

Senate Minutes

February 11, 2011
Senate Chamber

Chair, P. MacIntyre, called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

The Chair acknowledged the presence of Mr. Don Hamilton, Manager, Financial Compliance & Ancillary Operations, who is attending today's meeting in conjunction with the Research and Finance Office presentation.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present: Stephanie Bagnell, Robert Bailey, Keith Brown, Philip Campbell, Robert Campbell, Tim Damon, Bernard Mulo Farenkia, Maureen Finlayson, Louis Guimond, Allison Haley, President John Harker, Jennifer Howarth, Princely Ifinedo, Adam Jamieson, David Johnson, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Geoffrey Lee-Dadswell, Peter MacIntyre, Stephen MacIsaac, Gordon MacInnis, Brian MacMillan, Alexis Manley, David McCorquodale, Carl Mercer, Coleen Moore Hayes, Rod Nicholls, James Preen, Joanne Pyke, Ron Rooth, Eileen Smith-Piovesan, Claudette Taylor, Tom Urbaniak, Wendy Wadden, Tuma Young

Regrets: Matthias Bierenstiel, Allen Britten, Lynn Crawford, Patrick DeLamirande, Allan Fraser, Karen Harroun, Diane Janes, John MacKinnon, Steve Martell, Patricia Morrison, Wilena Nemeth, Michael Tanchak

Absent: Lindsay Marshall, Andrew Mortimer, Joe Parish

The Secretary declared a quorum present.

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

3. Matters forwarded for information:

3.1 The June Senate meeting has been re-scheduled to **Friday, June 17th**; the Senate Executive Committee will meet on Friday, June 3.

3.2 The new nomination form for the Instructional Leadership Award was included with the agenda package.

4. Special Presentations

4.1 Dr. Dale Keefe, Dean of Research, gave a brief presentation regarding the changes taking place to the mandate and structure of the Research Office and how those changes relate to Graduate Studies and the Finance Office.

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

President Harker gave a verbal report; highlights included:

- A message from Madgy El Kady, President, Canadian International College in Cairo, regarding the events in Egypt:

"You will never imagine the joy and cheering on the streets, the people are happy as never before and they feel that Egypt is now going to be a safe, democratic, and promising country. CIC has better chances now than before the 25th of January and we will be in a better situation in the long term once we recover from these 18 days."
- He indicated his intention to ask the CBU Students' Union President to meet with the students at CIC in Cairo to discuss the impact of recent events and how these have affected their perceptions and their education.
- On a recent trip to China he met with senior government officials discussing among other items the problems of urbanization and the possibility of teaching CBU's MBA(CED) in partnership with China's university.

A. Manley briefed Senate on the three CBU sanctioned student surveys; the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSEE), the Canadian University Survey Consortium (CUSC), and the *Globe and Mail* Canadian University Report. She noted there is a committee, comprised of representatives from Students' Services, Communications, President's Office, Computer Services, faculty and staff, who meet regularly to develop strategies and promotional incentives to encourage student participation in the surveys.

Dr. Bailey gave a verbal report; highlights included:

- A revised Calendar of Events – Important Dates for 2011 – 2013 was circulated. In the Fall of 2012, both Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day fall on a Monday and as it has been the custom at CBU that the term will end on a Monday, the change was necessary to catch that lost Monday before the end of the term.
- He commented that the recently cancelled search for the Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies is for financial reasons and is not a reflection of the quality of the candidates that came forward. He noted that it is very common that the Dean of Research also serves as the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies.
- He introduced the Academic Plan for 2011-2012 which is being tabled at Senate today. He noted that due to the length of the document, approximately 200 pages, an electronic copy will be accessible on the CBU website later this afternoon.

On the question of speculation regarding the forthcoming provincial budget, Vice-President Academic & Provost, Dr. Bailey, responded that he didn't feel that the Academic Plan needed to be re-visited for that particular reason. However, the Academic Plan will be referred to various Senate committees for comment and if they feel that reality somehow affects their view of the recommendations of the Plan, then those comments will be brought back to Senate.

On the question of whether the Graduate Program Development Committee has been working with the committees, who for the past few years have been working on specific new graduate programs to grow the University, Dr. Bailey commented that yes it has and he will be bringing forward a proposal to establish a standing committee of Senate regarding graduate programs.

6. Question Period - N/A

7. Approval of Minutes

December 17, 2010 – It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by T. Urbaniak, approval of the December 17, 2010 minutes of the meeting as corrected. It was noted that Tim Damon was not at the December 17th meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 3

8. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

9. Report of the Executive Committee

The Chair reported the Executive Committee met on January 28 to review the agenda items for today's meeting.

10. Reports of Other Committees

- (a) Academic - Chair, G. Lee-Dadswell, referred to the report circulated with the agenda package. Only two items of note:

Recommendations:

1. Modification to programs: B.Sc. Math

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by J. Preen, that Senate approve the modification to the B.Sc. Math programs.

Motion carried.

2. Change to Academic Policy: Elimination of the Scholarly Improvement Policy

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by A. Manley, that Senate approve the elimination of the Scholarly Improvement Policy and to remove it from the Academic Calendar.

Motion carried.

- (b) Bylaws and Procedures – Chair, T. Urbaniak, referred to the report circulated with the agenda package.

