

Senate Minutes

May 6, 2011
Senate Chamber

Vice Chair, A. Fraser welcomed new Senators representing the Students' Union – Billy Crowley, SU President; Justin Roper, SU VP Academic; Brittany Kerr, SU Finance & Operations; Matt Oakley, SU VP Student Life; Lucy MacDonald, Bhreigh Gillis, and returning SU representatives Adam Jamieson, Stephen McIsaac, and Brian MacMillan.

Meeting called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present: Robert Bailey, Allen Britten, Keith Brown, Lynn Crawford, Billy Crowley, Patrick Delamirade, Bernard Mulo Farenkia, Allan Fraser, Bhreigh Gillis, Louis Guimond, Karen Harroun, Princely Ifinedo, Adam Jamieson, Diane Janes, David Johnson, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Brittany Kerr, Geoffrey Lee-Dadswell, Lucy MacDonald, Stephen McIsaac, Gordon MacInnis, John MacKinnon, Alexis Manley, Lindsay Marshall, David McCorquodale, Carl Mercer, Willena Nemeth, Rod Nicholls, Matthew Oakley, Joe Parish, Assessor Eileen Smith-Piovesan, James Preen, Joanne Pyke, Ron Rooth, Justin Roper, Michael Tanchak, Tom Urbaniak, Tuma Young, Wendy Wadden

Regrets: Matthias Bierenstiel; President John Harker, Peter MacIntyre, Brian MacMillan, Coleen Moore-Hayes, Claudette Taylor, Assessor Robert Campbell

Absent: Maureen Finlayson, Steve Martell

The Secretary declared a quorum present.

2 Matters to be consider in Closed Session

Motion

It was moved by M. Tanchak, seconded by T. Urbaniak, 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 observers or visitors were asked to leave the room.

Following the discussions in Closed Session, the meeting moved back into open session.

3 Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

4 Special Presentations – N/A

5 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Provost

Vice-President Bailey reported on the following:

- The annual budget was approved by the Board of Governors at its April meeting. The Academic Plan 2012 is already underway and will be a somewhat different structure than the 2011 plan mainly in that it will be divided into two parts; academic programming and items around that including the subpopulations that are in our various academic programs, capacity for academic programs, recruitment and retention of students in those programs; and 2) the other part will be concerned with research across the institution.
- The external review of the Bachelor of Health Science (Public Health) program is underway. The two external reviewers, who were on campus this week, commented on how very impressed they were with the meetings they had with faculty, staff, students and employers around that program.
- The selection process of hiring a new Dean of Science & Technology is ongoing. The two candidates are Adango Mladonye and David McCorquodale. Those who attended the public presentations are encouraged forward to their comments to the Vice-President Academic & Provost so that they can be considered at the search committee's next meeting.
- Dr. Allen Britten, present Dean of Science & Technology, was recognized for his tremendous work and dedication over the past years.

G. MacInnis reported, on behalf of President Harker, that the provincial MOU process has commenced. The Government is expecting to conclude the process by December. Mr. MacInnis also noted that the 4% reduction in the provincial operating grant to universities this year didn't impact CBU as greatly as other institutions. This is primarily due to the budget planning exercise undertaken at CBU in 2008.

6 Question Period - N/A

7 Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2011

Motion:

It was moved by D. Janes, seconded by J. MacKinnon, approval of the Minutes of the March 25, 2011 meeting with the correction of a spelling error – page 6, 'Ifindeo' should read 'Infinedo'.

Motion carried. Abstentions: 3

8. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

9 Report of the Executive Committee

Dr. Bailey reported that the Executive committee met on April 21. The In-coming Students' Union President, Billy Crowley, attended the meeting as a 'visitor' as his term commenced May 1. The discussion focused on the strategic research plan which will be presented to Senate at the June meeting.

