

# Senate Minutes

February 8, 2013  
Senate Chamber CE-339

Chair, D. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

## 1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

### Present:

Robert Bailey, Judy Bailey, Ed Barre, Keith Brown, Dannie Brown, Robert Campbell, George Chen, Jane Connell, Dennis Curry, Godwin D’Cunha, Margaret Denchman, Nicole Dixon, Barb Glassey, Maile Graham-Laidlaw, Louis Guimond, Patrick Howard, Rany Ibrahim, Diane Janes, David Johnston, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Michelle Lahey, Alana Lawrence, Doug Lionais, Jessie MacDonald, Mary Suzanne MacEachern, Alexis Manley, Stewart McCann, David McCorquodale, Carl Mercer, Rod Nicholls, Joe Parish, James Preen, Sheila Profit, Joanne Pyke, Scott Stewart, Mike Tanchak, Eileen Smith-Piovesan

### Regrets:

Eleanor Anderson, Maureen Finlayson, John Harker, Derrick Hayes, Adam Jamieson, Gordon MacInnis, John MacKinnon, Scott Moir, Shawn Bethke

### Absent:

Hosam Al-Arabi, Stephen Augustine

## 2. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session – N/A

## 3. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

## 4. Special Presentations/Updates – N/A

## 5. Report of the President and Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

### 5.1 Report of the President – N/A

### 5.2 Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

Robert Bailey provided a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Dr. David Wheeler was confirmed as the next President of CBU on January 14, 2013. Dr. Wheeler will be installed on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be on campus in mid April. Dr. Wheeler has expressed keen interest in being part of the Academic Plan discussions; therefore the special meeting has been deferred until after his arrival.

- Infrastructure renewal continues with the SASS renos and related moves, labs and associated office in the Arsenault Britten building along with the classroom renewal research.
- MPHEC has proposed revisions to QA standards. The Maritime universities have been asked to comment on these revisions.

On the topic of the renovations, the issues of the temperature in classrooms and offices in these areas was noted as a particular concern. R. Bailey replied that these issues have been brought to the attention of the Director of Facilities Management and will be reinforced with him.

## 6. Question Period – N/A

## 7. Approval of Minutes

**7.1 It was moved** by D. Curry, seconded by D. Janes, the approval of the minutes from the December 14, 2012 meeting. With minor noted amendments to be made, **motion carried**.  
Abstentions: 7

## 8. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

## 9. Report of the Executive Committee

Vice Chair, D. Lionais reported that the Executive Committee met on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the meeting and topics of discussion were as follows:

- Agenda was set for this meeting of Senate
- The special meeting of Senate will be scheduled after the installation of Dr. David Wheeler
- The implications of the proposed Graduate Education Committee on Senate

## 10. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, M. Lahey, provided a verbal report with the following highlights:

- The SU Executive met with Dr. David Wheeler and was impressed with his approach on student engagement.
- A symposium is being planned for March 30<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Dr. Ron Stewart on the Ten Greatest Advancements in Medical History of All Times. Faculty members were asked to circulate this among the students to encourage a strong audience attendance.
- A Speaker Series with Dr. Ken Rose will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be a broad discussion on how environmental science moves forward. Students entering any health care programs are encouraged to attend.
- For the first time, the ARCUP (Atlantic Region Canadian University Press) Conference will be hosted by the Students' Union on March 1,2,3.
- The tutoring program will host a session on Academic Integrity and the Implications of Plagiarism in late February.
- General elections for 2013/14 incoming executive will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with the debate to be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

- A Gordie Sampson Songcamp songwriters circle has been confirmed for February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Pitt. The event will feature Mo Kenney, Dylan Guthro, Dave Sampson, Carelton Stone, and Breagh MacKinnon.
- A second dress sale will held with all proceeds going towards the CBU Women's Centre.
- The farmer's market will continue on a monthly basis.

## 11. Reports of Other Committees

**(a) Research** – Chair, J. Preen, referred to the documents circulated with the meeting package. For the information of Senate the successful RP applications from the Fall 2012 competition were listed. As announced at the December meeting of Senate the Research Appeals Committee was also listed. J. Preen also advised that applications for the President's Award for Excellence in Research are now being reviewed and a recommendation will be sent to the President in the coming weeks. J. Preen then referred to the Integrity in Research and Scholarship document circulated with the meeting package. This document has been widely circulated via town hall meetings and was presented to Senate at the December meeting for review and requests for input. **It was moved**, by J. Preen, seconded by J. MacDonald, that Senate approve the Integrity in Research and Scholarship document. J. Preen further explained the document is a standardization of all documents to cover all facets of research with clear and transparent processes.

