

Minutes of the Fifth Senate Meeting  
January 13th, 2012, 3:00 pm, RL RM 235

Present: A. Abd-El-Aziz, M. Arfken, D. Buck, L. Chilton, J. Coles, K Critchley, S. Dawson, D. Desserud, B. Déziel, R. Domike, G. Doran, A. Duncan, L. Edwards, G. Germain, D. Giberson, K. Gottschall-Pass, F. Gray, D. Hooper, P. Hooper, K. Kielly, N. Kujundzic, C. Lacroix, R. Livingstone, A. López, P. MacAulay, E. MacDonald, G. MacDonald, A. MacFarlane, M. MacInnis, S. Opps, L. Pack, K. Schultz, J. Sentance, A. Smallwood, H. Stryhn, K. Tilleczek, M. Turnbull, B. Wagner, J. Willis

Regrets: D. Reynolds, W. Bradley, J. Randall, J. MacDonald

Absent: M. Doyle; D. Coll; S. Wiebe

Senate Asst: A. Deighan

The President called the meeting to order.

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Moved** (L. Edwards/K. Critchley): to approve the agenda.  
**Carried.**

**2. Approval of the Minutes of December 2, 2011**

**Moved** (L. Edwards/J. Coles): to approve the minutes of December 2, 2011, with one amendment. One abstention regarding the renaming of Political Studies to Political Science.  
**Carried.**

**3. Business Arising from December 2, 2011**

The President presented awards to Marva Sweeney-Nixon and Catherine Toombs in recognition of their contributions to Senate. Senators will recall that acknowledgement & thank you awards will be presented to Senators at the end of their respective terms as it is important to recognize those who contribute to the academic leadership of the University.

**4. President's Report**

Highlights include:

- UPEI Levee
- PEI to host the Canada-Wide Science Fair in 2012
- First ever National Finals for UPEI Swimmers
- UPEI student recognized as one of Canada's most promising undergraduates
- Dr. Sophie St-Hilaire-UPEI's new Canada Research Chair in Integrated Health Research for Sustainable Aquaculture
- Dr. Tim Ogilvie Recognized by PEI Veterinary Medical Association
- UPEI Basketball Coach Tim Kendrick Inducted in the Horton Hall of Fame
- UPEI Football Alumni Scholarship awards first recipient
- UPEI to host Regional Conference on Student Services

- First UPEI Dean of Education Passes Away
- UPEI Student to Host Environmental symposium
- Book Launch Jan 20

### **General:**

During his general report, the President provided Senators with an update regarding a new process currently taking place which is the creation of an interim Vice-President, Student Affairs. The rationale provided by the President to create this interim position were multifold and can be categorized into three areas based on observations he has made:

Historically:

- Vice- President Academic Development position recreated as a Vice-President Academic
- Intent was to hire an Executive Director of Student Services to support the Vice-President Academic portfolio
- However, the search to fill the Executive Director position did not materialize and the budget earmarked for this position was used for other purposes
- This left a big gap in the Academic portfolio for Deans and all academic planning related to students affairs

Student, Faculty and Staff Input:

- Feedback to the President from students regarding poor quality of student life on campus
- Complaints regarding residence with no dedicated advocate to address the concerns
- Various consultations with students, Faculty and staff offering support for new position (e.g. RO, Student Services, Deans, Webster Centre, Senate Steering Committee)
- Realignment of athletics with student affairs to better coordinate student recruitment and scholarships (inappropriately housed now under the Vice-President Administration and Finance)

Administrative/Management Requirements:

- Gap in organization that supports planning for enrolment targets, and recruitment and retention strategies when we are facing our most challenging demographics, locally, regionally, nationally and internationally
- Environmental scan reveals many universities have a position of this type at the Vice-President level to keep the student issues front and central to all business, e.g. Mount Allison University is a good example of a well recognized model for student support
- Urgency of time to meet the demands we have today and to prepare for the future. Short-term - will appoint an acting Vice-President, Student Affairs to whom the Webster Centre, Student Services, Athletics and the Registrar's Office will report. Residence will continue to report to the Vice-President Administration and Finance because of the physical plant. However, there will be linkages to the Vice-President, Student Affairs for students in residence and the quality of their student life
- Longer term - a search committee will be struck in the near future to hire a Vice-President, Student Affairs

The President also informed Senators that in the interim and until the official process is finalized, Wendy Carroll who came highly recommended by the Dean of Business will be fulfilling the temporary role as the interim Vice-President, Student Affairs for a period of six to twelve months.

In conclusion, the President notified Senators of an upcoming Senate retreat that will take place Feb 10, 2012 to discuss the following topic: Structure of the Senate Committees. The President encouraged Senators to think about the future direction of UPEI and what committees we want to work on. The retreat is scheduled to take place from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm; the first hour being solely devoted to Senate business and the following hours (4:00 to 7:00 pm) on the retreat. Details will be finalized closer to the meeting date.

**Dean of Science:** At the invitation of Senate, the third of the Deans to present on their college, school or faculty was Christian Lacroix, Dean of Science. Christian Lacroix was pleased to report the highlights of The Faculty of Science which included: Faculty & Staff Positions, Enrollment (which is up 18 % from five years ago); Organization of Programs (which includes new programs in the Faculty: Kinesiology, Molecular & Macromolecular Sciences & Environmental Sciences); Year in Review: Successes, Outreach and Challenges, Teaching Data; Student Enrollment Trends (09-11), Student Retention and time to Completion Data; Program Innovation, Research Funding 08-09; 09-10; 10-11, Strategic Objectives; & Opportunities.

