses
- 2014-SOC-4630-A – Sociology Course Changes

CARRIED

6.2 Approval of Undergraduate Regulation and Admission Changes

MOVED (D. Ivison/D. Jobin-Bevans) that the following Undergraduate Regulation and Admission Changes be approved:

Faculty of Education

- 2015-EDU-4692 – Regulations Revisions-Undergraduate Studies in Education

Faculty of Law

- 2014-LAW-4619 – Amendments to Faculty of Law Regulations

Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies

- 2015-SCI-4709 – Faculty of SES Regulations Update
- 2015-SCI-4721 – Sustainability Sciences Department Regulations

University Regulations & Admission Requirements

- 2015-UNIVREG-4889 – Updating the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology Admission Requirement

CARRIED

7. Senate Academic Information Technologies Committee Report

MOVED (J.Chambers/K. Fedderson) that the Senate Academic Information Technologies Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

8. Senate Executive Committee Recommendations

MOVED (T. Randall/M. Bedard) that the following faculty members be appointed to the Senate Nominations Committee with all terms commencing July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017:

- Dr. Mariette Brennan for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017
- Dr. Birbal Singh for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017
- Dr. Robert J. Omeljaniuk for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017
- Dr. Chris Parkes for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017

CARRIED

9. Proposed University Operating Budget 2015-2016

- 9.1 MOVED (B. Singh/B. Dadgostar) that the Senate endorses the proposed Lakehead University Operating Budget for 2015-2016.

A copy of the proposed Lakehead University Operating Budget for 2015-2016 was posted to the Senate website. Mrs. Kathy Pozihun provided Senate with a budget presentation that included the following topics:

- Steps in the Annual Consultative Budget Process
- Council of Ontario Universities 2015 Pre-Budget Submission excerpt
- Structural Deficit
- Current fiscal climate (started with a 5% shortfall)
- MTCU changes to the Faculty of Education (3 major changes to Faculty of Education: BIU reduced from 2.0 to 1.5, program changing from 1 to 2 year program, 50% reduction in FTE student cap in 2015-16 one-time)

- Other budget assumptions, issues and challenges (e.g. salary & benefit obligations, deferred maintenance, pension plan, carryforward policy, permanent reductions vs one-time reductions)
- Enrolment trends over past 10 years
- New annual budget development process update
- Reducing Structural Deficit (e.g. expenditural reductions, international & English Language Program, academic growth areas, Graduate programs, etc.)
- Strategic investments receiving preliminary consideration
- Per cent of total budget – by area
- Projected operating revenue, expenses and surplus 2015-16
- Integrated planning & budgeting process

The following points were noted during discussion following the Budget Presentation:

- Slight decrease to Orillia Campus growth due to a number of variables (e.g. MTCU changes to the Faculty of Education, Social Work program cap implemented due to challenges around placements, declining demographic)
- Anticipating extensive consultation with LUSU and others throughout the budget planning cycle
- Any growth above 100 international students becomes revenue, with 25% being distributed among faculty departments, 5% placed in scholarships, Government tax of \$750 per student and agent fees are covered and the remaining funds would be distributed equally between international activities and the bottom line
- Once Audit is approved the 2014-2015 year end figures will be posted on the Financial Services website
- CIHR and NSERC are included in the strategic investments receiving preliminary consideration because they do not currently have a facilitator. SSHRC has had a facilitator for approximately 4 years already.

CARRIED

- 9.2 MOVED (B. Singh/C. Gottardo) that the Senate Budget Committee Report - Part 2 be accepted.

CARRIED

10. Senate Research Committee Report

MOVED (M.G. Viola/A.P. Dean) that the Senate Research Committee Report be accepted.

CARRIED

11. Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Report – Part 2

11.1 MOVED (C. Gottardo/D. Ivison) that the Senate approves the revised License Agreement with the Library.

CARRIED

11.2 MOVED (C. Gottardo/D. Richards) that the Faculty of Graduate Studies Council Report – Part 2 be accepted.

CARRIED

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

12. Faculty Senator Election

Dr. Timothy Hardie was elected to fill the Faculty Senator vacancy for the term commencing immediately through June 30, 2017.

