



Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, 9 October 2012 in BAC 132.

The agenda follows:

- 1) Approval of Agenda
- 2) Minutes of the Meeting of 10 September 2012
- 3) Announcements
- 4) Time-sensitive Items
 - a) Approval of the List of Potential Graduates for October 2012 (*to be circulated*)
 - b) Nominating Committee: Election of Chair, Tenure-Track Teaching Complement Allocation Committee
- 5) Senate Committee Annual Reports (*attached*)
 - a) Academic Integrity Committee (2011-2012) (*recommendation that the Committee be dissolved*)
 - b) Archives Committee (2011-2012)
 - c) Faculty Development Committee (2010-2011)
 - d) Timetable, Instruction Hours and Examinations Committee (2011-2012) (*recommendation that the Committee be dissolved*)
 - e) Scholarships, Prizes and Awards Committee (2009-2010 and 2010-2011)
 - f) Academic Technologies Committee (2011-2012) (*contains one recommendation for Senate*)
 - g) Curriculum Committee
 - h) Admission and Academic Standing Committee (Policy) (2011-2012)
 - i) Open Acadia (2011-2012)
 - j) Admission & Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee (2011-2012)
 - k) Academic Program Review Committee (2011-2012)
 - l) Academic Discipline Appeals Committee

- 6) Brought forward from 10 September 2012
 - a) Possible Review of Senate Standing Committees (mandate, structure, membership)
 - b) Motion from the Vice President Academic of the Acadia Students' Union re: Senate Membership (*attached*)
 - c) Report from the Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (*attached*)
- 7) New Business
 - a) Motions from the Dean of Research & Graduate Studies, on behalf of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee (*attached*)
 - b) Notices of Motion re: Discrepancies in Senate Membership (*attached*)
 - c) Budget of the Academic Sector - Acadia's Academic Priorities (*to be circulated*)
- 8) Other Business

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Rosemary Jotcham
Registrar and Secretary of Senate

Annual Report to Senate from the Academic Integrity Committee

April 26, 2012

Committee Membership:

Patricia Rigg, Emma Cochrane, Robert Pitter, Martin Tango, Rosemary Jotcham

The Senate Academic Integrity Committee met on April 12, 2012. The Committee reviewed its mandate and outstanding items from previous meetings.

Submissions from unit heads regarding their approach to academic integrity had previously been received and reviewed. It was clear from these submissions that units have developed procedures to deal with academic misconduct that best fit their discipline.

The need for the Committee to continue was discussed by the members. It was felt that, although academic integrity is an important subject, the Committee itself may not be required.

The Registrar circulates information to faculty each fall reminding them to stress the importance of the issue and the consequences of academic misconduct to their students and to report any issues of misconduct that arise. The Registrar maintains the list of academic offenders. This information is not shared with the Committee for reasons of confidentiality, but a brief summary could be provided to Senate each year by the Registrar.

Any additional policy requirements related to academic integrity could be undertaken by the Admissions and Academic Standing Committee (Policy).

It was therefore suggested by the members that the Committee be dissolved.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,
Rosemary Jotcham

Senate Archives Committee Annual Report (2011-2012)

Background:

The Senate Archives Committee has been without a Chair and Secretary since 2009. As a result, the Committee has not met in the past three years. Although inactive, the Committee membership has continued to be filled with representatives from the student body, faculty, University administration, general research community, and Baptist community.

In 2011, discussions were held concerning the status of this Committee and the possibility of merging with the Senate Library Committee. At that time it was agreed that the Senate Archives Committee and the Senate Library Committee should remain separate.

Recommendations:

1. The Senate Archives Committee remain separate from the Senate Library Committee.
2. The Senate Archives Committee should be rejuvenated.

Report from the Faculty Development Committee.

1. Introduction.

The Faculty Development Committee was inactive for some time during 2009/10. Three faculty members were appointed to look broadly at the issue of faculty development and bring concise observations and recommendations to Senate. The Faculty Development Committee met on several occasions and respectively submit this report to Senate.

2. Faculty Development Committee Mandate.

The Faculty Development Committee was unclear of the precise mandate that the committee had and the specific areas of responsibility under its purview. Consequently the committee took a wide understanding of its role to include any and all areas that could be considered relevant to the development of members of Acadia University's four faculties (Arts, Science, Professional Studies & Theology). The committee excluded from its orbit of thought any person not appointed onto the faculty of Acadia University in a permanent contract, tenure track or tenured position. In doing so the committee also recognized that recommendations could also be applied to other teaching 'faculty' at the discretion of either Senate or the relevant Deans.

In particular our Justification for reviewing the FDC's mandate was prompted by the fact that the Senate Research Committee (SRC) duplicates the 'research' element of our mandate. The SRC is more widely representative of the university community and so is better equipped to handle issues directly relating to faculty research. Thus, the first recommendation of the Faculty Development Committee (FDC) is that we request that the FDC's mandate be revised to exclude 'research'. This will allow us to focus more clearly on teaching development. The rationale being that quality of teaching and development of faculty teaching credentials as professional educators is core to the success of Acadia University and an expectation of students. The second recommendation is therefore that the mandate of this committee be altered to include to promotion of development of good pedagogical skills and qualifications within the university faculty as a priority area.

3. Development challenges.

The FDC discussed at length the nature of challenges and barriers to uptake to positive development of teaching skills within the university faculty. One immediate observation was that, with the exception of the Department of Education, it was not clear at all that many members of faculty had benefitted from being trained professionally as educators or teachers in their fields. This was noted as an observation that the committee would like the senate to be aware of together with the recognition that the role of professor and subject matter expert should be complimented by professional training in teaching.

The committee was also concerned to know some key facts that related to resources deemed by the committee as important to improving the opportunity to develop faculty.

These are:

(a) What has been the effect of reducing the Learning Commons teaching on faculty development?

(b) What was the take up in previous years on professional development offered through the university?

(c) What are the replacement 'vehicles' for internal training?

