

Minutes of the Fourth Senate Meeting
December 2, 2011, 3:00 pm, RL RM 235

Present: A. Abd-El-Aziz, M. Arfken, W. Bradley, D. Buck, B. Campbell, L. Chilton, D. Coll, J. Coles, S. Dawson, B. Déziel, R. Domike, G. Doran, I. Dowbiggin, A. Duncan, G. Germain, K. Gottschall-Pass, F. Gray, D. Hooper, P. Hooper, K. Kielly, N. Kujundzic, C. Lacroix, R. Livingstone, A. López, P. MacAulay, G. MacDonald, A. MacFarlane, M. MacInnis, D. Murnaghan, S. Opps, L. Pack, J. Randall, A. Smallwood, H. Stryhn, M. Sweeney-Nixon, K. Tilleczek, M. Turnbull, B. Wagner

Regrets: L. Edwards, D. Reynolds, K. Schultz, J. Sentance, S. Wiebe, D. Desserud

Absent: M. Doyle

Senate Asst: A. Deighan

The President called the meeting to order and acknowledged that today is the last day of classes for the semester. He wished students the best of luck in their examinations.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved (J. Randall/B. Campbell): to approve the agenda.
Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of November 4, 2011

Moved (J. Coles/ G. Doran): to approve the minutes of November 4, 2011, with one amendment. One abstention regarding the renaming of Political Studies to Political Science.
Carried.

3. Business Arising from November 4, 2011

The Chair advised Senate that the binders containing the Senate Handbook materials are available today. For those who have identified a preference for a hard copy, the binders have been distributed at the beginning of today's meeting. The Handbook materials have also been copied onto the VRE and are permanently available in this format. The Handbook includes introductory materials, memberships, Senate meetings dates, standing committees and terms of reference, processes and procedures, academic regulations and the University Act. It is concerning to note that in the collection and preparation of this material that many of the committees of Senate are not functioning or are inactive. Some examples of inactive committees include the Academic Planning Facilitation Group, the Enrolment Management Committee and the 4C's Committee. All these committees have been charged with important work for Senate so with Senate's permission, we will refer the committee structures, memberships and mandates to the Steering Committee of Senate whose terms of reference stipulate 'empowered by Senate to review, periodically, the composition, terms of reference, procedures, vitality, and effectiveness of each committee of Senate; and that it make recommendations to Senate concerning the discontinuation, modification, or establishment of Senate Committees'.

Senate agreed that the matter be referred to the Steering Committee and be brought back to the February 2012 meeting of Senate. In the meantime, the Chair indicated that it will be necessary to receive enrolment information as this is critical information for Senate, particularly the projected numbers for new and continuing students, in the context of graduating students and capacity. The Chair referred this matter to the Vice-President Academic for immediate attention.

Additionally, Senators received as part of the materials for this meeting the Global Issues Executive Summary of a report undertaken in May, 2011. The Vice-President Academic, speaking to the report, indicated that while there is a scheduled formal review to take place in 2012, this report reflects an internal review to allow for debate and transparency. The VPA commended the group for undertaking this reflective analysis and looks forward to the formal review in 2012. There was much discussion on the content of the Executive Summary, the various stages of recommendations being made, short-term/long-term, future directions for the course and the overall process steps involved for moving forward. The Chair thanked Senators for their input on this university-wide initiative and acknowledged that there is much work yet to be done in this review process. The VPA will continue the discussion with the Global Issues Advisory Committee and the ARPC and a one hour time slot for further discussion will be scheduled at the March meeting of Senate. The Coordinator of Global Issues will be invited to attend the meeting.

4. President's Report

Highlights include:

- UPEI licenses medical technology to Georgia-based company
- UPEI professor to receive AAU distinguished service award
- UPEI donors support food bank
- Professor inducted as Fellow - Humanities Division of the Academy of the Arts & Humanities
- UPEI raises \$14, 800 at annual Relay for Life
- UPEI Panther Kathryn Hay and Sara Stewart named CIS All Canadian
- UPEI received warm welcome during visit to the University of Namibia
- In case you didn't hear - UPEI business students took first place
- UPEI men's soccer coach wins gold medal at Pan Am Games
- AVC faculty members contribute to reference books in small animal cardiology and anesthesiology
- UPEI Calendar Dates (First Semester) September-December 2011

General:

The President provided Senators with an update on his recent travels to China and Hong Kong. The Premier, President of Holland College, President of UPEI and various business people worked together and independently on a number of initiatives related to educational partnerships, political exchanges and dialogue, business development and export opportunities, and province-to-province sisterhood. Discussions were held with the Canadian Ambassador to China and visa processing, timelines and getting more acceptances were of critical interest. Meetings were also held with a number of universities and UPEI's interest continues to focus on outcomes. We have seen tangible results already as a result of this visit with confirmed exchanges for students, with all expenses paid by our partners.

Notable on this tour in Hong Kong were the recent successes of our Business students who won an international award for a Business Development Case Competition. UPEI was known to the Baptist University of Hong Kong School of Business as a result of our students so it was a wonderful time to visit where our reputation was spearheaded by the quality of our students. Our students make us proud and their professionalism is being measured and praised on the

international stage. This is a major accomplishment for our students and we congratulate them and Assistant Professor Edward Gamble for their success.

