

# Senate Minutes

April 30, 2010  
Senate Chamber

**Chair, P. MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.**

## **1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum**

**Present:** Stephanie Bagnell, Robert Bailey, Matthias Bierenstiel, Mary Tanya Brann-Barrett, Allen Britten, Keith Brown, Philip Campbell, Robert Campbell, Geoff Carre, Cathy Chisholm, Godwin D'Cunha, Sherry Finney, Allan Fraser, Louis Guimond, David Johnson, Harvey Johnstone, Ed LeBlanc, Geoff Lee-Dadswell, Jane Lewis, Peter MacIntyre, John MacKinnon, Bernie MacLennan, Kristen MacNeil, Alexis Manley, Lindsay Marshall, Ricky McCarthy, Jill McPherson, Patricia Morrison, Willena Nemeth, Rod Nicholls, Gary Nicklason, Catherine O'Brien, Sarah Pyke, Chester Pyne, Mark Silverberg, Lesley Sudworth, Claudette Taylor, Tom Urbaniak, Wendy Wadden

**Regrets:** Randolph Bowers, Anita Delazzer, President John Harker, Tracey Harris, Diane Janes, Gordon MacInnis, Brett MacPherson, Todd Pettigrew, Eileen Smith-Piovesan, Tuma Young

Absent: Princely Ifinedo, Mike MacKenzie,

The Acting Secretary, P. Morrison, declared a quorum present.

The Chair asked for a motion to move the 'Students' Union report' to item 5.3 under the Report of the President and of the Vice-President (Academic & Research).

**It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by D. Johnstone to move the Students' Union report to item 5.3 on the Agenda.

**Motion carried.**

## **2. Matters to be Considered in closed Session**

### **Motion**

**It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by G. D'Cunha to move into closed session for the purpose of approving the Spring graduands and approving the nomination brought forward for the CBU Instructional Leadership Award.

**Motion carried.** Any guests or visitors were asked to leave the room.

Following the discussions in Closed Session, **it was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by T. Urbaniak to move back to Open Session.

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

## **4. Special Presentations – N/A**

## **5. Report of the President, Vice-President (Academic & Research) and Students' Union**

### **5.1 President's report**

President Harker was not at today's meeting due to illness, therefore there was no President's Report.

### **5.2 Report of Vice-President (Academic & Research)**

Dr. Robert Bailey, Vice-President (Academic & Research) gave a verbal report. Highlights included:

- He referred to the recent announcement regarding the replacement of the School of Education, Health, and Wellness with the School of Graduate and Professional Studies as of July 1, 2010. He will assume the duties of Interim Dean while an open search is being conducted to hire a Dean. It is expected that the Dean be in place by July 1, 2011.
- He attended the inaugural meeting of the Atlantic Deans of Graduate Studies in Halifax.
- He commented on the evolution of the Mi'kmaq College Institute to Unama'ki College of Cape Breton University. He announced the Principal of Unama'ki College is Lindsay Marshall and the Interim Vice-Principal is Dr. Rod Nicholls. An open search for a permanent Vice-Principal will be conducted over the next several months and it is expected to have this person in place by July 1, 2011.
- He, along with Vice-President, Student Services, A. Manley, and Special Assistant to the Vice-President (Academic and Research), Dr. Léandre Desjardins, attended a Strategic Management Enrollment meeting in Halifax.

Dr. Bailey referred to two documents circulated with the agenda package - the Proposed Policy and Procedure for Appointment of Adjunct Faculty Members and the Proposed Criteria and Procedures for the Emeritus Honorific. He asked Senate for direction regarding the disposition of the documents.

### **Motion**

**It was moved** by A. Britten, seconded by R. Bailey to refer both documents to the Planning and Priorities committee for comment.

**Motion carried.**

Dr. Bailey responded to an inquiry regarding what impact, if any, the change of the name of the School of Arts and Community Studies to School of Arts and Social Studies will have on programming, noting that it will have no effect.

### **5.3 Students' Union Report**

Outgoing President, R. McCarthy, thanked members of Senate for their support of the Students' Union activities during his term.

The Chair, on behalf of Senate, thanked Ricky and his team for the great work they did this past year.

## **6. Question Period – N/A**

**7. Approval of Minutes**

**Motion**

**It was moved** by G. D'Cunha, seconded by A. Manley, approval of the March 26, 2010 minutes.

**Motion carried.** Abstentions: 7

**8. Business arising from the minutes – N/A**

**9. Report of the Executive Committee**

A. Fraser reported the Committee met on April 16<sup>th</sup> and discussion took place on the following:

- the electronic distribution of the graduands' list
- Academic committee's discussion on the procedure for not just course proposals but also revised documents regarding same.
- the two proposals addressed earlier by the Vice-President (Academic & Research) in his report.
- a template and policy for a syllabus or syllabi
- a procedure for the dissemination of information from Senate to the appropriate university community members.

P. MacIntyre reported the luncheon hosted by the Vice-President Academic & Research for the Senate Executive, committee chairs and the outgoing and incoming student representatives on Senate, was very informative for the new student representatives.

In response to a request regarding the new Students' Union representatives on the various Senate committees, the Recording Secretary will request this information from Allison Haley, the in-coming Students' Union President, and advise the committee chairs accordingly.

**10. Reports of Other Committees of Senate**

- (a) **Academic Committee** – G. Lee-Dadswell, on behalf of the Chair, referred to the report circulated with the agenda package.

