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Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur at 4:00 pm on Monday, 14 November 2011 in BAC 132.

The agenda follows:

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Minutes of the Meeting of 11 October 2011
- 3) Announcements
- 4) Brought Forward from 11 October 2011
  - a) Senate Committee Annual Reports (attached)
    - i. Curriculum Committee
  - b) Motion from Dr. Daniel Silver, Director of the School of Computer Science (attached)
- 5) New Business
  - a) Notice of Motion from Dr. John Eustace, Associate Professor, English and Theatre regarding advocacy for revitalization of the academic sector (to be distributed)
  - b) Notice of Motion from Dr. Anne Quéma, Associate Professor, English and Theatre (attached)
- 6) Other Business

Sincerely,

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Rosemary Jotcham  
Registrar and Secretary of Senate

## **Annual Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee (2010-11)**

### Members

Colin Bell (FPAS, chair)  
Ian Feltmate (FPS)  
Rosemary Jotcham (Registrar)  
Christina Muehlberger (ASU)  
Kyle Power (ASU)  
Anne Quéma (FA)  
Rob Raeside (FPAS)  
May Abou Zahra (FA)

The Senate Curriculum Committee met on five occasions (19 October, 7 December, 6 January, 21 January, and 21 March). During these sessions, the committee analyzed curriculum submissions from the three faculties, some of which required multiple meetings including representations from the departments or schools concerned.

A new form was introduced for new program proposals, for programs that will require consideration by MPHEC. This form is arranged similarly to the MPHEC forms, thereby ensuring that the submissions are in line with the requirements from MPHEC.

New course proposals, course modification proposals, and course deletions were discussed, and in some cases clarification sought, before they were forwarded with the committee's recommendations to Senate for consideration. Particular emphasis was placed on submissions from the Schools of Music and Education, for a proposed Music Education five-year double-degree program and on significant changes in the B.Ed. program. The Music/Education double degree program depended on the outcome of Senate's decision on the B.Ed. changes, not all of which the committee endorsed before forwarding to Senate.

New majors were identified for the BBA programs and recommended to Senate.

Changes were also recommended in the nomenclature of co-op offerings.

Rob Raeside,  
Secretary

**Motion from Dr. Daniel Silver, Director of the School of Computer Science:**

*Background:* Currently, it is not clear that a retired Acadia Professor can hold an adjunct and an emeritus position at the same time. Further to this, the privileges and responsibilities of the two positions overlap to some extent, but are potentially in conflict on items. For example, there is no mention of shared office/lab space for an adjunct (as per Emeritus Professors), however they are encouraged to apply for research funding. Emeritus professors are allowed to serve on undergraduate and graduate theses committees, but it is not clear what their role would be; adjuncts are clearly allowed to participate in research and teaching activities. A retired professor who holds an NSERC grant is normally an adjunct at Acadia. There is currently a sense that such a person cannot also be an emeritus professor, even though they may well deserve such a position.

Summary of information from the current University Documents:

Advantages of Adjuncts:

1. Listing in the relevant media in which university faculty are identified.
2. Participation in the research and teaching activities of the department/school as appropriate.
3. Access to department/school research facilities.
4. Ability to apply for external research funding.

Responsibilities of the Appointee:

1. Collaborate in the on-going research of a faculty member in the department/school.
2. Participate in the supervision of graduate, honours, and undergraduate research projects or theses.
3. Where possible, participate in the seminars, thesis committees and graduate committees of the department/school to an extent that is consistent with the needs of the department/school and with the on-going responsibilities of the appointee's regular employment.

Privileges of Emeritus Title:

- To be able to serve on undergraduate and graduate theses committees.
- To have their names listed in the Acadia University calendar.
- To be invited to Convocation and the academic procession.
- To have access to full faculty library privileges.
- To be provided with Datatel access by special request (e.g. holders of research grants).
- To be entitled to bear the title "Professor/Librarian/Archivist Emeritus".
- To have access to shared office/lab space should space be available, subject to annual review (key access to this space to be obtained by special request).

There appear to be no responsibilities for emeriti.

**Motion:**

**THAT the appropriate Senate Committee investigate the overlap of Adjunct Professor and Professor Emeritus positions as described above.**

Recommendation:

1. That the Emeritus position be defined as a subset of the privileges and responsibilities of an Adjunct Professor, plus additional privileges.
2. That an Adjunct Professor also be allowed to carry the Emeritus title.

**Motion from Dr. Anne Quéma, Associate Professor, English and Theatre:**

THAT, as was past practice, the minutes of Senate meetings be taken so as to convey the gist of Senators' arguments with regard to matters under discussion. This motion is based on the notion that a) minutes represent a crucial archive of decisions Senators have made over the years, and that b) minutes operate as a means of documenting a democratic process of argumentation and decision-making that should be available to all faculty members.