The answers to these questions were not known and subject to further work by the committee as a means of shedding light upon the need to improve development of faculty.

The anecdotal evidence suggested that the Learning Commons played a significant part in offering options for educational development for faculty. The committee therefore decided that in order to fill at least some of the void created by the recent loss of the Learning Commons, the FDC undertakes to develop a series of workshops on teaching, where we draw on the strengths of existing faculty who have been identified as particularly good teachers, who use innovative pedagogical techniques, and/or make use of innovative technologies in the classroom. It is envisioned that these workshops will provide an opportunity for faculty to share ideas around best practice. To this end, we intend the workshops to be somewhat informal and dialogical, with each workshop to be followed by a social event to further strengthen conversations and collaboration around teaching at Acadia. Strengths of teaching expertise and innovation should be showcased to ALL members of faculty. This is the third recommendation.

4. Technology

In addition to the development of teaching skills the committee recognized that many students had a better grasp of technology and its application within the classroom than the member of faculty who was teaching. This was seen as a real concern and therefore the committee sees the development of faculty in use of technology within an educational environment as critical to professional competency.

In terms of technology training as a subset of best teaching practice we suggest the use of virtual communities, social media, blogs, ACORN, and integrating technology into teaching styles. The committee recommends that all faculty reach a minimum standard of operational knowledge in these areas.

5. Development through research.

In regards to Research the first question that the committee sought to answer was 'is this our area?'. If the answer is yes, then do we ask for research as part of professional development to be in areas likely to benefit the university and society rather than unconnected 'novelty' research? The committee seeks to take advice in this area from members of Senate.

Timetable, Instruction Hours and Examinations Committee

Report to Senate for June 2012

The TIE Committee met electronically between November and December to discuss Calendar Dates. The dates received approval, by Senate, at the December meeting on December 12, 2011. There were no other issues brought to the TIE Committee during the 2011/2012 Academic Year.

It is the recommendation of the TIE (Timetable, Instruction Hours and Examinations) Committee that the Committee be disbanded and the duties of that Committee be the responsibility of the Registrar's Office. From the Registrar's Office perspective, we agree to assume the committee's responsibilities and that the Registrar will be available to act as a liaison to Senate regarding these issues wherever required. Therefore, the committee recommends that it cease to exist as a standing committee of Senate. There should be wide consultation with faculty to be sure that there is still input, but the consultation would be done differently via the Registrar's Office rather than through the committee structure.

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

Report of the SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (SPAC) to SENATE for 2009-2010

REPORT DATE: May 16, 2012

SPAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Membership	July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010	July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011
Arts	Christian Thomas	Kerry Vincent
	Thomas Voss (Committee Chair)	Anna Saroli
	Julia Turner (Student Rep)	Christina Muehlberger (Student Rep)
Professional Studies	Scott Landry	Scott Landry
	Jun Yang	Igor Semenenko
	Robert McIntyre (Student Rep)	Emma Smith (Student Rep)
Pure & Applied Science	Michael Robertson	Michael Robertson
	Jeff Hooper	Jeff Hooper (Committee Chair)
	Emma Vaasjo (Student Rep)	Ashley Margeson (Student Rep)
Registrar or Delegate	Judy Noel Walsh, Manager of Scholarships and Financial Assistance	Judy Noel Walsh, Manager Scholarships and Financial Assistance
Financial Aid Counselor	Pamela D'Entremont (Committee Secretary)	Pamela D'Entremont (Secretary)

PURPOSE AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEE

1. To decide policy and process by which winners of scholarships, prizes, bursaries and awards are to be selected and to gather all information it considers necessary for the selection;
2. To select the winners of all undergraduate scholarships, prizes and awards;
3. To periodically investigate the scholarships, prizes and awards program and to recommend improvements (increased funds, new scholarships, more prizes, etc.) to those involved in the program;
4. To promote interest in the scholarship program by posters, letters and other means;
5. To consider such other matters as the Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

MEETINGS DATES

Five full committee meetings were held during 2009-2010 on the following dates:

November 6, 2009
November 16, 2009
March 9, 2010
April 1, 2010
May 26, 2010

Numerous other meetings were also held between the SPAC Chair, Secretary, and Manager of Scholarships & Financial Assistance to decide upon various awards and matters.

AGENDAS, DISCUSSIONS and CONCLUSIONS

The following represents the main agenda topics:

1. Acadia Excellence Scholarship Program

The Committee re-affirmed their commitment to the Acadia Excellence Scholarship program with the inclusion of renewable monies for each of the four scholarship tiers. The scholarship tier levels depend on the grades of the incoming students.

2. Entrance Scholarship Application Process

As high school ranks are increasingly difficult to obtain, it was decided that this was no longer required by the incoming student and the entrance scholarship files would be ranked by weighted average for review of the top 150 files by the Committee.

The Committee also reviewed the use of the information collected on the scholarship information form and endorsement forms and for what average tier levels the information would be required. Changes were made to the scholarship information form questions.

3. Student Access to Numeric Grades for Scholarship Renewability

The University conditions of renewability refer to numeric benchmarks but students have access to only gpa and letter grades. The University needs to move toward students being able to access their numeric grades for scholarship purposes.

4. Entrance Scholarship Offers

To be competitive with other universities, our top entrance scholarships have been named and valued as follows:

- Chancellor's Scholarships valued at \$10,000 renewable
- Board of Governor's Scholarships valued at \$7,500 renewable
- Nova Scotia High School Tuition Scholarships valued at \$6,652 renewable
- President's Scholarships valued at \$5,000 renewable
- International Baccalaureate Scholarships valued at \$3,000 renewable

5. Awarding of 2010 Entrance Scholarships

Acadia offered entrance scholarships to 879 students of the incoming class for September 2010. This included renewable entrance scholarship offers to students with high school averages above 80% and transfer student applicants (in their first undergraduate degree) to Acadia. The top three tiers included a value towards the cost of residence. The acceptance rate for 2010 was 44% with 379 accepting their entrance scholarships (approximately 1.1 M).

