

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of Senate  
Held Friday, January 9, 2009  
ITEC Lecture Theatre, Robertson Library, 3:00 p.m.

Present: G. Bradshaw, M. Brinklow-McKnight, D. Buck, K. Critchley, D. Dahn, B. Davetian, J. Douglas, L. Edwards, G. Evans, T. Goddard, R. Herbert, K. Kielly, R. Kurial, C. Lacroix, M. Leggott, A. López, M. Murray, G. MacDonald, B. MacLaine, W. MacLauchlan, C. MacQuarrie, M. O'Halloran, D. Reynolds, K. Schultz, D. Seeler, J. Sentance, M. Shaver, A. Smith, J. Stewart, S. Thomas, A. Trivett, D. Wagner

Regrets: B. Campbell, M. MacAulay, P. McKenna, W. Rankaduwa, D. Sims, J. Velaidum

Absent: M. Doyle, F. Gray, M. Morrison, C. Riley, C. Song

Guests: P. Hooper

**1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as circulated. **Moved** ( R. Kurial/D. Seeler). **Carried.**

**2. Approval of Minutes, December 5, 2008**

**Moved** (D. Seeler/B. Davetian): to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. **Carried.**

**3. Business Arising from Minutes of December 5, 2008**

No business arising from the minutes.

**4. President's Report**

- The Chair advised he was in touch with two of the honorary degree candidates that were nominated as speakers. They both have accepted.
- The winter registration is still unfolding and fluid. The numbers are presently ahead at same date last year. We will be facing the most challenging budget environment in a decade. There will be a budget presentation later in the meeting
- Joanne McCabe was presented the 2008 ASG Staff Achievement Award at the Annual UPEI Christmas Social on December 16, 2008.
- On January 7, 2009, Frances Moore-Lappe, founder of Small Planet Institute gave a lecture on globalization, trade and world hunger, with a focus on the role of women in food production. She was the first speaker in the First International Women's Speaker Series held on campus.
- Maude Barlow, National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and Co-founder of the Blue Planet Project will speak at UPEI on March 5 at 2:30.
- International Development Week - February 1-7, 2009 - There are activities scheduled throughout the week
- First Annual Diversity Week - January 19-24, 2009. There are many activities organized through the week
- January 20, 2009 will be the official opening of the Aboriginal Student Centre under the leadership of Dr. Kim Critchley, Dean of Nursing.
- Signing of AVC Interprovincial Funding Agreement 2006-2011, almost \$110 million. They are presently two and half years into a five year contract
- Number of Provincial announcements of programs - PEI Industry Research Chairs (up to five); Graduate and Post-Doctoral Fellow Program; Premier's Medal for Innovation; Discovery and Development Fund
- Largest ever Tri-Council Funding Grant - Annabel Cohen - MCRI - Collaborative program. It is a seven year contract - 2.4 million in funding. There are up 70 collaborators internationally. This is the first time a submission has been accepted in Eastern Canada

## **5. Reports of Senate Committees**

### **(i) Nominating Committee**

**Moved** (S. Thomas/L. Edwards): that Senate accept the following nominations:

Board-Senate Liaison Committee  
Justin Douglas

Nominating Committee  
Matthew Morrison

Senate Committee on Enhancement of Teaching (SCENT)  
Brienne Hibl  
Sarah Soltermann

Student Discipline Appeals  
Kathryn Harrison  
Kate Van Gervan

Scholarships and Awards Committee  
Andrew Trivett (Science)

Vice President Academic Development Committee Working Group  
Shannon Murray (Arts)  
Martha Gabriel (Education)  
Colleen MacQuarrie (Arts) - withdrew her name

Colleen MacQuarrie withdrew her name in order for the Committee to have some diversity across faculties.

**Carried.**

## **6. Committee for Choosing a Chancellor**

There are 24 members on this committee - 12 members nominated by Senate and 12 by the Board of Governors. The following names were nominated by Senators:

Matthew Morrison, Katherine Schultz, Mark O'Halloran, Barb Campbell, Doug Dahn, Cathy Toombs, Dale Mc Clure, Sarah MacDonald, Phil Hooper, Joe Velaidum, Alfonso López, Don Wagner

**Moved** (B. Davetian/G. Evans): that Senate approve the following nominations for the committee. **Carried.**

## **7. Senate Packages Electronically**

K. Kielly, further to a recommendation from the Steering Committee of Senate, spoke to Senate about forwarding Senate packages electronically rather than hard copy. Packages would be received in a more timely fashion and producing less paper would certainly support UPEI's Go Green vision for a more eco-friendly business practice. There was a great deal of discussion regarding this and many options. The Secretary would like to produce the documents electronically for the February meeting. Kathy, Cathy and Mark will meet to discuss options for the upcoming February, March, April and May meetings. M. Leggott will draft up a document of "how tos" for Senators regarding pdf documents. The Steering Committee of Senate will continue to take comments and be involved in this initiative.

**8. Update on January Enrolment**

R. Herbert spoke on enrolments for January. She mentioned that there were approximately 200 students here in September that were not registered in January as of yet. We are up 294 registrations from this time last year. A couple of questions were asked - # of students who do not continue on; how do we make best effort for International students. At the February meeting, we should discuss a follow up on NSSE as part of the international experience.

**9. Budget Preview Report**

Gary Bradshaw and Phil Hooper presented an fiscal update dealing with the impact of Global recession on UPEI's budget and finances. P. Hooper presented an analysis of the impact of the fall in equity markets on UPEI's Pension and Endowment funds. Pension and Endowment investments have dropped in value by 15-20% since April 30, 2008. He outlined the immediate challenges in developing the 2009-10 budget and longer term fiscal challenges over the next three years. Additional pension and scholarship contributions will be needed from the operating budget. G. Bradshaw stressed the need to identify both short and long term savings in our operating budget. A budget development task force is being stuck to seek input from the campus community, to identify potential savings and to make recommendations.

**10. Other Business**

R. Herbert reported to Senate that further to feedback from the MPHEC, while the degree has been approved, a name change has been recommended from Integrated Bachelor of Business to Bachelor of Business Studies.

**11. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kielly  
Registrar and Secretary to Senate