

Senate Minutes

December 17, 2010
Senate Chamber

Chair, P. MacIntyre, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. He welcomed Stephen MacIsaac, Students' Union representative, to Senate. Stephen is replacing Kristen MacNeil.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present: Robert Bailey, Allen Britten, Keith Brown, Philip Campbell, Robert Campbell, Patrick DeLamirande, Bernard Mulo Farenkia, Maureen Finlayson, Allan Fraser, Louis Guimond, President John Harker, Jennifer Howarth, Adam Jamieson, Diane Janes, David Johnson, Mary Keating, Geoffrey Lee-Dadswell, Peter MacIntyre, Gordon MacInnis, Stephen MacIsaac, John MacKinnon, Alexis Manley, Lindsay Marshall, David McCorquodale, Carl Mercer, Patricia Morrison, Rod Nicholls, James Preen, Joanne Pyke, Ron Rooth, Michael Tanchak, Claudette Taylor, Tom Urbaniak, Tuma Young

Regrets: Stephanie Bagnell, Matthias Bierenstiel, Lynn Crawford, Tim Damon, Allison Haley, Dale Keefe, Brian MacMillan, Steve Martell, Coleen Moore Hayes, Willena Nemeth, Joe Parish, Eileen Smith-Piovesan, Wendy Wadden

Absent: Karen Harroun, Princely Ifinedo, Andrew Mortimer

The Secretary declared a quorum present.

The Chair noted that Maureen Finlayson is assuming the duties of Secretary for this meeting.

2. Matters to be considered in closed session – N/A

3. Matters forwarded for information – N/A

4. Special Presentations – N/A

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

President Harker commented that issues relating to university operating funding and preparations for the upcoming MOU negotiations with the province have been a priority. A considerable amount of his time has been spent in meetings dealing with those matters. He noted that Rick Williams, Deputy Minister, Planning & Priorities Department, and Wayne Doggett, Department of Education, has been meeting with university presidents discussing cost cutting issues and special circumstances relating to each university.

President Harker also informed Senate that tenders for the Library renovation will close today.

Dr. Bailey gave a verbal report; highlights included:

- He attended an Association of Universities & Colleges Canada (AUCC) workshop on Academic Freedom.
- The Graduate Program Development Committee has met and is focusing on a couple of items: 1) The graduate programs that are almost ready for progress through Senate's Academic Committee and other processes here and then on to MPHEC, hopefully for the launch of one or two other programs in the Fall of 2012; and 2) Looking at the structure needed within the School of Graduate and Professional Studies for the management of graduate programs at CBU since, other than the MBA program, it is a new entity at this institution.
- Rekindling the launch of the Vice-President Academic Research Seminar series in the new year.
- The search for the Dean of the School of Graduate and Professional Studies has progressed. There are about 12 applicants and the Search Committee is meeting the first week of January to develop a short list from those applicants. It is anticipated that the interviews for the position will be held in January/February.
- The Academic planning exercise is progressing with the goal of a mid-January release of the **draft** academic plan. The document will be tabled at the February Senate meeting.

6. Question Period

Question # 1:

1. Would the Vice-President, Student Services and Registrar, please inform the Senate as to the status of CBU's initiatives to gain participation and coverage in *The Globe and Mail* Canadian University Report? How close did we come last year to gaining the required number of survey submissions? And what activities will be undertaken this year to secure our participation and ranking in next year's Report? What assistance can faculty give to this cause?

President Harker commented that this question relates as much to students as it does to administration and faculty. He noted that it is an issue in which the entire University community has a role to play.