10 Reports of Other Committees of Senate

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

Recommendations:

1. FOLK 2XXX: Material Culture

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by D. Janes, that Senate approve the new course FOLK 2XXX: Material Culture. **Motion carried.**

2. COMM 3XXX: Canadian Communications Policy and Regulation

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by B. Crowley, that Senate approve the new course COMM 2XXX: Canadian Communications Policy and Regulation. **Motion carried.**

3. FRNC 2XXX: Practical and Theoretical Phonetics

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by J. Roper, that Senate approve the new course FRNC 2XXX: Practical and Theoretical Phonetics. **Motion carried.**

4. FRNC 2XXX: Acadian Language and Culture

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by K. Brown, that Senate approve the new course FRNC 2XXX: Acadian Language and Culture. **Motion carried.**

5. FRNC 3XXX: Language and Culture in the Francophone World

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by B. Mulo Farenkia, that Senate approve the new course FRNC 3XXX: Language and Culture in the Francophone World. **Motion carried.**

6. FRNC 3XXX: Cross Cultural Pragmatics

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by K. Brown, that Senate approve the new course FRNC 3XXX: Cross Cultural Pragmatics. **Motion carried.**

It was noted that the calendar description for the four French courses would indicate that the courses are being taught in French.

7. ETHM 3XXX: Special Topics

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by J. Roper, that Senate approve the new course ETHM 3XXX: Special Topics.

On the question: Discussion focused on the merits of offering this course as a three-credit or a six-credit course. The motion was restated to read:

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by R. Bailey, that Senate approve a six-credit new

course ETHM 3XXX: Special Topics. **Motion carried.**

8. ETHM 3XXX: Independent Study

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by M. Oakley, that Senate approve a three-credit new course ETHM 3XXX: Independent Study. **Motion carried.**

9. The Vice President Academic's 10 page summary in the Academic Plan is the only part of the plan that should be posted on the public internet. The full document should be available only within the CBU community.

Motion:

It was moved by G. Lee-Dadswell, seconded by P. DeLamirade, that Senate approve the motion to post only the Vice-President's ten page summary in the Academic Plan on the public Internet.

On the question: An in-depth discussion ensued on this matter. Opinions were expressed regarding the posting of the complete document on CBU's website. It was also noted that the 10 page document that is currently on the website should not be labeled as a summary because it is not a summary of the whole document.

Motion defeated. Abstentions: 5

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

1. Composition of Committees

Motion:

It was moved by T. Urbaniak, seconded by D. McCorquodale, that Senate approve the following amendment to the Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of Senate.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of Senate be amended by inserting the following words to the end of sections 18, 26, 32, 35, 38, 42, and 64: "There shall be at least one faculty member from each School."

AND FURTHER THAT section 42 be amended by striking the words "Chair of the Research Ethics Committee" and "Chair of the Animal Care Committee."

AND FURTHER THAT section 28 be amended by inserting the words "and shall have regard to the balance of faculty representation by School" to the end of subsection (i).

It was noted that the above noted changes would be effective July 1, 2011.

On the question: A question arose regarding representation from Unama'ki College on the Research Committee. It was noted that the Board of Governors, at its June meeting, will be considering the proposed amendments to Senate's membership regarding Unama'ki College. It was suggested to vote on the motion as presented and that the Bylaws & Procedures committee would forthwith deal with the question of committee representation for Unama'ki College.

Motion carried. Abstention: 2

2. Planning & Priorities committee – Revisions to the Terms of Reference

Motion:

It was moved by T. Urbaniak, seconded by A. Jamieson, that Senate approve the below noted amendments to the Planning & Priorities Committee's Terms of Reference.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of Senate be amended to refer to the "Planning and Review Committee" where the words "Planning and Priorities Committee" now appear.

