

Minutes of the Seventh Meeting of Senate
Friday, March 7, 2014
3:00 – 5:00 pm
AVC Rooms 286-287N

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

President Alaa Abd-El-Aziz welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. Approval of Agenda

The President informed Senate that he had an agenda item to add under a Closed Session – Honorary Degrees **MOTION** (L. Edwards/C. Lacroix) to approve the agenda as amended. **CARRIED**

2. Approval of Minutes, February 7, 2014

MOTION (C. Lacroix/J.Sentance) to approve the minutes of February7, 2014 meeting. **CARRIED.**

3. Business Arising from Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

4. President's Report

President Abd-El-Aziz updated Senate on the following issues:

- **Enrollments as of March 1, 2014**

As of March 1 reporting date, the total headcount is 4219 students, representing a -2.9% decline or 126 fewer students. Full time students are up by +0.05% and part-time students are down by -21%. The total number of graduate students is up 19.5% at 349. We currently have 643 International students enrolled which is a 15% increase. Total course registrations are down by -2.6% (452 fewer course registrations). Registration numbers in Arts - down by -4.9%; in Business – down by -3.2%; in Education – down by -24.3%; in Nursing – up by +7.3%; and AVC – up by +6.3%.

- **Update on Search for Vice-President Academic**

The President asked Gordon MacDonald to report on the Committee activities related to this search. G. MacDonald stated that the members have met a few times and are in the process of creating a long, short list. Interviews will be arranged in the near future. A further update will be provided at the next Senate meeting. Also, the President indicated that updates will be posted on the website, as available.

5. Senate Reports

1) Nominating Committee Report

S. Opps updated Senate on the status of the decanal searches. All Committees have been populated now and are ready to convene. The Professor Emeritus Committee required three new members and following a call for nominations from the floor, the following three people have been acclaimed: Scott Lee, replacing Ian Dowbiggin for a 1-year sabbatical leave; Joanne MacDonald, replacing Donna Murnaghan who is no longer employed at the University; and Martha Gabriel, replacing Fiona Walton, whose term expires in

June, 2014. S. Opps also indicated that there are still some committees which need to be populated and additional conversations are required to address the potential combination of the Senate Academic Appeals Committee and the Senate Discipline Appeals Committee, a matter that would be brought back to Senate for approval. Improvements around the procedures for Dean Search Committees need to be addressed as well according to S. Opps, and he is planning to meet with the Vice-President Academic to discuss this further.

2) Academic Planning and Curriculum Report – Sixth Curriculum Report

C. Lacroix brought forward motions to amend or change two Academic regulations – 10 (a) and 13. A great deal of discussion ensued around the wording of these regulations. A number of issues were raised, including in 10 (a) the addition of the word ‘timing’ and whether timing refers to a ‘specific date’, and the effective date should be May 1, 2014 and not March 1, 2014. With regard to #13, Senators asked that grammatical changes be addressed, and clarification that dictionaries may be brought into an examination room at the discretion of the course instructor. Additionally, Senators asked that the consent of the invigilator be reintroduced into section (g) as permission to leave an examination setting occurs with approval. It was agreed that these changes would be addressed and brought back to Senate for information at the next meeting.

MOTION (C. Lacroix/T. Gordon) that Academic Regulation #10 (a), Course-Work Evaluation, be amended to provide better clarification, and that changes to Academic Regulation #13, Examination Regulations, be approved.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION (C. Lacroix/M. Sweeney-Nixon) that the changes to the course titles for the following 10 Biology courses (Bio 101, 202, 204, 206, 222, 326, 371, 375, 402, and 475) on pages 141-149 of the online academic calendar for 2013-2014, be approved as proposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION (C. Lacroix/M. Sweeney-Nixon) that the changes to the Biology minor on page 139 of the online academic calendar for 2013-2014 be approved as proposed. NOTE: Effective date September 2014. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION (C. Lacroix/D. MacLellan) that the change to the course description for Math 101 – Elements of Mathematics, on page 270 of the 2013-2014 academic calendar, be approved as proposed. **MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Lacroix brought forward an addendum to the Curriculum report which contained proposed changes to the Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree. The document contained a summary page of proposed changes including the introduction of four new specializations (Finance, Marketing, Organizational Management and Tourism and Hospitality), an alignment with general managerial role requirements, a discontinuation of the 70% standard for entry into third year, a reworking of the Accounting curriculum to ensure the updated education requirements for the Accounting professional designation are met, and general academic calendar updates to reflect the above.

A great deal of discussion took place around this submission, including the lack of clarity around a specific motion or motions, the concern for the level of consultation with other departments and faculties, the issue of the cross-listing of courses, the incorrect reference to a particular course in Economics, and the need to update the recently approved name change for Women’s Studies to Diversity and Social Justice Studies (DSJS). The VP Academic indicated that the feedback would be incorporated into the formal record and the updates and corrections would be made

The following motion was proposed and voted on:

MOTION (C. Lacroix/N. Kujundzic) that all changes brought forward in the School of Business Curriculum document, noted on the summary page and included in the package of materials, be approved as presented.

NOTE: The revised comprehensive document, reflecting the changes referenced above, will come back to Senate for information at the next meeting. **MOTION CARRIED** 1 abstention – G. MacDonald

MEETING MOVED TO A CLOSED SESSION

7. **Adjournment**

MOTION (L. Edwards/C. Lacroix) to adjourn meeting at 4:15 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kielly
Registrar and Secretary to Senate