

# Senate Minutes

June 15, 2012  
Senate Chamber

Chair, P. MacIntyre, called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm.

## 1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

### **Present:**

Robert Bailey, Ed Barre, Keith Brown, Dannie Brown, Jane Connell, Jane Farnsworth, Allan Fraser, Louis Guimond, John Harker, Patrick Howard, Rany Ibrahim, Adam Jamieson, Diane Janes, Mary Keating, Karen Kennedy, Sue Korol, Peter MacIntyre, Craig MacMullin, Alexis Manley, Carl Mercer, David McCorquodale, Bernard Mulo Farenkia, Rod Nicholls, Joe Parish, James Preen, Sheila Profit, Joanne Pyke, Ron Rooth, Mike Tanchak

### **Regrets:**

Hosam Al-Arabi, Bill Bailey, Dennis Currie, Patrick Delamirande, Maureen Finlayson, David Johnson, Dale Keefe, Michelle Lahey, Alana Lawrence, Jessie MacDonald, Mary Suzanne MacEachern, Gordon MacInnis, John MacKinnon, Stewart McCann, Tim Rawlings, Jason Stevens, Robert Campbell

### **Absent:**

Ron McCarron

Chair, P. MacIntyre, declared quorum.

## 2. Matters to be considered in Closed Session

### **MOTION:**

**It was moved** by A. Manley, seconded by A. Fraser, to move into Closed Session for the purpose of approving the CIC graduands and the confidential minutes from the May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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

## 3. Matters Forwarded for Information

For the information of Senate, Vice-President Student Services & Registrar, A. Manley, circulated a memo detailing the additions/moves/deletions to the May, 2012 graduation list.

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

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

### 5.1 Report of the President

As a follow up item, President Harker included a report in the meeting package on his visit to Saudi Arabia. President Harker gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Discussions with Government regarding the MOU continue and it is his belief that further negotiations will not be any less stressed or eased for the universities of Nova Scotia.
- A meeting of all deputy ministers, sponsored by the Cape Breton Partnership, was held in Sydney where a comment was made encouraging Government to force universities and colleges into more active collaboration and to reduce duplications. President Harker does not believe these duplications exist and stressed that we need to showcase and highlight the strengths of CBU.
- The University of Calgary recently began to speak of an MOU with CBU on energy research. This could add value to the agreement previously mentioned centered on this same topic between CBU and the governments of Nova Scotia and Alberta.
- President Harker has agreed to give an address at the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henan Agricultural University (HAU) in China. He hopes his attendance will encourage NAU to join with the VCSEE on cutting-edge scientific research.
- He also encouraged Senate to explore opportunities for faculty to spend short times in foreign universities. He believes this to be the next stage of internationalization and that it ought to be given serious thought and research.
- During the late days of June, university Presidents will meet with key government deputies to discuss what President Harker believes will be issues around the number of people teaching in NS universities.

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

Robert Bailey gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Robert Campbell will be stepping down as Director of Library Services to become a faculty member in the Shannon School of Business.
- Apologies were extended for the delay in results of the course evaluations. There were technical difficulties harmonizing the online and paper evaluations. These difficulties have been rectified and faculty should expect to receive the evaluations within days. Dr. Bailey and Marcy MacKinnon will be working with TLEC in early Fall to ensure the evaluations are smoother in the future.
- Work has begun on the 2013 Academic Plan and all Senators are encouraged to provide input as the process unfolds. Dr. Bailey suggested Senate decide on a meeting date for the Special Meeting to present this plan.
- The search for the new Principal of Unama'ki College continues with interviews and presentations over the next month and Senators are encouraged to engage in this process.
- As his term is coming to an end, Chair, Peter MacIntyre was acknowledged and highly commended for his firm, yet gentle, guidance in Senate and for his dedication as a Senator.

## 6. Question Period – N/A

## 7. Approval of Minutes

**7.1 It was moved** by A. Fraser, seconded by A. Manley, the approval of the minutes from the April 27, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 8

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

**9. Report of the Executive Committee**

M. Keating, on behalf of the Vice-Chair, reported the Executive committee met on June 1<sup>st</sup> to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. Highlights of the meeting included the following:

- The committee met with the search firm working with the Search Committee of the Board of Governors where they suggested Lois Devoe arrange a presentation in the fall to detail the process for Senate.
- As a result of the discussions surrounding the Statistics courses, it was suggested that an ad-hoc committee, consisting of faculty teaching statistics courses be formed to discuss\identify any redundancies that may exist.
- With degree committees no longer being operative, the ripple effects and impacts have been identified as items the Executive must address.

**10. Students' Union Report – N/A**

**11. Reports of Other Committees**

- a) **Academic** – Before presenting the report, Chair, D. Janes thanked the commitment of the Academic Committee during the past year. D. Janes then referred to the report circulated with the meeting package.

