

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA
SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES**



April 23, 2003

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Room 7/172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus

Present: S. Beeler, R. Berthiaume (teleconference), T. Binnema, C. Brown, J. DeGrace, D. Ditto, A. Fredeen, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, L. King, E. Kinghorn (teleconference), P. Madak, M. Mandy, R. Matheson (teleconference), B. McGill (Chair), P. Montgomery, B. Morrison, A. Nussbaumer, K. Otter, D. Procter, F. Rahemtulla, B. Simard (teleconference), R. Singh, A. Summers, B. Tait, A. Truant (Recording Secretary), T. Whitcombe.

Regrets: F. Abdulla, B. Anderson, S. Beaumont, J. Birchall, M. Blouw, L. Coates, S. Cochran, S. Goring, C. Hawkins, Y. Hussein, C. Jago, E. Jensen, D. Macknak, B. Malcolm, D. Nyce, K. Penner, D. Poff, E. Stephens, J. Swainger, S. Wilson.

The meeting commenced at 3:35pm.

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, and introduced the newly appointed Senator, Bruce Simard, from the Peace River District.

**1.0 S-200304 23.01
Approval of the Agenda**
Procter/Tait

That the Public Agenda for the April 23, 2003 Senate meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

**2.0 S-200304 23.02
Approval of Minutes - of the April 2, 2003 Public Session**
Fredeen/Whitcombe

That the Public Minutes of the April 2, 2003 Senate meeting be approved with the following amendments:

- . S. Beeler was not in attendance at this meeting,
- . Add Senator Montgomery to attendees, and
- . Amend paragraph two on page five to read: Senator Montgomery and not Senator Penner.

CARRIED

**S-200304 23.03
Approval of Public Minutes**
King/Hemingway

That the Public Minutes of the March 12, 2003 Senate meeting be approved as presented.
CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate -:
3.1 GREAT Awards from the Science Council of British Columbia
Dean Tait responded to Senator Mandy's questions of January 8th.

3.2 Terms & Conditions for the BC Council of Garden Clubs Bursary

J. DeGrace addressed the concerns raised by Senators Mandy and Goring at an earlier meeting regarding the criteria of this bursary. The wording of the bursary requested that the candidates be enrolled in a "Horticulture" Program, which we do not offer, but it was explained that a Biology or Forestry Program was also acceptable, and the clarification would be verbally communicated.

3.3 Weekend Library Hours at UNBC

To accommodate the students, A. Nussbaumer explained that the library hours were extended as much as possible in keeping within the budget.

4.0 President's Report

No report was provided.

5.0 Report of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost

No report was provided.

6.0 Question Period

6.1 Motion For Discussion – From the Regional Advisory Council Meeting of February 4, 2003

"The Regional Advisory Council requests that Mr. Rocque Berthiaume put forward the idea of balanced representation of students and faculty from the regions on the Senate". To be deferred to the next meeting of Senate.

Action: Senator Berthiaume advised that the Provincial Government was considering altering the composition of Senates in BC, and requested that C. Jago provided a report on the anticipated changes.

6.2 Students Concern Regarding Vacating of Residences

Senator Hussein had been asked by students to raise the issue of the time allotted to vacating their residences after exams. They were given twenty four hours to do so and had asked for this policy to be re-visited.

Action: As this was not an issue for Senate, it would be referred to the appropriate committee, and a report on the disposition would be provided to Senate.

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning

S-200304 23.04

Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Strathclyde (Scotland) and UNBC Morrison/King

That the Memorandum of Understanding between the University of Strathclyde (Scotland) and the University of Northern British Columbia be approved.

Effective Date: 2002-2003

CARRIED

S-200304 23.05

Memorandum of Understanding between Mälardalen University (Sweden) and UNBC Brown/Fredeén

That the Memorandum of Understanding between Mälardalen University (Sweden) and the University of Northern British Columbia be approved.

Effective Date: 2002-2003

CARRIED

S-200304 23.06

Memorandum of Understanding between Turku Polytechnic (Finland) and UNBC

Whitcombe/King

That the Memorandum of Understanding between Turku Polytechnic (Finland) and the University of Northern British Columbia be approved.