~~13. COU Academic Colleague Report (Dr. Mary Louise Hill)~~

14. President's Report

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

- Lakehead Recognized as one of the First Members for the Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce
- Health and Counselling moving to Prettie Residence
- English Language Program (ELP) moving from PACI to main campus
- Capital Projects Update
- Jylisa Williams and Kevin Tree were the recipients of the Athlete of the Year award presented at the Athletic Awards Gala this March

- 2015 Athletics Wall of Fame Inductees Announced
- Thunder Bay Honorary Degree and Fellow recipients announced
- Hong Kong Alumni Chapter Events
- Faculty of Natural Resources signed MOU with University in Ecuador (ESPOCH)

15. Provost & Vice-President (Academic) Report

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

Dr. Moira McPherson provided a verbal addition to the Provost's Report regarding a petition entitled "*Reverse the decision for mandatory Indigenous learning course.*" The following notes were provided by Dr. McPherson regarding the addition to her report:

Last week I became aware of a petition entitled "*Reverse the decision for mandatory Indigenous learning course*", that was started by an anonymous individual and included a mix of opinion, fact, and fiction. I am disappointed and dismayed at many of the comments that were posted.

Expression of viewpoint is important, engaging in discussions based on facts is important, but this particular petition has moved far from the facts to the point where some of the comments could be considered defamatory and most are certainly unfounded! The petition and postings are not only hurtful to our community, but also perpetuate the behaviors that we, along with many other institutions of higher education, have been trying to address.

Students also need to know that posting comments such as these is almost always extremely damaging to themselves.

The Indigenous Content Requirement initiative is about our commitment to social justice, but it is also about integrating pertinent, real and contemporary information into discipline specific fields, dispelling stereotypes, and ensuring our students are better informed and prepared for their careers when they leave our University as graduates.

We first need to address the misconceptions internally. I urge you as Senators to ensure that you read the FAQs posted on the main University webpage so that you can provide accurate answers and information to anyone who comes to you with questions.

Alternatively, please feel free to refer anyone with questions to the Chair of SAC-OAGC, the Chair of SAC, the Director of the IDC, the Office of Aboriginal Initiatives, or to our own office via the Deputy Provost.

The idea that this is an extra "course" that is being forced upon students and will cost them more money needs to be corrected.

As you know, faculty are constantly engaged in the process of refining and revising their curricula. The Indigenous Content Requirement may be different in that it has become a public program change, but reviewing and revising programs and curricula are regular and important university processes. Success on this initiative can and will be achieved by diligent review of the associated proposals through the internal governance processes applied to all of our curriculum revisions.

We need to continue to promote the Strategic and Academic Plan priorities, strategies and actions that we, as a University, supported following numerous consultations and discussions across the campus, including with students, faculty and staff, and here at Senate.

Moving Forward with the Process

I appreciate how challenging actually developing and implementing a process to meet the Indigenous Content Requirement is. Some of those challenges have been highlighted at our past Senate meetings. The process of implementing the Indigenous Content Requirement initiative is a work in progress. Be part of this initiative, engage with the committees involved, and provide the constructive feedback that will help make this work achieve positive outcomes for students, faculty and programs.

16. NOSM Report

The NOSM Report was posted to the Senate website. Highlights of the NOSM Report included:

- Dr. Moria McPherson became Chair of the NOSM Board at the March meeting
- Over the last month NOSM has had 2 admission weekends where potential students were selected and interviewed
- Current Medical students just went through a residency match program and all but 1 have matched
- Research conference will be taking place in Timmins during

the first week of June

17. Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Member to Senate Report

The Ogimaawin-Aboriginal Governance Council Member to Senate Report was posted to the Senate website. Dr. Spadoni noted the following:

- With the O-AGC being community based there have been issues substantiating membership, however the current members are committed and have been doing great work.
- The O-AGC Advisory Committee has tested a new meeting structure, with a formal meeting being held to address O-AGC business and a secondary meeting for other business.

The President noted that the Faculty Association came to a 1-year agreement that was approved by the Board of Governors.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED (C. Gottardo/M. Ryks-Szelekovszky) that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Dr. Brian Stevenson, President

Ms. Karen Roche, Secretary