**Items for Information:**

1. **Education 4216 - minor description change**
2. **Nursing 3102 - name change**

**Recommendations:**

**1. MATH 2101 Discrete Mathematics**

**MOTION:** It was moved by D. Janes, seconded by J. Preen, to approve MATH 2101 Discrete mathematics as presented. On the question of the prerequisites R. Nicholls replied this discussion did take place during the meeting of the committee. **Motion carried.**

**2. MRKT 4301 and 4302 Marketing Research 1 & 2**

**MOTION:** It was moved by D. Janes, seconded by K. Brown, to approve Marketing Research 1 and 2 as presented. It was noted in the report that a typo - Marketing Research 4303 - should read 4302. **Motion carried.**

3. **PSYC 25xx Foundations of Personality Psychology**
4. **PSYC 35xx Personality Psychology: Tests and Measurements**
5. **PSYC2401 Foundations of Social Psychology**
6. **PSYC2601 Child Development**
7. **PSYC2603 Adolescent and Adult Development**
8. **PSYC3401 Applied Social Psychology**

**9. PSYC4503 Clinical Psychology**  
**10. PSYC36xx Childhood Behavior Disorders**

D. Janes suggested, and Senate agreed, to move the seven psychology courses as an omnibus.

**MOTION: It was moved** by D. Janes, seconded by D. McCorquodale, to approve Foundations of Personality Psychology, Personality Psychology: Tests and Measures, Foundations of Social Psychology, Child Development, Adolescent and Adult Development, Applied Social Psychology, Clinical Psychology and Childhood Behavior Disorders as presented. A. Manley noted that 6 of these courses are the result of splitting 6-credit courses. She also advised that for a short period of time the old numbering will be run as distance delivery in order to allow faculty members time to convert the distances formats and will then those formats will be retired. **Motion carried.**

**11. Nursing 3xxx Introductory Statistics for Nursing and Health Professionals (replacing tabled document)**  
**12. Nursing 3xxx Nursing Research Methods (replacing tabled document)**

D. Janes requested the previous versions of these submissions be removed from the table and replaced with the updated proposals as submitted with the meeting package.

**MOTION: It was moved** by D. Janes, seconded by S. Profit, to approve Introductory Statistics for Nursing and Health Professionals and Nursing Research Methods as presented. **Motion carried.**

- b) Research** – Chair, J. Preen, referred to the report circulated with the meeting package. The Integrity in Research and Scholarship was included for Senators to review over the coming months and bring back any input they may have at the September meeting. Once input has been received, the document will be presented to Senate for endorsement. Any wording in the document will be superseded by any clauses or wording in collective agreements and the committee hopes to address any that may exist prior to it being presented to Senate. On the question of retraining being addressed in the document, J. Preen advised this will be added to the committee discussion.
- c) Nominating** – Chair, A. Fraser reported the committee has met and a partial slate of nominations for the Standing Committees of Senate was presented verbally. The following are the nominations presented:

Executive Committee (all pro-tem)

Chair, David Johnson, Chair, Academic Committee – Diane Janes, Chair, By-Laws & Procedures Committee – Jane Connell, Chair, Nominating Committee – John MacKinnon, Chair, Planning & Review Committee – Mary Keating, Chair, Research Committee – James Preen, Chair, Teaching, Learning and Evaluation Committee – Patrick Howard, Chair, Quality Assurance – Robert Bailey

Academic Committee

Scott Stewart, Derrick Hayes, Alana Lawrence, Adam Jamieson, Nicole Dixon, Diane Janes, Mike Tanchak, Rod Nicholls

By-Laws and Procedures Committee

Eleanor Anderson, Judy Bailey, Barb Glassey, Jane Connell, Tom Urbaniak, Michelle Lahey

Nominating Committee

Dannie Brown, Dennis Currie, John MacKinnon

Planning and Review Committee

Ron McCarron, Sue Korol, Mary Keating, Kyle Smith, Sheila Profit

Quality Assurance Committee

Carl Mercer, Michelle Lahey, David McCorquodale

Research Committee

Doug Lionais, Ed Barre, James Preen, Jessie MacDonald

TLEC

Alana Lawrence, Stewart McCann, Keith Brown, Joanne Pyke, Patrick Howard, David McCorquodale

Appeals Committee

John MacKinnon

Board of Governors Tributes Committee

Michael Tanchak

It was noted that nominations for the remaining committee vacancies would be presented for approval at the September meeting and nominations for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary will take place at this meeting. With no further nominations the slate was declared elected.

d) **P&R** – Chair, M. Keating, reported verbally that the committee continues to work on the template for the memorandum of understanding and affiliation agreements with several processes taking place at the same time. This has led to the development of a needed check list for these processes in relation to the creation of such agreements.

e) **Bylaws** – On behalf of the Chair, J. Connell referred to the report circulated with the meeting package containing the proposed Department of Education Bylaws.

**MOTION: It was moved** by J. Connell, seconded by D. Janes, to approve the proposed by-laws for the Department of Education. On the question of the Dean, it was clarified that part of Dr. Bailey's current position is Dean of Professional Studies. **Motion carried.**

f) **QA** – On behalf of the Chair, D. McCorquodale reported verbally that there are currently two reviews ongoing.

g) **TLEC** – Chair, P. Howard reported verbally that the committee recently met. They continue work on their two fairly large initiatives: Teaching Space and On-line Learning Policy. The requested input from Facilities Management has been received and will be incorporated in to the draft document. The hope is to have both documents ready for further dissemination in the fall. The process has begun to select a CBU representative to send to the AAU Teaching Retreat in New Brunswick.

A full report will be received from the Library to bring to Senate in the fall.

Senate Chair, P. MacIntyre, thanked all committee members for their tremendous amount of work and time dedicated to address the essential work of Senate and the functioning of the University.

**12. Board of Governors Report – N/A**

**13. Confidential Business – N/A**

**14. Adjournment**

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 21, 2012.  
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.



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Ron Rooth, Secretary