The President reported that earlier in the day he attended a meeting with Federal Minister Jim Flaherty for a pre-budget discussion on the future directions of government expenditures. The Minister was seeking input on the upcoming budget. The President was called upon to share his opinions as a leader and a citizen of the country. The President was able to highlight the importance of education and research when a country is facing tough economic times because the investment needed to support youth, education and innovation within a balanced budget is the greatest challenge.

The President reported he is involved in meetings with the new Minister of Innovation and Advanced Learning, Allen Roach, and the agenda focuses on the future of postsecondary education in PEI. These meetings will continue into early and late January as government prepares for the upcoming budget.

The University has held a number of meetings in support of the Reflections and Future Directions review and about 80 people are directly involved in various levels of committee work. The President met earlier today with the Chairs of the different committees and it is best described as a labor of love. This is a very exciting initiative for the University being led largely by Faculty.

In conclusion, the President notified Senate that Dr. Katherine Schultz will be completing her term as the Vice-President Research and Development on June 30, 2012, at which time she will be retiring. The President thanked Dr. Schultz for the instrumental role she has played in the research accomplishments of UPEI over the past eleven years. As the University moves forward with a hiring process, a survey of the campus will be conducted in advance to determine the type of position we will be recruiting for.

Dean of Business (Power Point Presentation): At the invitation of Senate, the second of the Deans to present on their college, school or faculty was Alan Duncan, Dean of Business. Alan Duncan was pleased to report the highlights of The School of Business which included: UPEI's RACE to be a Destination University; the Organization of Programs, Faculty & Staff Positions; the EMBA Program Statistics: Pillars of the EMBA Program, and EMBA Priorities; Teaching Data, Teaching Excellence, Benchmarks & Indicators, Research Excellence, Research Data & Outcomes; Year in Review: 2011-2012 Challenges and Successes.

The President thanked the Dean for his very informative and spirited presentation and advised Senate that the Dean of Science will present at the next meeting.

5. Senate Reports

Nominating Committee Report

For Information Only:

The Nominating Committee would like to inform members of Senate that the following students have agreed to represent the Graduate Students' Association on Senate committees:

Honorary Degree Committee
Sarah Jones (sajones@upei.ca)

Nominating Committee
Jessica Livingston-Thomas (jmlivingston@upei.ca)

Research Grants Committee
Laura Phalen (laura.phalen@gmail.com)

Student Senator Representative
Jessica Willis (jwillis@upei.ca)

Academic Review and Planning Committee

Moved (J. Randall/A. Duncan): that Senate approve a minimum of 60 teaching days in each of the First (September) and Second (January) semesters and this criteria, effective immediately, be built into the framework for creating the academic calendar dates.

Carried

Curriculum Report

Moved (J. Randall/ A. López): Senate approve the Fourth Curriculum Report.

- Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

Department of Health Management

Motion to approve the following new course:

VHM 412 Animal Welfare Assessment and Regulation

The course provides a basis for students to (a) use ethical and scientific frameworks to conduct comprehensive animal welfare assessments by utilising multiple indicators of animal welfare, (b) objectively assess the welfare implications of the management of different species of animals and (c) understand animal welfare regulations and veterinary involvement in the recognition, enforcement and prosecution of welfare cases. This course uses animal welfare scenarios of contrasting management systems, and provides information and practice in dealing with cases of cruelty and neglect.

Two weeks in duration – 2 semester hours of credit

Department of Companion Animals

Motion to approve the following prerequisite change:

VCA 481

PREREQUISITE: VCA 351 and 4th year standing in the DVM program.

Enrolment is limited. Two weeks in duration.

Effective date Fall/2011

Miscellaneous

Motion to approve the following dates:

ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES

2012-2013

Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

1st Academic Semester - May - December 2012

(67 Teaching Days)

April

30 Monday First day of Fourth Year Rotations - Summer Semester

May

21 Monday *Victoria Day - no classes*

August

13 Monday First day of Fourth Year Rotations - Fall Semester

15 Wednesday Clinical Conference begins

24 Friday First Year Orientation

27 Monday Classes begin

September

3 Monday *Labour Day - no classes*

October

8 Monday *Thanksgiving Day - no classes*

26 Friday Final date to apply to graduate. Forms available online.

November

12 Monday *Remembrance Day - no classes*

30 Friday Final Day of First Semester Classes

December

1 –Saturday-15 Final Exams

19 Wednesday End of First Semester. Course grades to be submitted to the Registrar's Office by noon on this date.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES
2012-2013
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
2nd Academic Semester - January - June 2013
(70 Teaching Days)

January

2 Wednesday

First day of Fourth Year Rotations - Winter Semester

7 Monday

Pre-Clinical Classes begin - Winter Semester

February

14 Thursday

15 Friday

18 Monday

Mid semester break (except 4th year rotations)
Islander Day. No classes.

March

29 Friday

Good Friday. No classes.

April

1 Monday

19 Friday

20 – Saturday

-May 3 Saturday

14 Sunday

24 Wednesday

Easter Monday. No classes.

Final day of second semester classes.

Final Exams

Final day of fourth year rotations

Course grades for 4th year students to be submitted to Registrar's office by noon

May

4 Saturday

6 Monday

8 Wednesday

11 Saturday

Carried

End of second semester

First day of Fourth Year Rotation - Summer

Course grades for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd year students to be submitted to Registrar's Office by noon on this date.

Convocation

6. Other Business

None.

7. Adjournment

Moved (R. Livingstone/ B. Déziel) to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kielly, Registrar
Secretary to Senate