Vice-President Alexis Manley responded to the question indicating there is a threshold of voluntary student participation that has to be met in order to have answers incorporated into the *The Globe and Mail* Canadian University Report. She noted that this response rate was set at 230 responses; CBU had 159 student responses even though a proactive approach was taken last year to encourage the students to participate in the surveys. She also noted that this year CBU will participate in three surveys; The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), the Canadian University Survey Consortium (CUSC) and the *Globe & Mail* Canadian University Report. She informed Senate of a major initiative to encourage student participation in the surveys which involves the setting up of information areas in the cafeteria and Harriss Hall along with giving incentives and prizes for those completing the surveys. She reinforced the notion that by conveying to students on a regular basis how important the surveys are to CBU might encourage them to participate. She also encouraged faculty to make announcements in their classes regarding the importance of the survey and suggested that perhaps 5 – 10 minutes of class time could be used to complete the survey.

G. MacInnis commented that as universities go forward with the province in negotiating the next MOU, there will be a focus on performance indicators and that the NSSE survey seems to be frequently mentioned.

It was also noted that in the past when CBU was successful and got enough students to participate, we did extremely well across all indicators. It was a very strong result for CBU.

Question # 2:

2. What are the academic implications of the decision to stop offering the BTI on-campus at CBU? What computer-related courses will remain at CBU? Does this decision affect the ability to offer the BBA or the program in Cairo? Has the Planning & Priorities Committee or the Academic Committee considered issues that might arise from this decision?

President Harker deferred to Dr. Robert Bailey for response.

Dr. Bailey responded to the question indicating that after this year, CBU will no longer offer Information Technology courses having suspended the Bachelor of Information Technology program. He noted the computer-related courses remaining at CBU are BUSS 181 and BUSS 284 and several math courses which include substantial or entirely computer activities. He also noted that the decision to stop offering the BTI on the CBU campus does not affect the ability to offer the BBA or the BTI program in Cairo. On the question of whether Senate's Planning & Priorities Committee or the Academic Committee had considered issues that might arise from this decision, he commented that he was not aware that either of the committees considered, before the suspension or after it, any of the issues arising from the decision.

A lengthy and in-depth discussion ensued regarding the role of Senate and its committees in this matter. Questions were raised regarding layoff implications resulting from the decision.

Motion:

It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by T. Urbaniak, that the Planning & Priorities Committee consider the implications of the decision to stop offering the Bachelor of Information Technology at CBU campus (and report back to Senate).

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Approval of Minutes

November 19, 2010 – It was moved by J. Howarth, seconded by A. Manley approval of the November 19 meeting minutes. A minor editorial change was noted – a correction to the spelling of Mike Tanchak's name on page 2 of the minutes.

Motion carried. Abstentions: 1

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

T. Urbaniak noted a correction to his Board of Governors' report given at the November Senate meeting. He pointed out that the amendments to the University's pension plan were 'deferred' and not 'approved' as he stated. They were deferred to allow for further consultations. He noted that they were also not approved at the December meeting and so they remain on the table.

9. Report of the Executive Committee

Vice-Chair, A. Fraser, reported the Executive Committee met on December 3rd to set the agenda for today's meeting. Highlights included:

- Some discussion regarding the nature and composition of the questions for question period.
- The topic of digital Senate was raised once again.

- A question was raised as to whether or not committee agendas and minutes should be posted on a website.
- Discussion regarding whether or not the departmental reports regarding academic planning would be coming to, or have already been discussed by, the Planning & Priorities Committee.

10. Reports of Other Committees

- (a) Academic - Chair, G.Lee-Dadswell, referred to the report circulated with the agenda package.

Items for Information:

1. AN/S or ANTH or SOCO 490 – Senior Thesis in Anthropology and/or Sociology: change to prerequisites.
2. AN/S or ANTH or SOCO 495 – Directed Independent Project Proposal, Senior Level: change to prerequisites.
3. PSYCH 365 (formerly 265) – Human Sexuality: change to numbering and prerequisites. Note that this is a reversion to the previous numbering and prerequisites. The course was never offered under the 265 numbering.
4. MATH 321 – Physical applications of Mathematics: cross listing.

Recommendations:

1. New course: BUSS 3XX: Operations Management

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by D. Janes, that Senate approve the new course BUSS 3XX: Operations Management.

Motion carried.