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela D'Entremont
Secretary

Jeff Hooper
Chair

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

Report of the SCHOLARSHIPS, PRIZES AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (SPAC) to SENATE for 2010-2011

REPORT DATE: May 16, 2012

SPAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Membership	July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011	July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012
Arts	Kerry Vincent	Stephen Ahern
	Anna Saroli	Anna Saroli
	Christina Muehlberger (Student Rep)	Emma Cochrane (Student Rep)
Professional Studies	Scott Landry	Scott Landry
	Igor Semenenko	Igor Semenenko
	Emma Smith (Student Rep)	Colin Deal (Student Rep)
Pure & Applied Science	Michael Robertson	Bryan van der Ende
	Jeff Hooper (Committee Chair)	Jeff Hooper (Committee Chair)
	Ashley Margeson (Student Rep)	Sarah Sweet (Student Rep)
Registrar or Delegate	Judy Noel Walsh, Manager of Scholarships and Financial Assistance	Judy Noel Walsh, Manager Scholarships and Financial Assistance
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4. To promote interest in the scholarship program by posters, letters and other means;
5. To consider such other matters as the Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

MEETINGS DATES

Three full committee meetings were held during 2010-2011 on the following dates:

December 3, 2010

March 25, 2011

March 31, 2011

Numerous other meetings were also held between the SPAC Chair, Secretary, and Manager of Scholarships & Financial Assistance to decide upon various awards and matters.

AGENDAS, DISCUSSIONS and CONCLUSIONS

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- Nova Scotia High School Tuition Scholarships valued at \$6,500 renewable

3. Awarding of 2011 Entrance Scholarships

Acadia offered entrance scholarships to 1388 students of the incoming class for September 2011. This included renewable entrance scholarship offers to all incoming students (in their first undergraduate degree) with an average above 80%. The acceptance rate for 2011 was 49% with 679 accepting their entrance scholarships (approximately 1.6 M).

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela D'Entremont
Secretary

Jeff Hooper
Chair

**Academic Technologies Committee
Annual Report to Senate**

Membership (2011-2012):

Dr. Tom Herman, Vice-President Academic.
Mr. Duane Currie, Coordinator of Academic Technologies.
Dr. Robert Pitter, Professional Studies.
Dr. Danny Silver, Pure and Applied Science.
Dr. Richard Cunningham, Arts.
Mr. Mike Beazley, Librarian.
Dr. Jeff Banks, Director of Open Acadia.
Mr. Paul Steele, Technology Services.
Mr. Colin Deal, Professional Studies Student Representative.
Ms. Emma Cochrane, Professional Studies Student Representative.
Ms. Sarah Sweet, Professional Studies Student Representative.
Chair: Duane Currie. **Secretary:** Jeff Banks.

The Academic Technologies Committee has met three times this past year on February 15, May 2, and June 1. During the year, a number of subgroups have met and worked on recommendations for the Committee.

The Committee has developed the following recommendations for Technology Services:

- that until such time as another option is available, a reminder should be sent to faculty about backing up using software supported by Technology Services.
- that a central backup method be implemented for part-time faculty.

The Committee recommends to Senate:

- that technology requirements be incorporated into course scheduling.

Other activities:

- A subgroup working on classroom technology has also provided recommendations to the committee on maintenance priorities for classroom technology, and acknowledgment that although docks may be convenient when available, laptops supporting docks are becoming rare.
- A subgroup on communications strategy has collected initial feedback on communication needs and preferences of a subset of faculty.

Respectfully submitted by the Chair,

Duane Currie
June 1, 2012

SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT JUNE 18, 2012

Membership

May Abou Zahra (FA, attended the first meeting); Emma Cochrane (student representative); Leo Elshof (FPS); Rosemary Jotcham (Registrar); Chris Killacky (ADC); David McMullin (FPAS); Anne Quéma (FA); Rob Raeside (FPAS); Roxanne Seaman (FPS); Ann Smith (Library); Sarah Sweet (student representative for Kyle Power).

Mandate

The SCC reviewed curriculum submissions from the Faculties of Arts, Professional Studies, and Pure and Applied Science. For the benefit of new and returning members of the Committee, the first meeting began with a review of the mandate of the Committee as stipulated by Senate's Constitution. The mandate of the Committee is to recommend curriculum proposals for approval at Senate. In preparing these recommendations, the Committee members ensure that coherence and clarity are maintained while programs and courses are modified.

Process, comments, and two major issues

Generally, the SCC consulted with several schools and departments to address minor problems such as the need to clarify the terms of curriculum proposals, or the need to meet the 60 word requirement for course descriptions. In all cases, the objectives are to ensure that students have access to clear and accurate information, and that programs maintain descriptive coherence.

Comment # 1: While it is not the Committee's mandate, let alone power, to make economic recommendations, the Committee's members wish to note that, in some cases, modifications were made to the curriculum in response to faculty reduction and / or resource reduction.

Comment # 2: With regard to interdisciplinary minors in BSc and BScH, Emma Cochrane and the Committee note that some courses in the interdisciplinary minors require extensive prerequisites. Students need to be advised on this matter.

Comment # 3: The SCC has modified language in question 18.c in curriculum forms 1 and 3 so as to replace the reference to "library staff" with "liaison librarian for the program."

- A major issue concerned the decision of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science to modify its language requirement. The proposal was to replace the required "6 h English or one language other than English" with "6h from the Faculty of Arts selected from the courses with a significant writing component as listed at www.science.acadiiau.ca/sigwrtingcourseslist or 6 h of a single language other than English." The SCC invited Peter Williams, Patricia Rigg, Barry Moody, and Romira Worvill to a meeting where the proposal could be debated and clarified. To sum up, P. Williams described the consultation process in the FPAS that led to the formulation of the proposed change, and stated that the chief objectives are to ensure that Science students develop significant reading and writing skills, and that they have access to a variety of courses suiting their interests. These include English courses, language courses, but also other Arts courses with a significant writing component. B. Moody argued that the practical rationale for making this change is to address the backlog of students who need to fulfill this requirement. P. Rigg and R. Worvill underlined the benefits that students derive from taking English and Languages courses (out of 24 students currently majoring in German, 7 are taking double majors in science). P. Rigg noted that first-year courses in English are capped for pedagogical reasons.

