

**SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES**

January 12, 2005

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Room 7-172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus

Present: T. Binnema, C. Brown, H. Brunt (Acting Chair), J. DeGrace, A. Espiritu, A. Fredeen, E. Jensen, J. Kennedy-Pannett, D. Macknak, B. Malcolm, M. Mandy, B. McGill, P. Montgomery, B. Morrison, K. Naziripour, A. Nussbaumer, D. Nyce (teleconference), K. Otter, K. Penner, D. Procter, J. Randall, S. Scholefield, B. Simard (teleconference), D. Small, H. Smith, B. Tait, T. Whitcombe, S. Wilson, N. Zutz, C. Myers (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: B. Anderson, S. Beeler, R. Berthiaume, M. Blouw, S. Cochran, D. Ditto, C. Hawkins, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, C. Jago (Chair), E. Kinghorn, R. Matheson, S. McIntyre, B. Milakovic, B. Muir, F. Rahemtulla, J. Sims, D. Snadden J. Swainger

Guest: J. Ross, Director, Office of Institutional Analysis and Planning

1.0 S-200501.01

Approval of the Agenda

Mandy / Morrison

That the Agenda for the January 12, 2005 Public Session of Senate be approved with the following addition:

- Motion S-200401.08A (Change to UNBC Undergraduate Grading System), under the Committee Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning.

CARRIED.

2.0 S-200501.02

Approval of the Minutes of the December 15, 2004 Public Session

Morrison / Mandy

That the Minutes of the Public Session of Senate of December 15, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate

J. DeGrace reported that he had verified the Sessional Dates which had been questioned at the Senate meeting of December 15, 2004. The correct examination schedule for the September 2005 semester was eleven days long, running from December 5 – December 16, 2005.

- 4.0 President's Report** **Jago**
- Acting Chair, Dr. H. Brunt, reported that the President was in Calgary.
- 5.0 Report of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost** **Brunt**
- 5.1 Fall Enrolment Summary Report**
- Dr. H. Brunt distributed an additional report regarding the current enrolment situation (Registrar's Office Fall Comparison Registration Report). He reported that undergraduate enrolments had been stable over the past four years, but that there had been significant increases in graduate enrolments. Senator Whitcombe questioned the status regarding the FTE count, and J. Ross responded that the University was very close to the funded number, and expected to meet it precisely this year.
- 5.2 Enrolment – Fall Semesters 2000 to 2004 Report**
- J. Ross reported that growing graduate programs had helped the University to reach its targeted enrolment numbers. H. Brunt added that, although the International and First Nations student numbers weren't large, they had also helped to increase the overall enrolment numbers. Dean Randall reported that the enrolments in the College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences had increased.
- 5.3 Courses Offered Report**
- No comments were made with regard to this report.
- 5.4 Human Resources Strategic Plan and Employee Profile Report**
- Dr. H. Brunt reported that there has been greater balancing in terms of gender in all areas and levels of faculty employed at the University. In addition, the average age of faculty members was slightly younger than at many institutions, but faculty members being recruited are approaching mid-life, so the University is attracting faculty members who are more seasoned. Senator Smith commented that it appeared that women were self-selecting out of becoming full professors. She added that, although there appears to be gender balance when looking at, for instance, assistant professorships, there was less balance in terms of gender when it came to program Chairs.
- 5.5 Regional Operations Board of Governors Report**
- D. Macknak reported that, although enrolment numbers had risen significantly year after year, this year's enrolments were flat. He added that "headcount" was up, despite enrolments remaining static, suggesting that there were more students enrolling in fewer courses.
- 6.0 Question Period**
- No questions were posed.
- 7.0 Committee Reports:**
- 7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning** **Brunt**
- An overview of the Proposed Joint Major in Economics and Mathematics was included for information.**

S-200501.03

**New Degree Approval — B.Sc. Joint Major in Economics and Mathematics
Randall / McGill**

That the new B.Sc. Joint Major in Economics and Mathematics be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

An Executive Summary of changes to the School of Business was included for information.

S-200501.04

**Change to Degree Requirements — Bachelor of Commerce
McGill / Procter**

That the changes to the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Commerce be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200501.05

**Change to Program Requirements — Social Studies Majors and Minors
Randall / Procter**

That the changes to the “Social Studies Majors and Minors” description on page 145 of the Undergraduate Calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Senator Mandy requested clarification regarding the change to the required average in the 6 credits/semester hours or equivalent in the undergraduate English composition and literature courses, from a “B” to a “C+.” Senator Procter explained that this is a common average grade, and that the rationale for the change was to prevent loss of science students from the program.

