

**SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES**

February 9, 2005
3:30 – 5:30 PM

Room 7-172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus

Present:

K. Beeler, T. Binnema, M. Blouw, C. Brown, H. Brunt (Vice-Chair / Acting Chair), J. DeGrace, D. Ditto, A. Espiritu, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, K. Hutchings, E. Jensen, J. Kennedy-Pannett, E. Kinghorn (teleconference), M. Mandy, B. McGill, B. Milakovic, B. Morrison, B. Muir, K. Naziripour, D. Nyce, C. Opio, K. Otter, K. Penner, D. Procter, F. Rahemtulla, J. Randall, E. Rapaport, S. Scholefield, D. Small, B. Tait, S. Wilson, C. Myers (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

B. Anderson, S. Beeler, R. Berthiaume, S. Cochran, A. Fredeen, C. Jago (Chair), B. Malcolm, R. Matheson, P. Montgomery, A. Nussbaumer, B. Simard, N. Zutz

Non-voting members present:

P. Mann (Director of Computing Telecommunication Services)
J. Ross (Director of Institutional Analysis and Planning)

The meeting commenced at 3:35 p.m.

1.0 S-200502.01

**Approval of the Agenda
Mandy / Morrison**

That the Agenda for the February 9, 2005 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

2.0 S-200502.02

**Approval of the Minutes of the January 12, 2005 Public Session
Morrison / Otter**

That the Minutes of the Public Session of Senate of January 12, 2005 be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate

There was no business arising.

4.0 President's Report **Jago**

Dr. H. Brunt reported that the President was in Mexico.

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

5.1 Introduction of New Senators

Dr. H. Brunt introduced and welcomed the new Senators: Karin Beeler, Kevin Hutchings, Chris Opio and Eric Rapaport.

6.0 Question Period

There were no questions.

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning **Brunt**

S-200502.03

**New Agreement of Cooperation Between the University of Southern Denmark (Denmark) and the University of Northern British Columbia
Randall / Brown**

That the new Agreement of Cooperation between the University of Southern Denmark (Denmark) and the University of Northern BC be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2005

CARRIED.

S-200502.04

Transcript Notation for UNBC Students Completing Requirements Offered in Collaboration with the University of the Arctic (UARctic)

Tait / Nyce

That, for UNBC students completing the seven required Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies courses, plus an approved 15 credit hours of "Advanced Emphasis," offered in collaboration with the University of the Arctic (UARctic), the following UNBC transcript notation be entered after any notations referring to UNBC credentials earned: "Core and Advanced Emphasis requirements met for University of the Arctic Bachelor of Circumpolar Studies."

Effective date: 2005

CARRIED.

S-200502.05

Amendment to UNBC Grading System—Introduction of a New Grade, WE (Withdrawn on Extenuating Circumstances)

Morrison / Hussein

That the UNBC grading system be amended by the introduction of a new grade, WE (Withdrawn on extenuating circumstances) in both the Undergraduate and Graduate grade tables, as proposed.

Effective date: For grades submitted at the end of the January 2005 Semester.

The Registrar introduced this item and explained that the motion was designed to address situations in which students are unable to finish a class due to extenuating circumstances, particularly to reflect the student's presence in the class and provide for a refund of fees, as the grade of "W" only generates a 50% refund of fees. He added that the grade had rarely been used in institutions which carry it, and that he anticipated that would also be the case at UNBC.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7.2 **Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies — No report** **Blouw / Tait**

7.3 **Senate Committee on Regional Policy and Inter-Institutional Relations** **Randall**

S-200502.06

Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Regional Policy and Inter-Institutional Relations (SCRPIIR)

Randall / Mandy

That the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Regional Policy and Inter-Institutional Relations (SCRPIIR), dated February 2005, be received.

Effective Date: February 9, 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

To Senate for Information

Regional Student Services Model

Regional Advisory Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2004

7.4 **Senate Committee on Nominations** **DeGrace**

S-200502.07

Membership Changes to Senate and Senate Committees (Senate and Senate Committee membership lists were attached for background information)

Morrison / Hussein

That the following recommendations from the Senate Committee on Nominations (SCN), for candidates to serve on Senate and Senate Committees, be approved as proposed.