The President thanked the Dean for his presentation and advised Senate that due to the Senate Retreat, there will be no faculty presentation at the next meeting.

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## 5. Senate Reports

### **Nominating Committee Report**

**Moved** (Kathy Gottschall-Pass/Ed MacDonald): to approve the Nominating Report – Academic Appeals Committee  
Required: One member of the Faculty of Science  
Gordon MacDonald (sabbatical replacement for Marva Sweeney-Nixon)

Research Grants Committee  
Required: One member of the Faculty of Arts  
Charles Adeyanju (to replace James Moran)

Vice President Research Search Committee  
Required: Two members of Senate  
Donna Giberson (Science)  
Lisa Chilton (Arts)

Vice President Administration and Finance  
Required: Two members of Senate  
Neb Kujundzic (Arts)  
Alan Duncan (Business)

**Carried**

### **For Information Only:**

Scholarship and Awards Committee

Required: One member of Faculty of Science, appointed by the Dean

Shafiqul Islam (Math/Stats Department, Science)

Senate Committee on the Enhancement of Teaching

Danielle MacDonald (appointed by the Student union)

Research Advisory Committee

Edel Ighodalo-Borha (appointed by the Graduate Student Association)

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### **Curriculum Report**

#### **Faculty of Science**

##### **Department of Biology**

**Moved** (B. Wagner/C. Lacroix): Motion to approve the addition of contact hours to Biology 304 Zoology

Three hours lecture, three hours laboratory a week

**Carried**

##### **Graduate Studies**

**Moved** (B. Wagner/M. Turnbull): Motion to approve the following definitions –

###### Post-Baccalaureate Certificate

A post-baccalaureate certificate is an academic designation awarded for the completion of a specified program of study for which a completed Bachelors degree is required for admission. Normally, courses for these certificates will be at the 500 level. Post-baccalaureate certificate courses cannot be used towards a Masters degree program and students in post-baccalaureate programs are not classified as graduate students.

###### Graduate Certificate

A graduate certificate is an academic designation awarded for the completion of a specified program of study for which a completed Bachelors or Professional degree is required for admission, and which involves graduate-level courses (600 or above). Graduate certificate courses can be used towards a Masters degree program as specified within that Masters program. Students in graduate certificate programs are classified as graduate students.

###### Graduate Diploma

A graduate diploma is an academic designation awarded for the completion of a specified program of study for which a completed Bachelors or Professional degree is required for admission, and which involves graduate-level courses (600 or above). While the semester hours required to complete a graduate diploma are normally greater than those for a graduate certificate, some or all of this difference may be represented by a research project or other requirement for scholarly work. Graduate diploma courses can be used towards a Masters degree program as specified within that Masters program. Students in graduate diploma programs are classified as graduate students.

**Carried**

## **Faculty of Veterinary Medicine**

### **Department of Health Management**

**Moved** (B. Wager/ A. López): Motion to approve the addition of I to VHM 460 title ; and to approve the new course VHM 461

VHM 460 CLINICS IN LARGE ANIMAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY I

**Carried**

VHM 461 CLINICS IN LARGE ANIMAL MEDICINE AND SURGERY II

**Carried**

### **Department of Companion Animals**

**Moved** (B. Wagner/ L Pack); Motion to approve the following new course  
VCA 352 Introduction to Exotic Pet Medicine II

**Carried**

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Research Advisory Committee

New Policy: "Open Access and Dissemination of Research Output"

**Moved** (K. Schultz): Motion that Senate approve the Policy on Open Access and Dissemination of Research Output.

A number of Senators were unable to locate the document on the VRE prior to the Senate meeting. Material was posted in two places. Motion tabled to allow all Senators the opportunity to review the policy.

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## **6. Honorary Degree Committee Report (In Camera)**

All four of the Honorary Degree nominations were approved at the January 13, 2012 Senate meeting

**Moved** (Rob Livingstone/Miles Turnbull/B. Deziel): Motion to approve the first nominee presented to Senate as an honorary degree recipient for the 2012 Spring convocations

**Carried**

**Moved** (Linnell Edwards/Josh Coles): Motion to approve the second nominee presented to Senate as an honorary degree recipient for the 2012 Spring convocations

**Carried**

**Moved** (Jim Sentance/Rob Livingstone): Motion to approve the third nominee presented to Senate as an honorary degree recipient for the 2012 Spring convocations

1 Abstention

**Carried**

**Moved** (F. Gray/Ed MacDonald) Motion to approve the fourth nominee presented to Senate as an honorary degree recipient for the 2012 Spring convocations

**Carried**

Two names were identified at this meeting as possible candidates to speak at the 2012 Spring Convocation.

The President also informed Senators that a proper process regarding Honorary Degree submissions needs to be implemented and put on the UPEI website to ensure that all appropriate information and format is used during the nomination process.

**7. Other Business**

None

**8 Adjournment**

Moved (Jim Sentance/Rob Livingstone) to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kielly, Registrar  
Secretary to Senate