Minutes of the Second Senate Meeting  
Held Friday, October 5, 2010  
ITEC Lecture Theatre, Robertson Library, 3:00  p.m.


Absent: M. Leggott, R. Saada, A. Smith

The Chair called the meeting to order.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved (L. Edwards/B. Wagner): to approve the agenda.
Carried.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2010

Moved (R. Kurial/B. Wagner): to approve the minutes.
Carried.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2010

None

4. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

D. Buck nominated J. Randall for Vice-Chair, seconded by Rob Livingstone. With no further nominations from the floor James Randall is declared Vice-Chair by acclamation.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Dr. Andrew Tasker, Professor of Neuropharmacology, and Director of Atlantic Centre for Comparative Biomedical Research has been named, a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS).
- The University Community is invited to attend the unveiling of a series of portraits of UPEI’s past-presidents, Dr. Ronald Baker, Dr. Peter P.M. Meincke, Dr. C.W.J. Eliot and Dr. Elizabeth R. Epperly, on Thursday, October 14 at 4:00 p.m. in the Robertson Library.
- The 2010 Gairdner Student Lecture was held this morning and there were 35 students in attendance. Dr. David Sackett is a medical doctor who undertakes “medical detective” research in order to find ways to prevent, diagnose and treat illnesses such as heart attacks, strokes, pneumonia, poisonings, diabetes and cancer. He delivered the Gairdner Lecture at 1pm.
- The Lieutenant Governor of PEI, the Honourable Barbara A. Hagerman, presented UPEI’s new Coat of Arms to the University Community at Founders’ Day on September 24th.
- Centre for Life-Long Learning launched two new certificate programs this Fall - Human Resource Essentials and Supervisory Essentials specifically designed for small and medium sized businesses.
- UPEI celebrates twelve graduate and post-doctoral fellowship awards from Innovation PEI. There will be a celebration of life for Dr. Frances M. Frazer Baker on Saturday, October 16 at 3:00 p.m. in the Dr. Steel Recital Hall.
- UPEI is pleased to be the academic partner for CBC’s upcoming 2010 Massey Lecture, on October 19, by
• celebrated Canadian author and artist, Douglas Coupland.
• UPEI’s 2010 Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Bobby Khan, will deliver his lecture “Cardiometabolic diseases: a growing problem in an ever-shrinking world,” Monday, October 18th at 7 p.m.
• Work has commenced on the new Nursing and Family & Nutritional Science Building with positive early progress. Completion is targeted for the fall of 2011.
• MPHEC has forwarded their approval for 2 new programs, the Master’s of Nursing degree and in record time the BSc in Kinesiology. We are currently in discussions with government around finalizing the funding for these new initiatives.

6. FINALIZE THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE TO REVIEW FALL WEEKEND BREAK

When Senate approved in March 2010 the Fall Weekend Break as a pilot for one year, the Senate recommended that an ad-hoc committee be established in 2010-2011 to reflect on the initiative and to report back with a recommendation on how to proceed in future years. As neither the Committee mandate nor its membership were prescribed, the Steering Committee of Senate has considered the matter and recommends a 7 member committee be struck.

Moved (W. MacLauchlan/D. Seeler): that Senate approve a seven member committee which would be made up of the Vice President Academic, Registrar, one student, and four faculty from Arts, Science, Business, and one of Education or Nursing.
Carried.

Discussion ensued with regard to the membership and it was felt that the inclusion of a graduate student would better round out the interests of the academic community. A friendly amendment was put forth to expand the committee membership to eight, including: the Vice President Academic, Registrar, one undergraduate student and one graduate student, and four faculty members, each from Arts, Science and Business and one professional program representative from either Education or Nursing. The Nominating Committee will be asked to bring names forward to the November meeting of Senate. With regard to the mandate, Senate may wish at the November meeting to reflect on the kinds of issues the committee might consider. The Committee will be asked to bring back their findings to Senate at the January meeting.

7. CHANGE TO THE DATE OF THE LAST SENATE MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2011

Owing to the lateness of the Easter Break in 2011, with four consecutive days away from campus, from April 22-25, an additional period of time is required to process the lists of graduating students.