Dean Tait indicated that, historically, the program name had been included in Senate motions, and requested that this practice be continued.

Friendly Amendment:

**Change to Program Requirements — Education Program Social Studies Majors and Minors
Randall / Procter**

That the changes to the Education Program “Social Studies Majors and Minors” description on page 145 of the Undergraduate Calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200501.06

**Change to Program Requirements — Education Program Secondary (Grades 8-12) Admission
Requirements**

Randall / Procter

That the changes to Education Program Secondary (Grades 8-12) Admission Requirements on page 143 of the Undergraduate Calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Dean Tait pointed out that this motion was incorrect given the change to the Education Program which had been approved at the Senate meeting of December 15, 2004 (motion S-200412.11), and the name of the program should have been included in the motion. Thus, rather than reading “changes to Senior Years (Grades 9-12),” the motion should have read “changes to Education Program Secondary Stream (Grades 8-12).”

S-200501.07

**Change to Degree Requirements — Bachelor of Arts Minor in Human Geography
McGill / Tait**

That the changes to the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Minor in Human Geography be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Senator Montgomery questioned why the requirements for the minor in these changes included a phrase relating to a minimum and maximum number of courses required, as this was redundant. It was agreed that this should be edited for the calendar, and Senator Mandy recommended that the wording be changed from “minimum” to “at least one of.”

S-200501.08

**Change to Program Requirements — Nursing Program Admission Requirements
Randall / Malcolm**

That the addition of a sub-heading (‘Admission Requirements’) under the main heading (A. Baccalaureate Nursing Program) be approved as proposed.

Effective date: January 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

When a question was raised by Senator Mandy, Dean Randall clarified that giving priority for up to 20% of first year seats to Self-identified Aboriginal applicants translated to up to 19 seats. Senator Mandy also questioned how many applications were normally received for this program, and Dean Randall replied that approximately 350 applications had been received last year.

S-200501.08A

**Change to UNBC Grading System (Undergraduate) — Introduction of Grades of D+ and D-
Whitcombe / Procter**

That the change to the UNBC grading system (Undergraduate), to introduce the grades of D+ and D-, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005, for grades submitted at the end of the September Semester.

CARRIED.

Discussion ensued with regard to whether this change would, in fact, provide a fairer grading system, with a lack of consensus being reached.

Motion to Table

Montgomery / Penner

DEFEATED.

To Senate for Information

SCAPP20041201.06

Course Description Change — COMM 230-3

That the changes to the course description for COMM 230-3 Organizational Behaviour be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2005

SCAPP20041201.06

Course Description Change — COMM 240-3

That the changes to the course description for COMM 240-3 Introduction to Marketing be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2005

SCAPP20041201.06

Course Description Change — COMM 300-3

That the changes to the course description for COMM 300-3 Introduction to Business Law be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2005

SCAPP20041201.06

Course Description Change — COMM 332-3

That the changes to the course description for COMM 332-3 Business and Professional Ethics be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2005

SCAPP20041201.06

Course Prerequisite Change — COMM 351-3

That the changes to the course prerequisite for COMM 351-3 Management Information Systems be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: January 2005

SCAPP20041201.06

Course Prerequisite Change — COMM 430-3

That the changes to the course prerequisite for COMM 430-3 Organization Studies: Selected Topics be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2005

7.2 Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies

Blouw / Tait

S-200501.09

Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies (SCRGS)

Tait / Morrison

That the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies (SCRGS) for 2004 be received.

Effective Date: January 12, 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7.3 Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Special Recognition

Jago

S-200501.10

Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Special Recognition (SCHDSR)

Otter / Morrison

That the Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Other Forms of Special Recognition (SCHDSR), dated February 2004 to January 2005, be received.

Effective Date: January 12, 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar

DeGrace

The Registrar had nothing to report. Senator Otter requested that, in the interest of conserving paper, the requirement to reproduce current calendar entries in motion forms be discontinued. J. DeGrace responded that the current calendar entry need be reproduced only when it is necessary for clarity.

9.0 Information

Dr. H. Brunt thanked Senators Hawkins, Smith, Swainger and Whitcombe for their service to Senate, as their terms of office would be expiring on January 31, 2005.

**10.0 S-200501.11
Move to In Camera Session
Tait / Whitcombe**

That the meeting move to the In Camera session.
CARRIED.

**11.0 S-200501.17
Adjournment
Whitcombe**

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 4:25 p.m.