AND FURTHER THAT Senate strike section 34 and Insert the following:

34. Duties: The Planning and Review Committee shall:

- review regularly the academic and strategic plan(s) of the University and make recommendations to Senate accordingly;
- i. make recommendations to Senate regarding any studies, proposals, or reports that may have been referred to the committee by Senate or its committees;
- ii. before November 30 of every year, draft a recommendations brief, which, if endorsed by Senate, would become the pre-budget submission of Senate to the President and Board of Governors;
- iii. consider, and report to Senate on, the implications to academic programs of the university budget;
- iv. regularly examine available reports on enrolment data, program and course delivery costs, and other information pertinent to the development, modification, or continuation of established or proposed academic priorities;
- v. after the first year of offering a new course or program, or within two years of Senate approval, whichever is earlier, make comments or recommendations to Senate on issues affecting the delivery of the course or program. Where necessary to ensure an appropriate review is completed, timelines may be extended by the committee, provided that such timelines are reported to Senate.
- vi. review 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.

On the question. Concerns/comments were expressed regarding the directive to review all new courses – how will the committee know when the course is first offered or what program should it review; timelines; and, the view that this activity seems to be a planning and review extension of academic committee. It was noted that these recommendations are an improvement to the current duties.

Motion carried. Nay: 4 Abstentions: 2

3. Department of Nursing Bylaws

Motion:

It was moved by T. Urbanlak, seconded by R. Bailey, that Senate adopt the Department of Nursing Bylaws.

On the question. Concerns were expressed that the clauses in the Bylaws which refer to setting of the department meeting time and the position and duties of the program support person/secretary were confusing. After much discussion, the Committee Chair, T. Urbanlak, suggested that the Bylaws be sent back to the Nursing Department for clarification and amendments.

(c) Nominating committee – A. Fraser, on behalf of the committee chair, reported that the Tributes Committee of the Board of Governors has a vacancy in the Senate appointed, student representative category. The name that has come forward is Justin Roper and he has agreed to sit on that committee.

Motion:

It was moved by R. Bailey, seconded by T. Young, that Senate approve the appointment of Justin Roper to sit on the Tributes Committee. **Motion carried.**

(d) Planning & Priorities – Committee chair, A. Fraser, commented that the suggestions and recommendations put forward by the Bylaws committee will be of help to this committee. He reported there are several items before P & P for review and recommendation, however, the committee has yet to meet.

(e) Quality Assurance – There was no report from this committee.

(f) Research – Committee Chair, D. McCorquodale, referred to the report circulated with the agenda package. He noted there are two informational items.

Internal research grants - twenty-eight projects were funded for a total of \$170,000. Three applicants were awarded tri-council funding and did not take up their successful RP applications - congratulations to Mary Tanya Brann-Barrett and Heather Sparling for their recent SSHRC grants and to Erin Robertson for her NSERC grant. Congratulations are also extended to Ian Brodie on his successful SSHRC grant application.

The successful applicants and their projects:

Baker, Rachel - Learning about Tool Functions and Tool Names in Young Children

Barre, Ed - Blood Plasma enterolactone assay for the flaxseed lignan complex trial in human type 2 diabetics

Beresford, Rod - Evaluation of food, water source, and water column position as potential treatments for MSX Infected oysters

Bierenstiel, Matthias - Nickel and Copper Complexes of N,S-Ligands Containing the ortho-Aminothio-phenol Motif

Carre, Geoff - Social-networking anxiety, a psycho-physiological approach

Christie, Shella - The City's Stories: The Chester Play as Civic Transformation

Covell, Katherine - Project a) Does children's rights education promote educational resilience
Project b) Violence against children 2006-2011. The Impact of the recommendations of the UN Secretary General's Global Study on Violence Against Children