Recommendation:

Motion:

It was moved by T. Urbaniak, seconded by P. Ifinedo, that Senate approve the

recommendation that the duty of the Academic Committee to make recommendations to Senate on the following matter be transferred to the Planning and Priorities Committee:

xii. affiliation and articulation agreements and arrangements with other educational institutions and professional bodies where such agreements and arrangements deviate from the existing policies of the University or the Senate-approved framework for such agreements and arrangements.

Motion carried.

- (c) Nominating – Chair, C. Taylor, informed Senate there is a vacancy on the Research Committee and that the Nominating Committee is actively seeking a member from the School of Arts & Social Sciences to sit on that committee. She also noted that Jason Stevens is the representative from the Shannon School of Business on the Budget Advisory Committee.

A point of clarification was noted indicating that the vacancy did not have to be filled with a representative from the School of Arts & Social Sciences. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the composition of the standing committees of Senate. Concerns/questions were raised regarding equal representation from all schools on the various Senate committees and how the departments, previously under the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, would have representation on those committees. The discussion resulted in the following motion coming forward.

Motion:

It was moved by R. Bailey, seconded by J. Howarth, to refer the question of 'diversity of nominees to Senate committees' to the Bylaws and Procedures Committee for examination and comment.

Motion carried.

Discussion then focused on 'ex-officio' committee membership.

Motion:

It was moved by R. Bailey, seconded by M. Keating, that the Bylaws and Procedures Committee examine the entire membership of the Standing Committees of Senate including ex-officio membership as well as the sub-committees of Senate.

Motion carried.

- (d) Planning & Priorities – In the absence of the Committee Chair, Committee member, P. Campbell, reported that the committee met on December 22. Items discussed at the meeting included the terms of reference for Planning & Priorities and issues relating to the suspension of the BTI program. He noted there were no recommendations coming forward at this time.

A suggestion was made that the Executive Committee, at its next meeting, discuss whether there is need for a further examination of the Planning & Priorities Committee with regards to its terms of reference, the composition of the Committee, the way its mandate is defined and the tasks given to P & P.

Discussion then turned to the Academic Plan 2011- 2012, tabled at today's meeting, with respect to which committees of Senate should review the document and report back to Senate.

Motion:

It was moved by G. MacInnis, seconded by J. Howarth, to refer the Academic Plan to the committees of Senate.

Motion carried. Abstention: 1

It was also suggested that at the Executive Committee meeting scheduled for March 11, each committee chair would give a preliminary statement about what that committee is doing with the document regarding what follow-up they envision.

- (e) Quality Assurance – Chair, W. Wadden, commented that the report has been circulated with the agenda package.
- (f) Research – Chair, D. McCorquodale, referred to the report circulated with the agenda package. He encouraged faculty to participate in the Research Assessment Committee's consultations with academic departments regarding suggested changes to the guidelines for internal research (RP) grants. Those recommended changes will be reviewed by the Research Committee and then brought to Senate.

He also referred to the two page document, 'Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) and Canada Research Chairs (CRC) Strategic Research Plan' circulated at the meeting. The document outlines what the Research Office is trying to accomplish and what they are required to accomplish.

- (g) Teaching, Learning & Evaluation – Committee member, Rod Nicholls, on behalf of the Committee, referred to the report circulated with the agenda package.

Motion:

It was moved by R. Nicholls, seconded by G. Lee-Dadswell, that Senate approve the CBU Policy for Standard Student Course Evaluation.

Motion carried.

11. Additional Business

11.2 Students' Union Report

President, A. Haley, addressed the matter of a recent interview she did with CBC radio regarding the tuition increase announced by Education Minister, Marilyn More. She apologized for her comments indicating that they were not in the best interest of the students, the Students' Union Executive, and CBU administration. She announced that two information sessions will be held in the coming week to communicate the message that should have been delivered during the interview.

She referred to the Students' Union report circulated with the agenda package. Highlights included:

- Nominations have closed for the upcoming Students' Union elections. There are 10 candidates running; President - 2 candidates; Vice-President Academic - 1 candidate, SRC representatives - School of Business - 3 candidates, School of Science & Technology - 1 candidate, School of Graduate & Professional Studies - 1 candidate, Off-campus - 1 candidate and one Aboriginal SRC candidate. The polling days will be Wednesday and Thursday, February 16th & 17th.
- January was a busy month for events including a frosh week for new and returning students and the 2nd Annual Healthy Living week. Upcoming events include the "Love Africa" week.
- Informational item, Adam Jamieson is looking into ways that the Students' Union can better engage first year and Aboriginal students and the Students' Union are going to be working with Students Services in administering focus groups to find out about what events students like/dislike on campus.

12. Confidential Business – N/A

13. Other

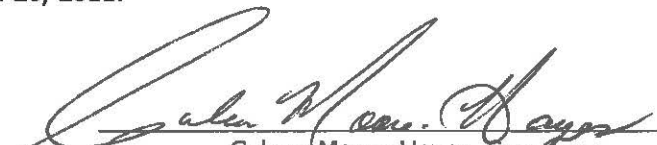
The Chair announced that he just received a note from President Harker, received electronically, and with Senate's permission, he shared the message.

"I've just been informed by Dr. Madgy El Kady that for the past 18 days and up until just a few minutes ago, some 150 CIC students and staff were active in Tahrir Square, tasked with organizing the protesters for safe withdrawal in the event of police or army attack against them. No doubt they are now partying like good CBU students. I thought you'd like to know."

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:29 pm.

The next Senate meeting will be held March 26, 2011.



Coleen Moore Hayes, Secretary