Committee and Nominee

Position to be filled and Term Expiry Date

SENATE

Zoe LeFevre (Undergraduate Student)

Student Senator
June 30, 2005

Steering Committee of Senate (SCS)

Dawn Hemingway (Faculty Senator—CASHS)

Faculty Senator
January 31, 2006

Margot Mandy (Faculty Senator—CSAM)

Faculty Senator
January 31, 2008

Senate Committee on Nominations (SCN)

Darren Ditto (Lay Senator)

Lay Senator
January 31, 2006

Senate Committee on Academic Appeals (SCAA)

Jonathan Swainger (Faculty Member—CASHS)

Faculty Member—CASHS
Second term – January 31, 2008

Scott Scholefield (Graduate Student Senator)

Student Senator
June 30, 2005

Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning (SCAPP)

Boris DeWiel (Faculty Member—CASHS)

Faculty Member—CASHS

Second term – January 31, 2008

Judith Lapadat (Regional Faculty Member)

Regional Faculty Member
January 31, 2008

Senate Committee on First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples (SCFNAP)

Dennis Procter (Faculty Senator)

Faculty Senator
Second term – January 31, 2008

Kevin Hutchings (Faculty Senator)

Faculty Senator
January 31, 2008

Senate Committee on Regional Policy and Inter-Institutional Relations (SCRPIIR)

Heather Peters (Faculty Member—Social Work)

Faculty Member—Professional Program
Third term – January 31, 2008

Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries (SCSB)

Dawn Hemingway (Faculty Senator—CASHS)

Faculty Senator—CASHS
Second term – January 31, 2006

Arjina Mangat (Undergraduate Student)

Undergraduate Student Representative
June 30, 2005

Effective Date: February 9, 2005

Senator Hussein noted that he had asked to be on several Senate committees, and was only on one which does not meet.

The Registrar reported that Senator Mandy had been appointed to be the representative of the Dean of Graduate Studies on the SCAPP and SCRGS Subcommittee on Curriculum and Calendar.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7.5 Steering Committee of Senate

Brunt

7.5.1 Process Regarding Presidential Search

Dr. H. Brunt introduced the proposed process for replacing President Jago, and explained that the Board was looking for feedback from Senate with regard to the proposed process.

S-200502.07A

Procter / Nyce

That Senate recommends to the Board of Governors that the process regarding the Presidential search be approved as proposed.

Senators Muir and Small indicated that the student on the Board of Governors did not necessarily represent the constituency from which the student hailed, and recommended that there be at least one student representing each of the Northern Undergraduate Students' Society and the Northern British Columbia Graduate Students' Society, in addition to the student chosen by the Executive Committee of the Board.

Amendment:

Muir / Mandy

That Senate recommends to the Board of Governors the incorporation of the following amendment into the Search Committee Composition for the Presidential Search:

That the sixth bullet listed under "2. Search Committee Composition (14 members)," which currently reads:

"One student, undergraduate or graduate, depending on the status of the Board member (chosen by the Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with the appropriate student governing body)"

be changed to read:

“Two students, one undergraduate and one graduate (chosen by the Executive Committee of the Board in consultation with the appropriate student governing body).”

CARRIED.

Several Senators suggested that an imbalance would be created by including three students on the Search Committee and only two faculty members. Furthermore, it was noted that the phrase “one from each College” excluded the faculty members in the Northern Medical Program.

Amendment:

Otter / Morrison

That Senate recommends to the Board of Governors the incorporation of the following amendment into the Search Committee Composition:

That the fifth bullet listed under “2. Search Committee Composition (14 members),” which currently reads:

“Two faculty members (chosen by Senate – *one from each College*)”

be changed to read:

“Three faculty members (chosen by Senate – *at least one from each College*).”

CARRIED.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar

DeGrace

The Registrar had nothing to report.

9.0 Information

**10.0 S-200502.08
Adjournment**

Mandy
That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 4:15 p.m.