On the question of research being paid for by private industry, J. Preen advised this is covered in section 7(j).

On the question of how this policy compares to those from other universities, J. Preen advised this document was adapted from guidelines and similar policies that would fit with CBU.

Concerns with respect to the disciplinary actions and a lack of remediation in the policy were identified and discussed. A further concern with grievance being the only recourse and a lack of appeal provisions was noted.

It was felt that the policy did not protect the researcher to its fullest extent with regards to external funders. A discussion on what the policy does cover, other protections offered to the researchers and the clear and transparent rules of engagement when dealing with external funders.

**It was moved**, by S. Stewart, seconded by R. Bailey, to refer the policy back to the committee to review the concerns of Senate. It was also noted that students covered by this policy are those in the research process, not those participating in research as part of their course work. **Motion carried. Nays: 1**

**(b) Bylaws** – Chair, J. Connell, referred to the documents circulated with the meeting package.

### 1. Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of Senate

**It was moved**, J. Connell, seconded by D. Brown that the obsolete sections of the Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of Senate dealing with Degree, Diploma, and Certificate Committees (section 20, 21, 21A, 22, 23, 24) be removed.

On the question of what replaced the suggested items it was advised that there was nothing to replace they were being removed as the committee is no longer in effect. After a discussion surrounding the committee and that the duties of this committee may not have been fully delegated by structural changes, it was thought these terms of reference should not be deleted. After further discussion on the validity of the terms of reference the motion was **withdrawn**.

## 2. Graduate Education Committee Terms of Reference

**It was moved** by J. Connell, seconded by J. Bailey, the approval of the Graduate Education Committee Terms of Reference and the addition of this new committee to the Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of Senate, requiring changes to sections 1, 13 and 16. J. Connell noted the memorandum circulated with the meeting package from D. Keefe gives the detail and background for the creation of this committee. Discussions ensued on changing the name of the committee to a Graduate Program Committee, the student representation on the committee, the upset of balance that could occur to Senate and a sub-committee option. With no clear consensus the **motion was withdrawn** and will be sent back to the committee for further review.

## 3. School of Science and Technology By-laws

**It was moved** by J. Connell, seconded by D. McCorquodale, the approval of the School of Science and Technology by-laws. D. McCorquodale advised these by-laws have been in development for the last three years and have been fine tuned for SST.

It was clarified that section 5.3.1 (e) is intended to remain in the by-laws as a non-voting member. After an a discussion on the responsibilities and purview of the SST Academic Committee **it was moved** by S. Stewart, seconded by R. Bailey the SST by-laws be returned to the committee. The committee will advise SST of the difference between these bylaws and the approved bylaws of SASS to assist in the clarification of the academic committee. A suggestion was also put forth, that the deans of all schools meet to produce a report for the Bylaws Committee on the status of all bylaws. **Motion Carried. Abstentions: 2 Nays: 3**

## 4. Department of Biology By-laws

**It was moved** by J. Connell, seconded by M. Tanchak the approval of the Department of Biology By-laws. The following friendly amendments were suggested and accepted:

- 2.5.5 end sentence at Dean and remove 'and/or the President'
- 3.2.1 add bargaining between Collective Agreement(s)
- 5.3.1 change at the rank of Chair from Dean
- 5.2.1 add to the exception statement of students, 'full-time limited term appointments and ...'

With the accepted friendly amendments **motion carried**.

(c) **Academic** – Chair, S. Stewart referred to the documents circulated with the meeting package.

1. **PSYC 1101 - Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science**
2. **PSYC 1103 - Introduction to Psychology as a Human Science**

**Motion:** It was moved by S. Stewart, seconded by A. Manley to approve PSYC 1101 Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science and PSYC 1103 Introduction to Psychology as a Human Science as presented. It was noted that the School, Degree Committee and Academic Committee votes are not noted. S. Stewart advised this was an oversight and will be updated. **Motion carried.**

3. **GEOL 1105 – Introduction to Geology**
4. **GEOL 1205 – Evolving Earth: Processes and Environments**

**Motion:** It was moved by S. Stewart, seconded by D. McCorquodale to approve GEOL 1105 - Introduction to Geology and GEOL 1205 - Evolving Earth: Processes and Environments as presented. **Motion carried.**

