

Minutes of the Second Senate Meeting
October 14, 2011, 3:00 pm, ITEC Lecture Theatre

Present: A. Abd-El-Aziz, M. Arfken, D. Buck, B. Campbell, L. Chilton, D. Coll, J. Coles, S. Dawson, D. Desserud, B. Déziel, R. Domike, G. Doran, I. Dowbiggin, M. Doyle, A. Duncan, K. Gottschall-Pass, F. Gray, D. Hooper, P. Hooper, K. Kielly, C. Lacroix, R. Livingstone, J. MacAulay, G. MacDonald, D. Murnaghan, J. Randall, D. Reynolds, K. Schultz, H. Stryhn, M. Sweeney-Nixon, K. Tiliczek, M. Turnbull, B. Wagner, S. Wiebe

Regrets: L. Edwards, G. Germain, N. Kujundzic, A. López, S. Opps, L. Pack, J. Sentance

Absent: W. Bradley, A. MacFarlane

Guests: Y. Gong, L. Noonan

The President called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved (M. Turnbull/R. Déziel): to approve the agenda.

Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of September 16, 2011

Moved (C. Lacroix/L. Chilton): to approve the minutes of Sept 16, 2011.

Carried.

3. Business Arising from September 16, 2011 Meeting

The Chair introduced a number of changes that have occurred or will occur in the way Senate conducts its meetings. These changes are as a result of feedback from Senators and changes include: a reconfigured room for meetings, a dedicated support staff person to be the Senate Assistant at meetings of Senate and Senate Committees, the creation of Senate binders, either manual or electronic, to include the relevant materials for Senators, a Senate website and more detailed information on the Senate VRE, and specific topics development for discussion at a future Senate Retreat. The Chair thanked Senators and encourages more feedback to have a fully engaged Senate on matters of academic leadership for the University.

4. President's Report

The President noted that his report was provided in advance of the meeting. Highlights include:

General

- UPEI honours 2011 founders at president's installation during Celebrate UPEI Weekend
- AVC Dean honoured by alma mater
- UPEI Sports Hall of Fame to induct Robinson at Sport Legacy Event

Recognition of Senators' Terms

- A proposal is set in motion to establish Acknowledgement & Thank you Awards to celebrate both faculty and staff at the end of a respective term on Senate. The first

celebration is to commence in January 2012. It is important to recognize those who contribute to the academic leadership of the University.

- Prior to introducing the Budget presentation, the Chair indicated that the Vice President of Research will provide an update on research activities. Dr. Schultz stated that faculty have been active, submitting proposals to the Tri-Council. One application, arising from the Faculty of Science was submitted for the CIHR 1 September deadline. It is anticipated that 6 proposals (arising from Arts, Science and Education) will be submitted for the SSHRC deadline and that 11 applications (arising from Science and Veterinary Medicine) will be submitted to NSERC for the 1 November deadline. Dr. Schultz also noted that the University is presently seeking application / nominations for a – Tier 2, CIHR Canada Research Chair in Health Populations & Wellness. She also reminded Senate that a writing retreat, “Time to Write” is being planned for November 9 – 13.
- Phil Hooper delivered a power point presentation on the budget. This year’s budget process and processes into the future will be more open and streamlined with each faculty and administrative unit presenting their submissions to a Budget Committee, which includes the President, interim Vice President Finance and Facilities and the Comptroller. The Chair encouraged Faculties to think about their submissions in terms of success and challenges, profit sharing, new or revamped deliverables, summer schools domestically/internationally, etc. He encouraged Senators and others to think strategically, particularly where there may be more difficult economic times ahead.