D'Cunha, Godwin - Phenylalanine Ammonia Lyase (PAL) Structure and Function

Glasse, Barb - Monitoring blackbird populations and measuring energetic costs.
Finlayson, Maureen - African Canadian students: an exploration of obstacles, challenges and successful strategies
Johnstone, Harvey - Innovative Initiatives in Venture Finance Emerging from Economically Distressed Environments
MacIntyre, Peter - An Anxiety-Uncertainty Management Theory Perspective on Gender Differences in Dyadic Communication
MacQuarrie, Stephanie - Progress Towards Removing Metal from Catalytic Carbon-Carbon Bond Forming Reactions through the Design of Proline and NHC-based Materials
McCorquodale, David - Are beetles responding to climate change?
Martell, Jaime - Computational Study of the Photodecomposition of Niacin (Vitamin B3)
Mladonye, Adango - Study of light crude oil-alcohol admixtures as diluents for bitumen viscosity reduction
Molloy, Andrew - The Healthy Home: An Accessible Inventory of Practical Renovation and Food Gardening Skills In a Glace Bay Neighbourhood
Mysyk, Avla - Archival Research Into Indigenous Governance in the Town of Huaquechula (Mexico) during New Spain's Colonial Period.
Odarkey-Wellington, Felix - The State, Media, and Post-9/11 Counter - Terrorism Discourse in Canada
Parnaby, Andy - Black Friday and the Parade of Concern: Confronting De-industrialization in Cape Breton
Parish, Joe - Stable Isotope analysis of human remains from the Rochefort Point mass burial site
Pettigrew, Todd - Shakespeare's Physician: The Life and Works of John Cotta
Preen, James - Domination Polynomials for Graphs
Ramji, Ruby - Investigating Religious Diversity (Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus) in Canada amongst Second Generation Immigrant Youth – A Continuation
Rawlings, Tim - Assessing the diversity of digenean parasites in Blacketts Lake using freshwater snails
Reynolds, Andrew - Science and Metaphor: the Case of Cell Communication and Cell Signaling Research
Salazar Vicky - Characterization of sodium channel expression in the electric organ of the gymnotiform fish *Brachyhypopomus gauderio*. I. Ontogenetic changes.
Tanchak, Mike - Amplification, cloning and sequencing of Ha-Brachy 1, Ha-Brachy 2 and Puroindoline homologues from the common oat and other species of the genus *Avena*

Notice of Motion – the Research Committee will be presenting a Strategic Research Plan, required for Canada Research Chair and Canada Foundation for Innovation applications, for approval of Senate at the June 2011 meeting. A draft copy of the document was circulated in the agenda package for review and discussion at today's Senate meeting. It was also noted that a 'town hall' meeting will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2:00 – 4:00 pm and is open to the CBU community who would like to provide input.

(g) Teaching, Learning & Evaluation – The report was circulated with the agenda package. In the absence of the Committee chair, E. Smith-Plovesan, committee member, was available to answer questions should any arise.

11 Additional Business

11.1 Board of Governors report – T. Urbaniak reported the Board met on April 25. The Board approved the University's 2011–2012 budget of \$40.9 million dollars. It was noted that because the Province's funding formula did not go to 100% enrollment based, the 4% across the board reduction left CBU in a position comparable to the position indicated in the CBU 2008 planning document. He also noted that the 2011-2012 budget included the hiring of 11 tenure track faculty positions; six vacated, four converted from term to a one-year position, the layoff of two instructors due to program suspension, hiring of one non-permanent faculty position, hiring of 22 term employees and non-renewal of two term-contract related services formerly provided under contract to the Coast Guard College.

11.2 Students' Union report - President B. Crowley reported:

- A new Administrative Policy and Procedures document was approved.
- A three-day transition retreat was held with the outgoing and the incoming Executive Committee members.
- A strategic action plan for the up-coming year was developed.
- A new initiative, the CBUSU Community Outreach program was developed. Under this program, the Executive Committee can choose a number of charities to donate to for that year and all of the fundraising proceeds for that year falls under the Community Outreach Program. The program will be branded and easily recognized in the community.
- A number of coordinators for the upcoming year were hired.
- B. Crowley and A. Jamieson attended an ANSSA conference.

Stephen McIsaac commented on the Operation Red Nose program. The Students' Union donated the proceeds, \$4,500, from this initiative to the safe grad programs in each of the six high schools in the local area.

12 Confidential Business – N/A

13 Adjournment

The next meeting will be held June 17, 2011.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.



Robert Bailey, Acting Secretary