5. **MATH 4213 – Real Analysis**
6. **MATH 4208 – Nonlinear Optimization**

**Motion:** It was moved by S. Stewart, seconded by D. McCorquodale to approve MATH 4123- Real Analysis and MATH 4208-Nonlinear Optimization as presented. It was noted the number should read 4213 in the list of recommendations rather than 4123. **Motion carried**

7. **COMM 3XXX: Communication and Sexuality**

**Motion:** It was moved by S. Stewart, seconded by N. Dixon to approve COMM 3XXX: Communication and Sexuality as presented. **Motion carried.**

8. **HIST 2XXX: A History of Money: From Pirate Treasure to Paypal**
9. **HIST 4XXX: A History of Capitalism**

**Motion:** It was moved by S. Stewart, seconded by D. Curry, to approve HIST 2XXX: A History of Money: From Pirate Treasure to Paypal and HIST 4XXX: A History of Capitalism as presented. On the question of the course title, it was noted that the reference to Paypal may, in time, date the course and a suggestion was made of dropping the subtitle. A friendly amendment was introduced to drop the subtitle: From Pirate Treasure to PayPal from HIST 2XXX. Various discussions on the HIST 4XXX proposal took place with regard to the limitations in the prerequisites, making it more accessible to a wider range of properly qualified students, it being a 6 credit course, if it may be more practical for it to be a 3 credit course, and the calendar description is too lengthy. Due to the many concerns with the HIST 4XXX proposal the motion was **withdrawn.**

**Motion:** It was moved by S. Stewart, seconded by R. Bailey to approve HIST 2XXX: A History of Money: From Pirate Treasure to Paypal with the friendly amendment to drop the subtitle: From Pirate Treasure to PayPal. **Motion carried with accepted friendly amendment.**

**10. ENGL 2XXX: Film Form and Style**

**11. ENGL 2XXX: Film Genre and Authorship**

**Motion: It was moved** by S. Stewart, seconded by D. Janes to approve ENGL 2XXX: Film Form and Style and ENGL 2XXX: Film Genre and Authorship as presented. A friendly amendment was suggested and accepted to keep the first two sentences of the Calendar Description of Film Form and Style and delete the remaining. A friendly amendment was also suggested, and accepted, to keep the first sentence of the Calendar Description of Film Genre and Authorship and delete the remaining. Comments were offered in concern of there being no prerequisites which was clarified with the context and requirements to complete the course.  
**Motion carried.**

**(d) Nominating** – Chair, D. Brown referred to the Standing Committees of Senate list circulated with the meeting package, noting the following updates:

Quality Assurance Chair – Mary Keating

Quality Assurance – Mary Dobson as a general member

Planning and Review Chair – Joe Parish

Planning and Review – Robert Campbell as a Senator replacing Karen Rowe

Academic Committee – Eleanor Anderson as Senator replacing Derrick Hayes

**(e) TLEC** – Chair, P. Howard, provided a verbal report which included a reminder to Senate of a general email survey circulated requesting input on any deficiencies and room for improvements of teaching spaces and classrooms. For the information of Senate, the STLHE conference review process has been completed and the Instructional Leadership Award is open for nominations with March 18<sup>th</sup> as the deadline. Discussions have taken place with regards to take-home exam regulations which will be forwarded to Academic Committee once a report is developed.

**(f) Planning and Review** - Chair, J. Parish, provided a verbal report detailing the status of the memorandum of agreement, memorandum of understanding and memorandum of understanding process templates.

**(g) Quality Assurance** – Chair, M. Keating, provided a verbal report detailing the two QA reviews in process, are ongoing. The committee is focusing on providing feedback on the new MPHEC standards.

With regards to the new MPHEC standards, a question was raised if the committee had any major concerns. M. Keating replied that the committee feels the focus of the changes are on the student experience and have not formed an opinion on the changes.

## 12. Board of Governors Report

M. Keating reported that the Board of Governors met on January 14<sup>th</sup> where new President, Dr. David Wheeler was confirmed by the Board.

On the question of the voted and media interviews planned in advance of the decision, M. Keating advised that this issue was brought to the attention of the Board and acknowledged by the Chair of the Search Committee. The Board has committed to changes and to improve any short coming that exist in the current process.

## 13. Confidential Business – N/A

## 14. Adjournment

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 22, 2013.

**It was moved** by M. Lahey to adjourn at 4:07 pm.



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Godwin D'Cunha, Secretary