

**SENATE MEETING  
PUBLIC SESSION  
MINUTES**

August 27, 2014  
3:30 – 5:30 PM

Senate Chambers (Room 1079 Administration Building)

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**Present:**

E. Annis, C. Carriere, M. Dale (Chair), L. Dickson, D. Erasmus, M. Green, S. Green, R. Giardino, R. Luke Harris, L. Horianopoulos, T. Hanschen (Secretary of Senate), K. Keen, J. Kormos, A. LeBlanc, C. Myers (Recording), C. Nolin (Vice Chair), D. Nyce, B. Schorcht, W. Schwab, A. Stroet, R. Tallman, S. Wagner, K. Walker, T. Whitcombe, J. Young

**Regrets:**

R. Bird, R. Brouwer, J. Brown, D. Burke, B. Deo, Kerry Reimer, Kirsten Reimer, R. Robinson, J. Safaei Boroojeny, P. Siakaluk, K. Smith, A. Wilson, S. Zahir

**Absent:**

L. Handfield, E. Korkmaz, K. Kuo, D. Ryan, B. Wang

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The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m.

**1.0 S-201408.01**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Whitcombe

That the agenda for the August 27, 2014 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

Dr. Dale noted that agenda item 12.1 would have to be postponed, as Dr. Payne was unavailable to attend the meeting today to deliver his presentation.

CARRIED.

**2.0 S-201408.02**

**Approval of Senate Minutes**

Horianopoulos

That the minutes of the June 25, 2014 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

**3.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes of Senate**

No business arising was identified.

#### 4.0 President's Report

Dale

Dr. Dale noted that this would be the last Senate meeting he would be chairing in his role as Interim President and thanked Senators for their support. He added that the new President would be arriving on the weekend, and reported on the following matters:

- September 2 will be the kickoff to the 25th Anniversary celebrations, with some funding announcements taking place
- On January 1, Dr. Dale assumes his new role as the Dean of Regional Programs, and will be holding a fireside chat later in September to discuss the new role
- The pandemic plan will be reviewed to ensure it is current

Finally, Dr. Dale thanked Dr. Young for serving as Acting Provost.

#### 5.0 Report of the Provost

Young

Dr. Young asked that it be noted in the minutes that Dr. Dale be thanked for serving as Interim President. He also thanked the organizers of the Teaching and Learning Conference. He then reported on the following matters:

- the University is conducting training (provided jointly by Human Resources, the Office of the Provost, and the Faculty Association), on the principles of hiring, for faculty appointment and selection committees
- The "policy on policies" work is moving forward, with the inventory of policies being moved to a SharePoint site, but there is still work to be done to determine the scope and process for instituting policies

#### 6.0 Report of the Registrar

Hanschen

The Registrar provided a verbal report on the August 15th enrolment snapshot in comparison with the numbers at the same time last year.

#### 7.0 Question Period

A Senator thanked Dr. Young for serving as Acting Provost. A question was raised regarding the status of the 3+10+10+3 semester structure, and Dr. Dale responded that there has been a lack of enthusiasm about it but it has not been abandoned, and hopefully some of the positive aspects of the structure might be adopted.

#### 8.0 Removal of Motions from the Consent Agenda

There were no requests to remove motions from the consent agenda.

#### 9.0 Committee Reports

##### 9.1 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs

Young

##### "For Approval" Items:

##### **S-201408.03**

##### **Course Deletion — NRES 731-3**

Ryan

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the course NRES 731-3 Soil Ecology, on page 137 of the 2013/2014 graduate calendar, be deleted as proposed.

Effective date: September 2015

CARRIED (consent agenda).

**S-201408.04**

**Course Deletion — NRES 735-3**

Ryan

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the course NRES 735-3 Biological Adaptations, on page 138 of the 2013/2014 graduate calendar, be deleted as proposed.

Effective date: September 2015

CARRIED (consent agenda).

**S-201408.05**

**Course Deletion — NRES 751-3**

Ryan

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the course NRES 751-3 Processes in Geomorphology, on page 138 of the 2013/2014 graduate calendar, be deleted as proposed.

Effective date: September 2015

CARRIED (consent agenda).

**S-201408.06**

**Course Deletion — NRES 772-3**

Ryan

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the course NRES 772-3 Geographical Perspectives on Restructuring, on page 138 of the 2013/2014 graduate calendar, be deleted as proposed.

Effective date: September 2015

CARRIED (consent agenda).

**“For Information” Items:**

**SCAAF201407.07**

**Changes to Course Title and Calendar Description — NRES 737-3**

Ryan

That the changes to the course title and calendar description for NRES 737-3 Evolutionary Processes, on page 138 of the 2013/2014 graduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2015

CARRIED (consent agenda).

Details of the approved calendar text are as follows (for revisions, deleted text indicated by ~~strikethrough~~, new text indicated by underline, and [commentary, where included, in Courier New font within square brackets]):

NRES 737-3 – Evolutionary ~~Processes~~ Biology. This course is an examination of evolutionary processes, including discussions ~~on of~~ micro- and macro-evolutionary change. ~~Emphasis is placed on current evolutionary theories and a critical examination of data analysis. and the underlying behavioural, ecological, physiological, biochemical and genetic variation among individuals upon which evolution can act.~~ Topics vary with the instructor, ~~but normally include and may include:~~ molecular evolution, concepts and mechanism of speciation, biogeography and behavioural evolution. adaptations that affect the evolution of organisms, or factors limiting their exploitation of different environments.

**9.2 Senate Committee on the University Budget**

**Whitcombe**

Senator Whitcombe reported that SCUB would begin meeting again in the near future and added that the Committee looked forward to meeting with President Weeks. He also drew Senators' attention to agenda item 12.2.

**10.0**     **S-201408.07**  
**Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda**

Ryan

That the motions on the consent agenda, except for those removed for placement on the regular agenda, be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

**11.0**     **Other Business**

There was no other business.

**12.0**     **Information**

**12.1**     Presentation — *WinBC and the Canada Games*

**Payne**

As a result of Dr. Payne being unavailable, this presentation was postponed to a later date.

**12.2**     Link to annual report (audited financial statements) from the Board of Governors, as referred to in Section 32 of the University Act: <http://www.unbc.ca/finance/statements>

The link to the audited financial statements was provided to Senators for information.

**13.0**     **S-201408.08**  
**Adjournment**

Whitcombe

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.