Moved (W. MacLauchlan/D. Seeler): that Senate approve the change in date for its last meeting in the academic year from Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 3:00 pm to Friday, April 29, 2011 at 11:00 am.
Carried.

There will be communication go out to the University Departments regarding this change.

8. SENATE REPORTS

SECOND NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moved (S. Thomas/R. Livingstone): that Senate approve the following nominations for Senate Committees:

The Student Union has elected Student Representatives for the following Senate Committee positions.

Honorary Degrees Committee
Kyle Murnaghan
Robert Deziel

Research Grants Committee
The Senate Nominating Committee brings forward the following names as nominees for Committees as indicated:

**Research Advisory Committee**
- Udo Krautwurst (Arts)
- Bill Whelan (Science/Physics)

**Research Grants Committee**
- Sami Khedhiri (Math/Science)
- Robert Hurta (Biology/Science)
- James Moran (Arts)

**Scholarships and Awards**
- Thomy Nilsson (Arts)
- Geoff Lindsay (Arts)
- Robert Hurta (Science)

**Nominating Committee**
- Lisa Chilton (Arts)

**Student Discipline Appeals Committee**
- Jane McGrath (Arts)
- James Kemp (Science)

**Senator Board of Governors**
- Barbara Campbell (Nursing)

**Long Weekend Committee**
- Sanda Badescu (Arts)

There were three votes -
- The Science representative for Research Grants Committee is Robert Hurta, Biology.
- The Arts representative for Scholarships and Awards Committee is Geoff Lindsay, English.
- The representative for the Student Discipline Appeals Committee is Jane McGrath, English, Arts.

Carried.

The Senate Nominating Committee brings forward as a Report to Senate the composition of Decanal Search Committees (for information only)

**Decanal Search Committee Dean of Business**
- Jim Randall (President’s nominee)
- Blake Jelley (Full-time teaching faculty)
- Juergen Krause (Full-time teaching faculty)
- Jeff Davidson (Full-time teaching faculty outside School of Business)
- Angela MacDonald (Senior student)
- Paul Murphy (Graduate of the School of Business)
SECOND REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC REVIEW AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

J. Randall brought forward for information the Policy for Graduate Faculty Approval and Supervisory Role that was approved by the Board of Governors on September 23, 2010. Dr. Randall thanked Brian Wagner for taking the initiative on the policy. B. Wagner thanked the advisory team for putting all of this together.

SECOND REPORT OF THE SENATE RESEARCH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Moved (K. Schultz/B. Wagner): that Senate approved the proposed Centre for Health and Biotech Management Research (CHBMR) and recommend it to the Board of Governors.
Carried.

The Chair asked if there are any further centres coming forward. K. Schultz didn’t know of any through Research Development. She indicated that there are two separate avenues now for Research Centres and Outreach Centres. The Office of Research Development deal with the Research Centres and Academic Review and Planning Committee deal with the Outreach Centres. R. Kurial made comment that the Lucy Maud Montgomery Institute and Institute of Island Studies are working on proposals.

9. ENROLMENT COMPARISON ANALYSIS - AAU STATS

The Registrar provided an overview on the just released AAU statistics. Data highlights for the region include: a 2.2% (year-over-year) increase in full-time undergraduate enrolment; a 5.4% increase in full-time graduate enrolment; a 15.2 increase in international students; and, a 2.3% increase in first year students.

UPEI experienced a 3.7% overall increase in full-time and part-time student enrolments with a 14.6% increase in
international students; a 5.3% increase in new transfer students; and -4% decrease in full-time first year students. Kielly indicated that the AAU numbers and UPEI numbers around the full-time first year students vary because of the definition used by the AAU to capture and report on this category. AAU recognizes only new students in this category while UPEI recognizes all students who are in their first year of study, 0-18 semester credit hours completed. UPEI numbers for this category show we have comparable numbers to last year with our first year class.

The Chair advised that in a future meeting of Senate, at either the November or December meeting, the VP Academic will bring forward a discussion of how we are doing in this competitive environment with a demographic trending downward. We will take a closer look at our PEI High School numbers as well as look at Holland College comparative numbers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Kielly, Registrar
Secretary to Senate