5. Senate Reports

Nominating Committee Report

Moved (L. Chilton/M. Sweeney-Nixon): to approve the Nominating Report –

Professor Emeritus Committee

Fiona Walton, Education (June 2014)

Rosemary Herbert, Nursing (June 2014)

Senate Committee on Enhancement of Teaching (SCENT)

Terri Kean, Nursing (June 2014)

Steering Committee for Senate

Kathy Gottschall-Pass (Family & Nutritional Sciences)

Board of Governors – One Senator required (3 nominated)

David Buck (Arts)

Neb Kujundzic (Arts)

Josh Coles (Student)

Vote took place and Neb Kujundzic was declared elected

Carried

FYI

University Review Committee

Cathy Callaghan, Robertson Library

Academic Review and Planning Committee

Moved (J. Randall/C. Lacroix): that Senate approve a department name change in the Faculty of Science from Family and Nutritional Sciences to Applied Human Sciences, effective September 2012.

Carried

Curriculum Report

Moved (J. Randall/M. Turnbull): Senate approve the Second Curriculum Report.

Faculty of Arts - Music

Removal of Music 413 as a core course from the B. Mus programme

Faculty of Education – français langue seconde

Students in Early Years chose one course from ED 445 OR ED 454

Students in Middle Years chose one course from ED 444 OR ED 455

Please delete the words *enseignement en* in reference to this program

Faculty of Science

Family & Nutritional Sciences

Approval of two new courses –

FSC 353 – Programs and Services for Older Adults and Caregivers

FN 373 – Nutrition and Aging

Deletion of Family Science 352 – Housing and Society

Carried

6. Senate Annual Reports

Student Academic Appeals Committee

Report Received. There was considerable discussion on the appeals process, including the number and type of academic appeals, the change in the implementation of the Academic Standing regulation this past April and the potential of students to appeal to the Board of Governors subsequent to an unsuccessful appeal to the Senate Appeals Committee. M. Sweeney-Nixon, the Chair of the Committee, advised there were no appeals from Graduate students and certain populations of students, like international students, may require more academic support in order to be successful at UPEI. The Vice President Academic will follow up on the University Act interpretation around appeals and the recommendations of the Senate Appeals Committee. Nursing asked if the Senate Appeals Committee could look at Nursing's internal process for clinical appeals.

Scholarship and Awards Committee

The report was received and L Noonan provided an overview. Discussion ensued around the timing and vetting of awards and certain catchment areas for awards. It was suggested that internally administered external awards may be better represented in the chart if the category was renamed from 'Applied' to 'External Awards', and Senate recommended that in future rounds of application processing for awards and scholarships that unsuccessful applicants as well as successful applicants be advised of the outcomes.

7. Quality of Applicants and Incoming Students

Y. Gong presented data on high school performance of applicants and registrants at UPEI. She advised that assessing the 'quality' of a student is multi-dimensional and the only indicator we have is limited to high school marks and more particularly to those high school marks used for admission. Considerable discussion arose around the data and interpretations but in more recent years we have been attracting better prepared students academically. While this might be interpreted as a positive trend, we are seeing a lower retention rate. The Chair opined that further more detailed analysis of these numbers is necessary and each Dean will be asked to review their own school or college data and speak to their own trends. This further analysis will lead us to our next steps and modeling for the future. As well, persistence in university and the level of supports and services provided to students are significant factors in the success of students. The Vice President Academic indicated that a future meeting of Senate could see a dedicated session on retention. The Chair indicated that this topic, also, could be an excellent example of a Senate retreat topic.

8. Other Business

The Chair informed Senate that an orientation for new Senators will be held in January, 2012. Normally, this type of orientation will take place in September and in future years it will be held in September.

As part of the planning process, ad-hoc committees around reflections and future directions of the university will be set up shortly. The purpose of these committees is to engage the campus community and to allow for interactive conversations. As an outcome to the process, the President will write a report and bring back the report for the endorsement of Senate.

The Chair indicated that he is delighted to inform Senate that the Faculty Association and CUPE have ended mandatory retirement and we, in conjunction with our colleagues, are moving forward.

9. Adjournment

Moved (D. Murnaghan/L. Chilton) to adjourn the meeting at 4:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kielly, Registrar
Secretary to Senate