

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting of Senate
Friday, January 10, 2014
AVC Rooms 286-287N

- Present:** A. Abd-El-Aziz (Chair), W. Bradley, A. Braithwaite, D. Buck, B. Campbell, G. Conboy, B. Deziel, M. Doyle, L. Edwards, G. Germain, R. Gilmour, T. Gordon, S. Graham, R. Herbert, D. Hurnik, B. Jeffery, A. Johnston, K. Kielly, J. Krause, N. Kujundzic, C. Lacroix, L. Lamont, L. MacArthur, P. MacAulay, D. MacDonald, G. MacDonald, R. MacDonald, A. MacFarlane, D. MacLellan, T. Miller, S. Myers, S. Opps, C. Ryan, J. Sentance, A. Smallwood, M. Sweeney-Nixon, and L. Wisener
- Regrets:** M. Leggott, S. McConkey, L. McDuffee, J. Mitchell and K. Tilleczek
- Absent:** R. Lemm, J. Magrath, and J. Podger
- Recorder:** D. MacLean, Acting Assistant to Senate

President Alaa Abd-El-Aziz welcomed everyone to the meeting, and informed Senators that Dr. Frances Gray was not able to attend the Senate meeting today to receive, in person, her Certificate of Appreciation for Service on the Senate. The President stated that the Senate sends her best wishes, will ensure she receives her Certificate, and thanked her for all her years of hard work on the Senate.

1. Approval of Agenda

The President stated that there will be a Closed Session at the end of the Senate meeting today. **Moved** (C. Ryan/A. Smallwood) **CARRIED**.

2. Approval of Minutes, November 29, 2013

It was noted that M. Sweeney-Nixon and J. Magrath were noted as being absent at the meeting in November, but both had sent their regrets, so this change will be made. Also, it was noted that the President provided a "University Update" and not an "Open Forum" on budget. **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/A. Braithwaite) to approve the minutes of November 29, 2013 as amended. **CARRIED**.

3. Business Arising from Minutes

Revised Policy - Responsible Conduct of Research, Scholarly and Creative Work.

MOTION (R. Gilmour/N. Kujundzic) to approve the Policy as presented. **CARRIED**

4. President's Report

President Abd-El-Aziz reported that he met with the Minister of ACOA earlier today to update him on the Engineering Project. The President was very pleased with the meeting.

President Abd-El-Aziz presented the Senate members with the most up-to-date enrolment information. A great deal of discussion ensued around the issue of scholarships and how UPEI can be more strategic around awards to better assist students, recognize academic excellence, and potentially see impacts on recruitment and retention. A number of great ideas arose from discussions, so the President asked that a small committee of Senators be formed to look at various options. Once the President has the Committee's recommendations, he will bring the details to the Board Finance and Audit Committee for information.

Discussions included: being more competitive with our regional counterparts, having more awards to support more students, publishing targets to help set goals for students to achieve higher academic averages and the

benefits of doing so, and guaranteeing entrance awards. Senators also commented that we need to be mindful of possible concerns like grade inflation, budget challenges, program capacity and having an effective communication plan to roll out the initiative.

5. **Decanal Review/Search Committees**

C. Lacroix indicated that three Dean searches will be undertaken this year – Dean, Faculty of Arts; Dean, Faculty of Education and Dean, Atlantic Veterinary College (incumbent Dean eligible to apply for extension). C. Lacroix also mentioned that the Chair of the Nominating Committee is to oversee the election process.

- 1) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/D. Buck) that Senate initiate the procedures as per the policy for choosing a Dean, Faculty of Arts. **CARRIED.**
- 2) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/C.Ryan) that Senate initiate the procedures as per the policy for choosing a Dean, Faculty of Education. **CARRIED.**
- 3) **MOTION** (C.Lacroix/G. Conboy) that Senate initiate the procedures as per the policy for choosing a Dean, Atlantic Veterinary College. (The incumbent Dean is eligible to apply for extension). **CARRIED.**

6. **Senate Reports**

a) **Nominating Committee Report**

No written report was provided, but S. Opps, Chair, reported that he will be working on Committee member vacancies as best he can, but requested that Chairs of the various committees assist with recruiting members to their committees. S. Opps asked Senate to consider the value of certain sub-committees if some of them never meet.

- b) **Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee Report – First Report to Senate for 2013-2014**
MOTION (C. Lacroix/D. MacLellan) that Senate approve a proposal for a program modification to the Bachelor of Child and Family Studies in the Faculty of Science. This program modification will give students the option of completing the Bachelor of Child and Family Studies degree entirely through web-based courses, the content and structure of which is described in the attached submission. **CARRIED.**

G MacDonald requested if a University-wide policy on web-based courses will be created and the VP Academic indicated the policy will follow shortly.

- c) **Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee Report – Fifth Curriculum Report**
Faculty of Arts

MOTION (C. Lacroix/N. Kujundzic) to approve the following new course and cross list with Foods and Nutrition 231. New Course: WST 212 Food and Cultural Studies. **CARRIED**

Faculty of Education

MOTION (C. Lacroix/J. Krause) to approve the changes to the calendar entry for the Bachelor of Education to reflect the 12 month program. **CARRIED**

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine – Health Management

MOTION (C. Lacroix/G. Conboy) to approve the following new course: VHM 413 Fish Health **CARRIED**

+Academic Regulation

MOTION (C.Lacroix/G.MacDonald) to approve changes to academic regulation #13(a)

Department	Item # from above	Course #	Proposed change	Effective date	Reason(s) for request
			Academic Regulation #13(a) - Restrictions on Graded Assignments: No quizzes, tests or examinations of any kind are to be held during the two-week period preceding the final day of classes, nor during any reading period, with the permission of the Chair and the appropriate Dean. more than ten per cent (10%) of a student's final grade may be assessed during the two-week period preceding the final day of classes. <u>No forms of graded assessment may take place during any reading period.</u> In-class presentations, practical laboratory examinations, <u>research or essay papers, musical performances, clinical experiences, class participation, and language laboratory examinations</u> scheduled on the course outline are exempted.	September 2014	

Considerable discussion ensued regarding the wording of this regulation. Concerns were raised as to whether field placements should be on the list of exemptions, whether “graded assignments” should be reworded to “graded assessments”, and whether a research paper is equivalent to a thesis. C. Lacroix asked to withdraw the motion and he will work on an exemption clause and bring the motion back to a future meeting of Senate. G. MacDonald agreed to the withdrawing of the motion.

MOTION WITHDRAWN (C. Lacroix/G. MacDonald).

MEETING MOVED TO A CLOSED SESSION

7. **Adjournment**
MOTION (R.Herbert/J.Sentance) to adjourn meeting at 5:15 p.m. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kielly
 Registrar and Secretary to Senate