

30 April 2007

Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur **at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, 9 May 2007** in Room 132 of the Beveridge Arts Centre. The AGENDA follows:

- 1) Minutes of the Meeting of 9 April 2007
- 2) Announcements and Communications
- 3) Approval of List of Graduates for the Convocation of May 2007 **(067-72-CON)**
- 4) Business Arising from the Minutes
 - a) Librarians - Senate By-Laws Article II - Senate Membership **(067-66-LIB)**
 - b) By-Laws Committee - Formal Procedures for Senate Standing Committees **(067-68-LAW)**
 - c) Faculty of Theology - Voting Status for Representative of the Senate **(067-69-DIV) ***
 - d) By-Laws Committee - Review of Senate Constitution & By-Laws Report **(067-70-LAW)**
- 5) New Business
 - a) 2006-2007 Annual Reports from Senate Committees **(067-71-REP)**
 - i) Honorary Degrees *
 - ii) Executive *
- 6) Other Business

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Jotcham
Registrar and Secretary of Senate

Items Carried Over/Tabled:

Academic Integrity - Policy on Conflict of Interest (as per minutes of 10Oct06)
Admissions & Academic Standing Committee (Policy) - Procedure for Memoranda-of-Understanding (067-61-AAS)

Notice of Motion to Senate for May 2007 Meeting

Motion:

That the designation “(non-voting)” be removed from the line in the list of membership (*Constitution and By-Laws*, section II) that currently reads, “A member of the Faculty of Theology (non-voting).”

Net Result:

This does not increase the number of persons at the University Senate, but simply grants voting privileges to one member who comes regularly from the Faculty of Theology. The net result, if passed, is that the Faculty of Theology would have two votes instead of one at the University Senate.

Rationale:

Since the Faculty of Theology, also known as the Acadia Divinity College to its external constituency, is a legal faculty at Acadia University and by act of Incorporation and approval by both the Board of Governors of Acadia University and the Board of Trustees for the Acadia Divinity College, it is appropriate and necessary to have more than one vote at Acadia Senate meetings. Presently, while the Dean of the Faculty of Theology can make a motion, there is no one else from that faculty who can second it. Since all of our programs of study and courses are approved by the University Senate, and all of our degrees are awarded by the University upon approval by the University Senate, it is appropriate that the Faculty of Theology have more representation not only on the Senate’s committees as has been proposed, but also in the meetings of the whole Senate. The Deans of the other three faculties each have a vote, but each faculty of the University, except the Faculty of Theology, has nine faculty representatives on the Senate. The Faculty of Theology has one faculty representative who cannot make motions, second motions, or vote on them before the Senate. It is time to correct this inequity and grant two votes to the Faculty of Theology.

While the other faculties are indeed larger in numbers of students, they are in no way nine times larger than the Faculty of Theology and they are also not the same size in enrollment, so if the allotments are to be meted out by proportions, as was earlier suggested, it seems that adjustments should be made regularly depending on the size of enrollment in each of the faculties. Also, while it is true that the Faculty of Theology is smaller than some departments (we have approximately 160 full and part-time students), it is still a faculty and therefore needs adequate representation to conduct its business at these meetings. We are only asking for due consideration for another voting member at these meetings. Thank you for your consideration.

Lee M. McDonald, Dean
Faculty of Theology
Acadia University
April 9, 2007

HONORARY DEGREES COMMITTEE

Annual Report for 2006-2007

May 2007

Committee Members 2006-2007

Dr. Gail Dinter-Gottlieb (Chair)
Dr. Lee McDonald (Acadia Divinity College)
Dr. David Piper, Professional Studies Representative
Dr. Brian Wilson, Faculty of Science Representative
Dr. Sonia Hewitt, Faculty of Arts Representative
Mr. Peter Eirikson, Acadia Student's Union Representative
Mr. Robbie Harrison, Board of Governors
Ms. Alecia Tucker, Recording Secretary

Purpose of Committee:

- (1) Solicit and receive suggestions for honorary degrees from the University community and to make recommendations to the Senate for the award of honorary degrees;
- (2) To receive, through the President, nominations for the appointment of "Professores Emeriti" and to make recommendations thereon to Senate.

Meeting 2006-2007

December 7, 2006

Agenda of Meeting:

1. Minutes of previous meetings or results of Senate votes on nominees
2. Consideration of Nominees
3. Review and update criteria and procedures for nomination of Professors Emeriti
4. Adjournment

Summary of Committee Activities:

The Committee forwarded to Senate for a vote by secret ballot a total of six Honorary Degrees and three Professor Emeritus nominations of which five Honorary Degrees and three Professor Emeritus received approval by Senate. The Committee forwarded to Senate a revised document to clarify the procedures and criteria for nominations of Professors Emeritus - motion defeated by Senate at the February 2007 meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the Chair,

ORIGINAL SIGNED

Gail Dinter-Gottlieb
President and Vice-Chancellor
Chair, Honorary Degrees Committee

Senate Executive Annual Report for 2006-07

Committee Members 2006-07:

P. Abela
S. Bondrup-Nielsen
G. Dinter-Gottlieb
G. Iwama
R. Jotcham
D. Kruisselbrink
L. McDonald
W. McLeod
R. Perrins
R. Raeside
I. Wilks (chair)

Duties:

“The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows: between meetings of Senate, to consider matters that in its judgement call for senatorial action or that by statute law may require senatorial action; to consider matters referred to it by Senate” (*Constitution and By-Laws VII*).

“Under unusual circumstances the Executive Committee may cancel regular monthly meetings. It may not cancel two such meetings in succession” (*Constitution and By-Laws IV.1c*).

Summary of Activities:

The Executive became more active this year. Besides performing its usual activity of receiving agendas for comment via e-mail prior to Senate meetings, it held a meeting on Dec. 18, and plans another in the near future.

The purpose of these meetings is to discuss potential planning issues, with a view to identifying those issues which will need to come before Senate. The purpose is also to arrive at some consensus on *how* they should come before Senate (for example, whether they should come through a standing committee, a special committee, or directly onto the floor of Senate itself).

Comment:

With this sort of procedure in place, the Executive can help clarify the ongoing role of Senate as a governance body. In particular, it can constructively discuss the role of Senate in determining educational policy.

Respectfully Submitted by the Chair,

Ian Wilks