2. New course: PSYC 3XX: Qualitative Methods in Psychology

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by D. McCorquodale, that Senate approve the new course PSYC 3XX: Qualitative Methods in Psychology.

Motion carried.

3. New Options for MBA – Community Economic Development program

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by D. Janes, that Senate approve the new options for MBA – Community Economic Development program.

Motion carried.

4. Changes to the Bachelor of Science Core

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by A. Britten, that Senate approve the changes to the Bachelor of Science core as presented.

Motion carried.

5. New program: BBA with Major in Marketing

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by J. MacKinnon, that Senate approve the new program – BBA with Major in marketing. **Motion carried.**

6. Calendar of Events for 2011-2013

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by A. Manley, that Senate approve the Calendar of Events for 2011-2013.

Motion carried. Abstentions: 1

7. Change to policy regarding Academic Calendar updates

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by A. Manley, that Senate approve the change to policy regarding Academic calendar updates.

Motion carried.

- (b) Bylaws and Procedures – no formal report at this meeting.
- (c) Nominating – Chair, C. Taylor, informed Senate there is a vacancy on the Budget Advisory Committee for a representative from the Shannon School of Business.
- (d) Planning & Priorities – Chair, A. Fraser, reported there is a meeting schedule for the following week.
- (e) Quality Assurance – the Committee has not yet met.
- (f) Research – Chair, D. McCorquodale, referred to report circulated with the agenda package.

Motion:

It was moved by D. McCorquodale, seconded by T. Young, that Senate approve the following slate of nominees for the Research Appeals Board.

	<u>Committee member</u>	<u>Alternate member</u>
Student	Marybeth MacDonald	Paula Leblanc
Non-animal user	Mike Tanchak	James Preen
Expertise in ethics	Scott Stewart	Rod Nicholls
Community	Rhoda McCormick	David Harris
REB/ACC experience	David McCorquodale	Geoff Carre

Motion carried.

- (g) Teaching, Learning & Evaluation – P. Morrison, on behalf of the Chair, reported there is no formal report for this meeting. She informed Senate that Eileen Piovesan, Coordinator, Quality Assurance/Teaching & Learning, has returned to work.

11. Additional Business

11.1 Board of Governors' Report

T. Urbaniak reported that the Board met on December 3. Highlights included:

- The Board and Senate Executive Committee members attended a retreat on November 22 to discuss the O'Neill Report.
- The Board was informed that Mr. Jim Irving had contributed \$500,000 to the CSEE fundraising initiative.

- There was some discussion on the \$1 M renovation of the Library; completion date is expected to be August 2011.
- The financial report revealed no surprises for anomalies. It was noted that tuition foreign differential fee revenues are currently expected to exceed budget by approximately \$700,000.
- Wording changes to the CBU pension plan did not come forward for a final vote at this meeting. It is anticipated this will take place at the Board's March meeting.
- Changes were approved to the investment structure. These changes looked at optimizing rates of return, ensuring lower management fees and accommodating individuals who prefer a simple, straight forward investment solution as well as those who would prefer a little bit more flexibility.

A question was raised as to whether the Board had approved the proposed change to the composition of Senate to include representation from Unama'ki College. It was noted that this request had not yet come before the Board. The Chair indicated that he has recently written a letter of behalf of Senate to the Chair of the Board of Governors, proposing the change.

11.2 Students' Union Report

Vice-President, A. Jamieson, gave a verbal report. Highlights included:

- Operation Red Nose has been very busy; approximately \$1,200 was raised.
- The Homeless campaign was held on December 1.
- Stephen MacIsaac, Students' Union Goodwill Coordinator, is replacing Kristen MacNeil on Senate.
- The second semester events planning is well underway.
- Philip Campbell reported that the SRC is now fully staffed. The Chair of SRC is Brittany Kerr, who is observing today's meeting, Stephanie Bagnell is the Deputy-Chair, and Liz Whiting is the Secretary.

12. Confidential Business – N/A

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

The next Senate meeting will be held February 11, 2011.


Maureen Finlayson, Acting Secretary