Effective Date: 2002-2003

CARRIED

S-200304 23.07

New Course Approval – BIOL 424-3

Whitcombe/Fredeeen

That the new course, BIOL 424-3, Molecular Cell Physiology, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

CARRIED

S-200304 23.08

New Course Approval – CHEM 255-1

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the new course, CHEM 255-1, Biochemistry Lab 1, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

CARRIED

7.2 Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies

S-200304 23.09

New Course Approval - HHSC 795

Morrison/Procter

That the new course HHSC 795, Disability Management Practicum, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Spring/Summer Semester 2003

Questions were raised about the lack of a library component. Senator Hemingway stated that because this course was a practicum/project there was no library portion. Acting Dean Madak added that a practicum needed more faculty support than library support. Senator Mandy raised concerns about the possibility of more courses coming forward for approval without this component, and asked for clarification from the Librarian.

Action: To be brought back to Senate.

Motion to Table – to allow the Librarian time to review

Mandy/Brown

In Favour (11)

Opposed (7)

Abstention (1)

CARRIED

S-200304 23.10

New Course Approval - HHSC 797

Tait/Procter

That the new course HHSC 797, Disability Management Project, be approved as proposed.
Effective Date: Spring/Summer Semester 2003

Discussion around this course was included under Motion #S-200304 23.09.

Action: To be brought back to Senate.

Motion to Table – to allow the Librarian time to review

Mandy/Brown

In Favour (17)

Opposed (5)

CARRIED

S-200304 23.11 (no material)

Fredeen/Otter

That the Amended Omnibus Motion #S-200303.16 to S-200303.35 with the exception of Motions # S-200303.18 & S-200303.19 from the Senate meeting of March 12, 2003 be Taken from the Table

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.16

Course Deletion – BIOL 701-3

Fredeen/Otter

That BIOL 701-3, Advanced Animal Physiology, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.17

Course Deletion – BIOL 702-3

Fredeen/Otter

That BIOL 702-3, Advanced Limnology and Fisheries, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.20

Course Deletion – BIOL 706-3

Fredeen/Otter

That BIOL 706-3, Modelling and Simulation of Ecological Systems, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.21

Course Deletion – BIOL 708-3

Fredeen/Otter

That BIOL 708-3, Wildlife Nutrition, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.22

Course Deletion – ENVS 702-3

Fredeen/Otter

That ENVS 702-3, Ecophysiology, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.23

Course Deletion – ENVS 703-3

Fredeen/Otter

That ENVS 703-3, Environmental Toxicology, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.24

Course Deletion – ENVS 704-1

Fredeen/Otter

That ENVS 704-1, Policy Seminar, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.25

Course Deletion – ENVS 707-3

Fredeen/Otter

That ENVS 707-3, Cultural, Social and International Perspectives in Environmental Studies, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.26

Course Deletion – ENVS 708-3

Fredeen/Otter

That ENVS 708-3, Environmental and Biological Fluid Dynamics, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.27

Course Deletion – GEOG 701-3

Fredeen/Otter

That GEOG 701-3, Environmental Sediment Topics, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.28

Course Deletion – GEOG 702-3

Fredeen/Otter

That GEOG 702-3, Fluvial Change, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.29

Course Deletion – GEOG 705-3

Fredeen/Otter

That GEOG 705-3, Quaternary Environments, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.30

Course Deletion – GEOG 710-3

Fredeen/Otter

That GEOG 710-3, Cultural Landscapes of the North, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.31

Course Deletion – GEOG 712-3

Fredeen/Otter

That GEOG 712-3, Geography of Northern Economic Development, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.32

Course Deletion – GEOG 714-3

Fredeen/Otter

That GEOG 714-3, Rural and Small Town Social Geography, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.33

Course Deletion – NREM 701-3

Fredeen/Otter

That NREM 701-3, Agro-Forestry Systems, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.34

Course Deletion – NREM 702-3

Fredeen/Otter

That NREM 702-3, Economics of Timber Supply and Demand, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200303.35