- At the end of January 2012, the members of the SCC had the opportunity to discuss Professor Zamlynny's proposal to add two questions to the curriculum form dealing with modifications to an existing course (1. Has the proposed modification been discussed with the course instructor? And 2. If yes, does the course instructor approve of the modification?). While appreciating the issue that Professor Zamlynny raised, the SCC decided not to sponsor his May 9, 2012. The motion of can be interpreted as reopening a process that will presumably have taken place within the department, the school, or the program. The proposal would indirectly redefine the SCC's mandate by ascribing to the Committee the capacity to function as an appeal body. Such a redefinition is not in the interest of faculty members.

Recommendations

The SCC recommended the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. That the curriculum changes for the Faculty of Arts be approved.
2. That the curriculum changes for the Faculty of Professional Studies be approved.
3. That the curriculum changes for the Faculty of Pure and Applied Sciences be approved.

Furthermore, the SCC recommended that:

in the event of major interfaculty as well as interdisciplinary curriculum changes or innovations, a mechanism and structure be established that will ensure that proper consultation take place among Faculties.

Rationale: While the SCC recommends the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science's curriculum change for Senate's approval, its members are concerned that incomplete communication took place between the FPAS and the FA before the change to the language requirement was submitted to the SCC. It is also the view of the members of the Committee that the SCC is not currently mandated to monitor major interfaculty curriculum changes. The problem is as follows: in the case of curriculum changes affecting two programs, the SCC routinely invite members of the schools and departments concerned to discuss the proposals. However, in the case of major changes affecting two or more faculties, the SCC is not in a position to decide who should be selected to discuss an interfaculty curriculum change.

Outcome

The recommendation was split into two separate motions that were passed by Senate on May 9, 2012. The Academic Program Review Committee has been asked to propose to Senate a mechanism and structure fostering proper consultation among Faculties in the course of major interfaculty curriculum changes. Further, the APRC's forthcoming recommendations for the recently reviewed WGST program may serve as suggestions for the improvement of processes and structures in the context of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary programs.

ADMISSION & ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE (Policy)

Annual Report to Senate for 2011-2012

August 30, 2012

Committee Members 2011-2012

Tom Herman (Chair)
Rosemary Jotcham (Secretary)
Peter Williams (Dean)
Barry Moody (Acting Dean)
Heather Hemming (Dean) (first term); Glyn Bissix (Acting Dean) (second term)
Jeff Banks (Acting Director)
Patricia Rigg
Christian Thomas (first term); Leigh Whaley (second term)
Ian Hutchinson
David Piper
Barbara Anderson
Paul Arnold
Bruce Fawcett
Kyle Power

Purpose of Committee:

To interpret and to apply the conditions of admissions and academic standing as outlined in the University Calendar and to make recommendations to Senate with respect to its policy as it relates to admissions, failures, and academic regulations.

Meeting:

There were no meetings of this committee held in 2011-12.

Respectfully submitted by the Chair,



Tom Herman
Vice-President Academic
Chair, Admission and Academic Standing Committee (Policy)

Board of Open Acadia

Annual Report to Senate for 2011-12

August 30, 2012

Board Members for 2011-2012:

Dr. Tom Herman, Vice-President Academic, Chair

Dr. Robert Perrins, Dean of Arts

Dr. Peter Williams, Acting Dean of Pure and Applied Science

Dr. Heather Hemming, Dean of Professional Studies

Ms. Rosemary Jotcham, Registrar

Ms. Mary MacVicar, Associate Vice-President Finance and Treasurer

Vacant, Student Representative

Dr. Jeffrey Banks, Acting Director of Open Acadia

The Board of Open Acadia did not meet over the 2011-12 academic year.

Open Acadia had a busy and successful completion to the 2011-2012 year. Online course offerings continued to grow, with 2011-2012 enrollment increases of 22% in online undergraduate courses and 15% in online graduate courses. Like many other institutions in Canada, we see this upward trend in online and blended learning continuing in 2012-2013, and beyond. Evidence for the competitive nature of online courses was seen by the fact that the number of exams proctored for other institutions more than doubled in the past year. Undergraduate and Graduate Intersession continued to be strong, with more than 80 undergraduate courses delivered this past year, and more than 40 courses in the Summer Institute for Graduate Education. Enrolment in the TESOL and French Proficiency programs also remained strong.

The growth experienced in the English for Academic Purposes (EAP) program last year has slowed due to a redirection of students from one geographic region by their Cultural Bureau. This, along with a targeted international recruiting strategy made possible by moving recruiting resources to Enrolment Services has allowed for a diversification of the EAP program. It is felt that this will make for more dynamic and enriched classroom environments for students and teachers alike as well as allowing for more sustainable growth in the future. The 3000 Bridging level (first piloted in 2009) continues to be a successful and rewarding experience for students. The percentage of students that graduate from this level remains between 70-80%, and more than 90% of these students continue on to degree programs in the Acadia credit program. Credit courses that are offered in the Bridging level continue to be taken from the Faculty of Arts, and the number of professors expressing interest in teaching these courses has increased. We now have a potential group of 6 or 7 professors who would be willing to teach for the EAP Bridging level – a great success for the EAP program.

Open Acadia continues to work closely with Schools and Departments to offer flexibility to our students via innovative programming options. The growth in online and distance delivery of programs and courses has had a significant effect on our human resource capacity. Given the continuing growth in demand for delivery of programs to geographically dispersed students, we are actively researching online tools that will enhance the personalized education experience that our faculty can provide for students. The competitive nature of this area demands that we continue to keep pace with quality of Instructional Design within this space.

As our enrollment and programs expand, Client Service Staff continue to streamline processes to ensure our diverse learners receive the excellent service they have come to expect.

Other activities of OA and its partners that would be of interest to Senate include:

- The School of Education has started two new graduate Counselling cohorts for PEI (through an innovative collaboration with UPEI) and in the Cape Chignecto region of the province (in support of the CCRSB School Board). Other specialized cohorts are set to start this year for Music Educators (one cohort focusing on Elementary and another on Secondary), as well as for a cohort of educators wanting to focus on Creativity in Teaching.
- In collaboration with the School of Education and the Dalhousie College of Medical Education, the second M.Ed. cohort for Health Interprofessionals is set to begin in the fall of 2012.
- Open Acadia is also working with the School of Education, the Nova Scotia Department of Education, and multiple Academic Units within Acadia on a number of new Certificate Programs for NS teachers, including ones in support of teachers in Family Studies, Middle School Mathematics, and Computer Science.
- Our affiliations with the Dalhousie School of Nursing (Yarmouth Site), 14 Wing Greenwood, and the Class Afloat program also continue, with courses being offered through Open Acadia throughout the coming year.
- Acadia Lifelong Learning Centre - ALL continues to be a very important program, not only for Open Acadia, but also for the University. Our 2012-13 slate of courses are scheduled and the program will launch at the annual potluck event on August 29th, 2012. Based on an enthusiastic response to surveys, we are providing a slightly different array of courses this year, focusing on our members' suggestions, including more courses off-campus in an effort to reach out to members who do not live within Wolfville.
- Beijing Normal University - In July, 2012, Acadia hosted 28 students from Beijing Normal University – Zhuhai (BNUZ) for a 4 week program of English Language studies, Canadian culture classes, and facilitated field trips around Nova Scotia. This successful program marked the beginning of an important relationship between BNUZ and Acadia. The programming not only improved their English, but it also gave them the opportunity to immerse themselves in Acadia's true spirit of community and achievement. As a result of this program, at least five students applied and were offered admission to attend Acadia full-time in the 2012-13 academic year.
- Canadian Coast Guard College - The Department of Fisheries and Oceans renewed its \$212,000 contract with Open Acadia for delivery of the 2012-13 Physical Education program at the Canadian Coast Guard College in Sydney, NS. Classes began in September.
- Huggins High School Science Seminar - The 27th Annual Huggins High School Science Seminar was held on Friday, May 4th, with 70 high school students from around the province in attendance. In 2012, the theme was "Dive Into Science", with presentations from Dr. Maia Hoeberechts of NEPTUNE Canada, Richard Zurawski, Dr. Michael Stokesbury, and Dr. Vlad Zamlynny, and a very successful Lifeboat Debate.

Operationally, Open Acadia continues to manage program costs very well, and both undergraduate and graduate credit programs finished the fiscal year impressively, with increases over projected revenues and a good standing on year-over-year expenses. Open Acadia's net contribution to the University for 2011-12 continued to exceed previous years and grew in excess of %45 this year (surpassing budget expectation by %35). As always Open Acadia credits the quality and enthusiasm of its Academic partners for any success.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Herman', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Tom Herman, Ph.D.
Vice-President, Academic
Chair, Board of Open Acadia

ADMISSION & ACADEMIC STANDING COMMITTEE (Appeals)

Annual Report for 2011-2012

September 21, 2012

Committee Members 2012-2012

T. Herman, Vice-President Academic
R. Jotcham, Registrar
R. Seale, Arts
S. Ahern, Arts
T. Weatherbee, Professional Studies
J. Guiney Yallop, Professional Studies
N. Clarke, Science
Y. Zhang, Science
H. Gardner, Theology
K. Power, Vice-President Academic (ASU)

Purpose of Committee:

- (1) To hear appeals against academic regulations or the interpretation of such regulations that have not been resolved at the Departmental, School, or Faculty level or through the Registrar's Office.

Business:

The Committee heard 43 cases for academic dismissal since the last report to Senate.

Thirty-seven of these were permitted to return to Acadia in a reduced course load (4 courses per semester) and were, in most cases, required to take the Academic Support Program.

Respectfully submitted by the Chair,



Tom Herman
Vice-President Academic
Chair, Admission and Academic Standing Committee (Appeals)

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE
Annual Report to Senate for 2011-2012**

September 21, 2012

Committee Members 2011-2012

Dr. Tom Herman, Vice-President Academic (Chair)
Ms. Rosemary Jotcham, Registrar (Secretary)
Dr. Jeff Hennessy
Dr. Deb Day
Dr. Sonya Major
Rev. Bryan Hagerman
Deans of academic unit under review

Purpose of Committee:

- (1) To determine policy and procedures for conducting program reviews;
- (2) To determine annually which academic units are to be reviewed;
- (3) To select the members of each unit review committee;
- (4) To oversee the process of review in each case;
- (5) To make recommendations to Senate on the basis of the findings of each unit review committee
- (6) To deal with such matters as Senate may from time to time entrust to the Committee.

Meeting Dates:

November 24, 2011; February 9, 2012; March 15, 2012; March 16, 2012; March 22, 2012; March 23, 2012;
April 12, 2012; April 19, 2012; April 26, 2012; April 27, 2012; May 18, 2012; May 24, 2012; May 25, 2012;
May 28, 2012; May 30, 2012

Department	Status	Report to Senate
Biology	Review scheduled for Fall 2012	
E&ES	Review complete. APRC Recommendations to Senate.	June 2012
Math & Stats	Unit has met with APRC; awaiting written comments from Unit; APRC Recommendations to Senate pending	
School of Computer Science	Unit has met with APRC; APRC Recommendations to Senate pending.	
School of Engineering	Review Complete	June 2012
School of Music	Review scheduled for Winter 2013	
English & Theatre	Review Complete. Recommendations to Senate.	June 2012
Languages & Literatures	Review Complete. Recommendations to Senate.	June 2012
Philosophy	Review scheduled for Fall 2012	
Women's and Gender Studies	Review in progress. WGS Coordinator to meet with APRC	
School of Business	Unit has met with APRC; APRC recommendations to Senate pending	

Outstanding: Update of Senate-approved guidelines for Academic Program Review – Senate Executive recommended that the key priorities among the program review recommendations be addressed and this step has been incorporated into the guidelines for the Academic Program Review Committee's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Herman, Vice-President Academic
Chair, Academic Program Review Committee

TO: Dr. Diane Holmberg, Chair of Senate
FROM: Academic Discipline Appeals Committee (2011/12)
SUBJECT: 2011/12 Annual Report to Senate
Date: September 28, 2012

The Academic Discipline Appeals Committee meets on as needed basis to deal with matters of academic discipline which cannot be resolved by the Vice-President (Academic). No such matters were brought to the attention of the Committee during the 2011/12 academic year, therefore no meetings were held.

Dr. Michael Dennis

Dr. Eva Curry

Prof. Paul Callaghan

Sarah Sweet

Colin Deal

Motion from the Vice President Academic of the Acadia Students' Union:

Be it resolved that the President of the Acadia Students' Union, as a current ex-officio member of Senate, shall be conferred full voting rights.

DRAFT REPORT FROM ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE TO SENATE – MAY 9, 2012

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The committee met on 16 occasions between September 15, 2011 and April 25, 2012. Agendas, minutes, relevant materials and collected data were placed on a Sharepoint site for the committee.

The first meeting was taken up with organizational issues, but the committee quickly identified the need to review the University Strategic Plan and conduct a “State of the Unit” survey. The committee also identified the need to gather “best practices” information from other universities. Discussion of the exact wording and format for the State of the Unit survey occupied much time over subsequent meetings.

At the October 27 meeting the committee passed four motions that determined its direction for the next series of meetings. First, a discussion of the APPC’s work was to be added to the agenda of the three Faculty Councils, (actions which did take place). Second, a discussion of the APPC was to be added to the agenda of the next Faculty meeting. Third, a university Town Hall meeting was to take place to discuss the APPC as well. The latter two actions were to have taken place *following* the results of the Unit Surveys, so discussions could be productively guided. Finally, the APPC agreed to generate a flow map and time-line of the current formal and informal planning processes at Acadia.

In early November the committee discussed the possibility of compiling an online survey on Academic Planning at Acadia and continued to work on the wording of the Unit Survey. The committee also decided at this time to present the draft version of the Unit Survey to the Faculty Councils.

Meetings of the committee through-out the fall term saw ongoing discussions over whether or not the committee should make recommendations, and if so, what form those recommendations should take (see the minutes of the meeting of December 8). These discussions continued into April. However, at the meeting of December 8, the Committee did agree that: 1) we had neither ruled in nor ruled out recommendations; 2) we would let the conversation go where it wants to go and; 3) if we did subsequently agree on a recommendation that it would be acceptable to make it in the report.

The State of the Unit survey was completed by the end of the year and distributed in January. It was at this time that the committee experienced a turnover in membership and difficulties in finding a meeting time that could accommodate all the new members.

Meetings in early 2012 focused on reviewing the Strategic Plan and compiling the Planning Flow Chart. By the time of the February 20 meeting, the committee co-chairs had received 22 responses to the Unit Survey. The Committee then formed five sub-committees to identify the themes arising from the survey responses. By the middle of April the Committee had compiled summaries of the survey responses, collected information of planning processes at other universities, completed the academic planning time line and flow charts.

At the April 25 meeting, the committee passed the following motion: “The APPC requests from Senate a one-month extension of its mandate in order to provide a set of options for academic planning at Acadia University”.

Additional materials, including the mandate of the committee and reports from subcommittees addressing a) the unit survey, b) existing Acadia academic planning processes and timelines, and c) scan of planning processes at other universities, are attached.

1. Mandate of Academic Planning and Priorities Committee -

This ad hoc committee shall serve at the pleasure of Senate, for a period not to exceed one year. The committee’s composition, mandate, and procedures shall be reviewed by Senate no later than the May 2012 Senate meeting, at which point the committee might be disbanded completely, continued in the same or modified form, or replaced with a standing committee.

Duties:

This committee’s goal shall be to gather and synthesize information relevant to identifying the ongoing academic goals and priorities of the University. In pursuit of this goal, the committee shall:

- (1) Consult widely with all relevant sectors
- (2) Foster discussions at all levels of the academic sector
- (3) Maintain channels of communication with Faculty Councils. For example, the committee might encourage units, faculties and interdisciplinary Programs to engage in self-studies to identify their short-term and long-term plans and priorities; it might facilitate discussion and sharing of information across units, faculties and Programs; it might conduct broad-scale surveys, town hall meetings, etc., to gather information and opinions from across campus.
- (4) Endeavor to provide relevant data to all those who need it to inform these discussions (e.g., financial information; enrolment information; information from other institutions; information from other committees, etc.).

Through its chairs, the committee shall report regularly to Senate on its procedures and its progress throughout the year, with the initial report on the procedures and mapping of how the committee will function to come to Senate no later than October 2011. Its goal shall be to begin to forge some consensus across the academic sector regarding where we are now, where we want to be in the future (e.g., five years from now), and how we can best get to where we want to be, given relevant constraints and opportunities.

2. Unit Surveys

Unit Survey Questions

- 1) The mission of Acadia University is “to provide a personalized and rigorous liberal education; promote a robust and respectful scholarly community; and inspire a diversity of students to become critical thinkers, lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and responsible global leaders.”

Please describe to what extent this mission is being fulfilled/supported by:

- a) University
- b) Administration

- c) Your Faculty
 - d) Your Unit/Program
- 2) Does your unit/program use Acadia University's current Strategic Plan?
[] Yes [] No
If no, please explain why not.
If yes, explain the extent and ways in which the Strategic Plan influences your unit/program's academic planning.
What are the shortcomings of the Strategic Plan?
- 3) What are the most important formal and informal academic planning processes for your unit/program?
a) Which aspects of the current academic planning processes work well for your unit/program?
b) Which aspects of the current academic planning processes do not work well for your unit/program?
c) What suggestions do you have that may enhance the planning processes at Acadia University?
- 4) Within the overall context of Acadia University, what are your unit/program's most important academic goals and priorities (short-term and/or long-term)?
a) Staffing
b) Course offerings
c) Equity
- 5) What are the most significant challenges (resource-related and structural) that are currently facing your unit/program? In the event that your unit/program is experiencing particular challenges, please provide suggestions for improvement.

Identified Themes in the State of the Unit Responses

Each member of the committee reviewed the documents on their own, then the group met together to discuss and determine the themes. After a lengthy conversation the following themes and potential solutions were identified:

- 1) **Theme:** Need for guiding principles in all decision-making due to concerns that decisions are being made only from a financial point of view.
Implication(s): Determination of a set of guiding principles for the university to insure decisions are made in the best interest of the mission.
- 2) **Theme:** While most agree with the goals and overall message of the 2006 strategic plan, it is rarely consulted. There is a disconnect between the current reality and the plan.
Implication(s): Review and/or reaffirm the strategic plan. Insure that mission driven planning is taking place in the academic sector. Insure that plans for research, fundraising, technology, distance education, etc. are considered and incorporated.

- 3) **Theme:** Support for the current administration and Deans was evident, however there are still concerns regarding communications, assessment and transparency.
Implication(s): Improve mechanisms for communication between the levels (admin, deans, heads/directors, faculty, staff) and across faculties and sectors, including Open Acadia. Develop new models for communication: network vs. top down and bottom up. Increase the opportunities for communication for Heads/Directors, formal or informal.
- 4) **Theme:** Personalized education is being threatened. Much concern regarding the arbitrariness of Complement MOU in the CA.
Implication(s): Importance of communication and leadership at all levels.
- 5) **Theme:** Concerns that we are in survival mode, only “coping” rather than exercising thoughtful planning. Constant state of crisis.
Implication(s): Importance of communication and leadership at all levels. Emphasize the need for an overall plan.
- 6) **Theme:** Structural/Procedural inefficiencies or barriers: timetabling, technology limiting best practices (e.g. cross listing courses), use of FCE allocations, outdated rooms and labs, aging lab equipment.
Implication(s): Review of the internal processes.
- 7) **Theme:** Focus on excellence and student engagement. Importance of the autonomy of the units to deliver and adapt programs, contrasted with concerns about silo mentality and entrenchment.
Implication(s): Support and retain faculty, encourage dialogue.
- 8) **Theme:** Frustration with unit reviews, inability to implement recommendations, length of the process, accreditation requirements.
Implication(s): Revisit the process, look for efficiencies or improvements. Connect diagnostic elements of unit reviews to decision-making processes.
- 9) **Theme:** Lack of an administrative home, and support and direction for IDST.
Implication(s): Action to insure the sustainability and success of these programs.
- 10) **Theme:** Perceived lack of an overall plan, and of leadership/direction in how the institution moves forward.
Implication(s): A plan needs qualitative/non-financial indicators included.

3) Review of the current formal and informal planning processes at Acadia

The following summarizes our review and analysis of existing planning and related processes at Acadia. A summary set of flow charts and timeline is attached as Appendix 1.

- a) **Observation/Findings:** Many of the internal processes used to manage the availability and deployment of resources needed for the execution of academic timetables are not effectively integrated or synchronized at an institutional level. For example, despite the potential for adverse impacts on faculty availability and timetabling of courses, the deadlines for application and consideration of Leave of Absence versus Sabbatical Applications are out of synch.

Conclusion: Given the importance of these processes, both for individual faculty and for collective academic planning, and the potential for adverse impacts on in-year planning, synchronization and/or integration of these two (and related) process would improve resource to task allocation for academic planning and timetabling purposes.

- b) **Observation/Findings:** There are several external (e.g., stakeholder) and internal (e.g., budget, fundraising, etc.) processes which appear to interface with academic planning in what can only be described as an ad hoc fashion.

Conclusion: Given the interdependencies between resource availability/allocation to the academic sector with regard to the effectiveness of both in-year and forward academic planning, it is considered critical that:

- i) External processes be synchronized with internal processes wherever possible, and
- ii) The interdependencies of internal non-academic sector processes be integrated or synchronized with the academic sector planning processes.

- c) **Observation/Findings:** The interface between regular semester planning/timetabling with Open Acadia intersession planning/timetabling processes is not currently synchronized with other supporting processes.

Conclusion: Given the interdependencies of these processes, and the significance of Open Acadia for student progression in particular faculties (e.g., science and business), the current manner in which these are coordinated at the institutional level is considered sub-optimal and needs to be addressed.

- d) **Observation/Findings:** Many of the internal supporting processes (e.g., budgeting, physical infrastructure allocation) which impact academic planning do not appear to have been effectively coordinated at the institutional academic level.

Conclusion: Given the critical nature of these processes, in terms of how they enable or constrain academic timetabling/planning, informed, inclusive, and considered coordination is required to effectively support and enhance the academic sector.

- e) **Observation/Findings:** There is a lack of consensual understanding of academic planning processes across the institution.

Conclusion: Given the importance of these processes to the academic sector and the institution as a whole, a concerted effort must be made to ensure broad dissemination of academic planning processes across the institution as a whole.

4) Planning practices at other universities

The Committee conducted an informal survey of various academic institutions in both Canada and the USA to develop a sense of the type of planning processes that were in place at other institutions.

The survey is by no means comprehensive and we did not collect information on how well these processes were perceived to be working at their respective institutions. We were also mindful of the fact that there is a significant difference in the governance models between Canadian and US institutions.

Nevertheless, some common themes did emerge from our work:

- a) Of the (9 Canadian, 5 US) universities surveyed all had a planning committee.
- b) All have fairly broad representation from various sectors.
- c) Most Canadian institutions have the committee primarily as a Senate body, although McMaster is a notable exception.
- d) Some are more focused in the academic sector while some are more pan institutional.
- e) All universities state that they integrate their planning documents on a short and long term basis.
- f) Most universities state that they use their planning documents to evaluate themselves.

A detailed review of practices by institution is attached as Appendix 2.

Three motions from the Dean of Research & Graduate Studies, on behalf of the Senate Graduate Studies Committee:

- (a)** That the following restriction be placed on adjunct professors and other potential external thesis examiners:

An adjunct professor or other individual who has previously taught the student in a graduate level course, or who has been involved with the student's graduate-level research, cannot serve as an external reader for this student. This is also the case if they taught the student at the undergraduate level within the last four years. Furthermore, it is inappropriate to appoint an external reader who has worked in a collaborative research relationship or co-authored publications with the student's supervisor within the last two years. If these circumstances hold for an intended external examiner, the onus is on the supervisor to explain why this individual is the only reasonable choice. The final decision rests with the Dean of Research and Graduate Studies, in consultation with the appropriate graduate coordinator (or unit head/director, where the graduate coordinator is the supervisor).

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- (b)** That the following change of wording be adopted concerning Acadia Graduate Awards:

Former wording (Calendar)

In order to be eligible for an award, students must have a GPA not less than 3.00 in their major field in each of their last two years of undergraduate study

New wording

In order to be eligible for an award, students must have a GPA not less than 2.67 in their major field in each of their last two years of undergraduate study

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- (c)** That the following change of wording be adopted concerning the time limits of curriculum for graduate students:

Former wording (not including the MEd):

All requirements for the degree must be completed within four years of completion of course requirements.

New wording (not including MEd):

All requirements for 2-year degree programs (all Science, Recreation Management, Social and Political Thought) must be completed within six years of first registration. All requirements for graduate degrees in Arts, not including Social and Political Thought, must be completed within five years of first registration.

Notice of Motions

Whereas the "Report on Senate Membership Discrepancies in the By-laws", approved by Senate in September 2012, identified multiple discrepancies and problems in the composition of Senate, we present the following Notice of Motions, and recommend that Senate approve these three motions at the November Senate meeting:

1. That the following changes be made to Article II of the Senate Constitution (Membership of Senate):

II. MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Senate of Acadia University shall be as follows: (See Appendix A):

Chair (see Note below) ###

Deputy-Chair (from the Elected Faculty Members of Senate) ** ###

Chancellor

President

Vice-President, Academic

Vice-President, **Enrolment and Student Services** (~~Student Affairs~~)-(non-voting) * +++

Vice President, Administration ~~Chief Financial Officer~~ (non-voting) ***

Dean of Arts

Dean of Professional Studies

Dean of Pure and Applied Science

Dean of Theology

Dean of Research and Graduate Studies ++

Director of Open Acadia

University Librarian

Professional Librarian from among members of the University Community holding appointments as professional librarians. #

Registrar, Secretary to Senate (non-voting)

Student Union President ***** ++++

Twenty-seven members of Faculty, to include nine from each of the Faculties of Arts, Professional Studies, and Pure and Applied Science. This membership shall include one representative from each school.

A member of the Faculty of Theology[#]

Three members of the Board of Governors

Six students, at least one of whom shall be a graduate student^{##}

Three lay persons, nominated by the Senate Nominating Committee who are not eligible for membership under the roles and categories laid out above provided they are not full-time employees of Acadia at the time they are appointed lay members.⁺

Note: The position of Chair is open to ex officio members of Senate, Senators, and Faculty members who are not Senators. Should an ex officio member of Senate be elected as Chairperson, there shall be no adjustment to the composition of Senate; should a Faculty member of Senate be elected as Chairperson, a replacement member shall be elected from the Faculty to which the Chair belongs; should a member from the Faculty at large be elected, there shall be no adjustment to the composition of Senate.

* Changed from Director of Student Services, September 1997

** Added March 1998

*** Amended April 1999; **changed from Chief Financial Officer, November 2012**

**** Added September 1999

+ Amended March 2001

++ Changed from Director of Research & Graduate Studies, February 2002

+++ Changed from Provost, June 2005; **and from Vice-President, Student Affairs, November 2012**

++++ Voting Status Conferred August 2007; **unable to confirm this statement; therefore voting status was affirmed/ reaffirmed by Senate in October 2012.**

Added/Amended September 2007

Changed from “five students...” in September 2007

Amended June 2010

2. That the following changes be made to Appendix A (Membership) of the Senate Constitution.

APPENDIX A - MEMBERSHIP

The current membership of the Senate of Acadia University was established by the Board of Governors on 4 May 1985 acting upon recommendations of the report Into the Fourth Quarter and using the authority granted the Board by Bill 108 of the Nova Scotia Legislature on 1 June 1983. The membership is as follows:

Rec. 7:1 That Senate have 49 members in four categories (**CURRENTLY 57 POSITIONS BECAUSE OF AMENDMENTS; NOTE THAT THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS MAY BE FEWER THAN THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS, DUE TO A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL HOLDING MULTIPLE POSITIONS**):

(a) *Ex officio* members (16) **THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO 19 IN MARCH 1998 WITH THE ADDITION OF THE DEPUTY CHAIR; HOWEVER, NOTE THE DEPUTY CHAIR WILL ALSO HOLD A POSITION AS ONE OF THE ELECTED FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES.** THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO 18 WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT, STUDENT UNION IN SEPTEMBER 1999. THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO 17 WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS IN FEBRUARY, 1988

(b) Student members (3) THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO 5 BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN OCTOBER, 1992. THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO 6 BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS IN NOVEMBER 1999.

(c) Lay members (3)

(d) