

**Minutes of the Fourth Meeting of Senate
Friday, November 29, 2013
AVC Rooms 286-287N**

Present: A. Abd-El-Aziz (Chair), W. Bradley, A. Braithwaite, D. Buck, B. Campbell, G. Conboy, B. Deziel, T. Gordon, K. Gottschall-Pass, S. Graham, D. Hurnik, A. Johnston, K. Kielly, J. Krause, N. Kujundzic, C. Lacroix, M. Leggott, R. Lemm, L. MacArthur, P. MacAulay, G. MacDonald, R. MacDonald, D. MacLellan, L. McDuffee, J. Mitchell, S. Myers, J. Podger, D. Reynolds, J. Sentance, A. Smallwood, K. Tilleczek, and L. Wisener

Regrets: L. Edwards, R. Gilmour, R. Herbert, S. McConkey, T. Miller, S. Opps, J. Magrath and M. Sweeney-Nixon

Absent: M. Doyle, G. Germain, A. MacFarlane, and C. Ryan

Recorder: D. MacLean, Acting Assistant to Senate

President Alaa Abd-El-Aziz welcomed everyone to the meeting and sent a special welcome to Sharon Myers who was recently elected to the Senate. Also, the President wished all students and faculty the best as today is the last day of classes for the semester and exams begin on Wednesday, December 4th.

1. Approval of Agenda

Ron MacDonald asked to add an item to the agenda – “12-month Program”. The agenda was approved as amended. **Moved** (K. Tilleczek/J. Sentance) **CARRIED**.

2. Approval of Minutes, November 8, 2013

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

3. Business Arising from Minutes

None

4. President’s Report

President Abd-El-Aziz reported that there was a special meeting of the Senate held on Monday, November 25 to discuss the budget. The President thanked Senators for their input and questions and indicated the discussions helped him prepare for the University Update on the Budget which was held on campus November 28.

5. Senate Reports

a) **Nominating Committee Report**

No report

b) **Academic Planning and Curriculum Committee Report – Fourth Curriculum Report
Faculty of Education**

i) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/R. MacDonald) to approve the calendar changes for Bachelor of Education English and French Programs to coincide with the new changes to the programs. **CARRIED**

ii) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/R. MacDonald) to change title and description of Education 514. **CARRIED**

iii) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/K Tilleczek) to reinstate School Librarianship Program.
CARRIED

iv) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/K Tilleczek) to delete the following requirements for Master of Education Program:

“at least two years of successful professional experience”

There was much discussion around the deletion of the professional experience component for admission to the program. A number of Senators remembered when the program was introduced and at that time there was a heavy emphasis on the experiential component as the focus on leadership with experience was meant to prepare degree holders for incremental and reflective growth. Others commented that many teachers take the MEd Leadership degree to prepare for school principalships and removing two years of professional experience upon entry is placing less importance on education at a time when the educational system on PEI is under constant scrutiny. R. MacDonald, Interim Dean, stated that the graduate degree in Education is intended now for a broader audience than the school system. Many students take the leadership degree for advancement in many different fields and academic advising definitely plays a role for those wanting to explore the different pathways. The Dean added that the Faculty of Education will be adding a specific program for the development and advancement of school administrators/principals.

MOTION CARRIED with 1 abstention. Gordon MacDonald

Calendar Dates

i) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/K. Tilleczek) to change the date for the last Senate meeting for 2014 from Wednesday, April 30 to Friday, May 2. (This will allow the Registrar’s Office 6 days to process the graduates for Senate rather than the 4 days previously approved)
CARRIED

ii) **MOTION** (C. Lacroix/R. Deziel) to approve the dates for 2014-2015 for the same reason mentioned in the motion above. **CARRIED**

6. Other Business

Faculty of Education: Response to Students/Educational Needs Presentation -

R. MacDonald provided a power point presentation to inform Senators of the exciting new changes to the BEd degree. R. MacDonald stated that the Faculty of Education will be offering a new 12-month program starting in May, 2014. Students continue to be interested in obtaining teacher certification and as many as 300 teachers each year are certified by the Province. Offering a compressed program, while retaining the academic rigour, is very attractive to students. The current 2 year program requires 20 courses as will the compressed program, and the practicum will essentially remain unchanged. Students will attend courses throughout the entire summer and the intake proposed is 75 students annually: 60 in English and 15 in French. Senators asked follow-up questions about recruitment of students, mentorship opportunities, and job potential on the Island and elsewhere. The Dean indicated that surveys conducted, and statistics the Faculty of Education have available support the modification of the program and the future employability of the graduates.

MEETING MOVED TO A CLOSED SESSION