**1. Name change of Celtic Studies program to *Celtic Culture***

**Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by L. Marshall that Senate approve the name change of Celtic Studies program to Celtic Culture.

**Motion carried.**

**2. Elective requirement for BET – Electronics and Controls**

**Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by A. Britten that Senate approve the following motion:

"The Engineering Department recognizes the major career options available to our Bachelor of Technology (Electronics and Controls) degree program graduates and wishes to foster these more effectively within the Program. This objective can be realized by requiring students in the Bachelor of Technology (Electronics and Controls) degree program to select any one of the following to satisfy 3 credits of course work in the program"

Math 122 Differential and Integral Calculus II Credits: 3 Prerequisite: Math 112 or 121  
BUSS 281 Calculus for Business Credits: 3 No Prerequisite  
ENGL 253 Fluid Mechanics Credits: 3 No Prerequisite

**Motion carried.** Nays: 1

### **3. ENGL 3xx: Medieval Drama**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by M. Silverberg that Senate approve the new course ENGL 3xx: Medieval Drama.

**Motion carried.**

### **4. ENGL 3xx: Young Adult Fiction**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by M. Silverberg that Senate approve the new course ENGL 3xx: Young Adult Fiction.

**Motion carried.**

### **5. ETHM 2xx: Celtic Dance**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by D. Johnson that Senate approve the new course ETHM 2xx: Celtic Dance.

#### **Motion**

**It was moved** by R. Nicholls, seconded by J. MacKinnon that Senate approve "the exclusion of CELT/ETHM/FOLK/HERT 320: Traditional & Celtic Dance" be added to the new course proposal for ETHM 2xx: Celtic Dance.

**Motion carried.**

Call for the question on the main motion – ETHM 2xx: Celtic Dance

**Motion carried.**

### **6. GWST 1xx: Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by R. Nicholls that Senate approve the new course GWST 1xx: Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies.

**Motion carried.** Abstention: 1

### **7. MATH 4xx: Partial Differential Equations**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by G. D'Cunha that Senate approve the new course MATH 4xx: Partial Differential Equations.

**Motion carried.**

### **8. PSYC 3xx: Community Psychology**

#### **Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by G. Carre that Senate approve the new course PSYC 3xx: Community Psychology.

**Motion carried.**

## **9. RELS 2xx: Cults and New Religious Movements**

### **Motion**

**It was moved** by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by R. Nicholls that Senate approve the new course RELS 2xx: Cults and New Religious Movements.

**Motion carried.**   Nays: 1

- (b) **Bylaws and Procedures Committee** – Chair, T. Urbaniak gave a verbal report. He commented the Committee is examining the responsibilities and the concerns regarding the workload of the Academic committee. On the matter of streamlining the degree, diploma and certificate committees, he noted a preliminary recommendation has been formulated, however not yet put into legal language, and the issue will be re-visited at the next scheduled committee meeting. He commented that feedback on these issues would be welcomed.
- (c) **Nominating committee** – Chair, C. Taylor, noted there is no report for this meeting.
- (d) **Planning & Priorities** – Chair, C. Pyne, gave a verbal report. He commented that P & P had one meeting with the four School representatives on the Budget Advisory committee. He also advised that the committee, at its' last meeting, reviewed the draft document relating to the Unama'ki College at CBU.

Dr. Urbaniak expressed his concerns regarding the Budget Advisory process and in particular his concern that academic planning is not driving budget planning.

- (e) **Quality Assurance**, Chair, W. Wadden, noted there was no report for this meeting.
- (f) **Research**, Chair, G. Carre referred to the document circulated electronically announcing the RP grants. The Chair noted that the Research Assistance committee is currently reviewing the criteria/process for the awarding of the grants and encouraged Senators to inform the Research Committee of any concerns they have regarding the process.
- (g) **Teaching, Learning, and Evaluation** – Chair, M. Biernstiel referred to the report circulated with the agenda package.

He noted the following deletions/additions to the CBU Policy on the Use of Recordings of Course Presentations:

- 1) Section 2. Distribution of Recordings of Course Presentations, 4<sup>th</sup> line, remove the word 'presentation'.
- 2) Under item iii, last line insert the word "Accessibility" to read 'the Jennifer Keeping Accessibility Centre'

### **Motion**

**It was moved** by M. Bierenstiel, seconded by M. Silverberg that Senate adopt the CBU Policy on the Use of Recordings of Course Presentations.

On the question: A lengthy discussion followed. Questions/concerns were raised regarding whether or not this policy affects or applies to note-takers for the Jennifer Keeping Accessibility Centre; clarification of the term 'course presentation' and whether the policy is 'appended' to or 'attached' to the CBU Teaching Policy document; concerns

regarding the quality of the notes; misinterpretation of the lecture material and the dissemination of that misinterpreted information; intellectual property rights; and the ability to enforce this policy.

The Chair noted there was a good discussion regarding the issue. He advised that if members were not ready to approve the policy, the best course of action would be to make a motion to refer it back to the Teaching, Learning and Evaluation committee for further examination and comment. However, if members were ready to approve it, he would call for the question.

**Motion**

**It was moved** by M. Silverberg, seconded by E. LeBlanc to refer the document back to the Committee for further examination and comment.

**Motion carried.**

On a point of order, the Chair declared the meeting had lost quorum and was therefore adjourned (3:40 pm).

  
Patricia Morrison, Acting Secretary