Course Deletion – NREM 703-3

Fredeen/Otter

That NREM 703-3, Marketing of Forest Products, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

OPPOSED (1)

ABSTENTION (1)

CARRIED

S-200304 23.12 (no material)

Whitcombe/Tait

That the Omnibus Motion #S-200303.36 to S-200303.49 from the Senate meeting of March 12, 2003 be Taken from the Table

CARRIED

S-200303.36

New Course Approval – NRES 710-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 710-3, Modeling and Simulation, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.37

New Course Approval – NRES 712-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 712-3, Spatial and Temporal Analyses, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.38

New Course Approval – NRES 720-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 720-3, Global Change, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.39

New Course Approval – NRES 730-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 730-3, Disturbance Ecology, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.40

New Course Approval – NRES 731-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 731-3, Soil Ecology, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.41

New Course Approval – NRES 732-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 732-3, Forest Systems and Management, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.42

New Course Approval – NRES 733-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 733-3, Plant-Animal Interactions, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.43

New Course Approval – NRES 735-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 735-3, Biological Adaptations, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.44

New Course Approval – NRES 737-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 737-3, Evolutionary Processes, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.45

New Course Approval – NRES 750-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 750-3, Biological and Environmental Fluid Dynamics, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.46

New Course Approval – NRES 751-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 751-3, Processes in Geomorphology, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.47

New Course Approval – NRES 770-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 770-3, Rural and Small Town Geography, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.48

New Course Approval – NRES 771-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 771-3, Law and the Geographies of Justice, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.49

New Course Approval – NRES 772-3

Whitcombe/Tait

That NRES 772-3, Geographical Perspectives on Restructuring, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200304 23.13 (no material)

Whitcombe/Tait

That Motions # S-200303.18 & S-200303.19 from the Senate meeting of March 12, 2003 be *Taken from the Table*

CARRIED

S-200303.18

Course Deletion – BIOL 703-3

Tait/ Whitcombe

That BIOL 703-3, Advanced Plant Environmental Physiology, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

S-200303.19

Course Deletion – BIOL 704-3

Tait/ Mandy

That BIOL 704-3, Advanced Plant Ecology, be deleted from the 2002-2003 graduate calendar.

Effective Date: Spring 2003

CARRIED

To Senate for Information

SCRGs 030305.03

SCRGs Annual Reports

The annual reports from the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies for 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2002 were received for information.

Effective Date: March 2003

7.3 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries – None

7.4 Senate Committee of Organization and Rules

To Senate for Information

SCOR 200303.03

Revision of the definition of a “Professional Program” in the Senate Handbook – 3(e) (viii) (no material)

Environmental Engineering would be added to the list of programs included under the definition of a “Professional Program” in the Senate Handbook. This was received for information.

SCOR 200303.05

Due Date for Annual College Reports to Senate (no material)

The date for the submission of the annual College reports to Senate had been set for the September meeting of Senate. The rationale for this date was that the Deans would have the summer months to prepare this report and it would be presented to Senate at a time when there was a full slate of students in attendance. The Senate Handbook section #3(s)(iv) was to be amended accordingly. Received for information.

SCOR 200304.03

Senate Committee Membership Changes

The list of Faculty and Students approved by the SCOR Sub-Committee on Rules & Nominations (SSCRN) and by the Senate Committee on Organization & Rules (SCOR) to fill vacancies on Senate Committees in the capacity of Senators and Representatives was received for information.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar

J. DeGrace provided information on the application figures for Fall 2003. At present, the total undergraduate applications were up just over 11% over last year’s figures, and the graduate applications up by 8.2%. First Nations applications were up by 9% and International applications up by 36.42%.

8.2 Audio System for the Bentley Centre

Senator Morrison questioned if Administration would be changing the audio system for the Bentley Centre and the timeframe for doing so. In the absence of the Vice-President Administration and Finance, J. DeGrace advised that it was hoped that the new system would be in place for February 2003, but all efforts were being made for the necessary work to be done during the summer months.

9.0 Information

10.0 S-200304 23.14

Adjournment

Tait/Mandy

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

The meeting ended at 4:20pm.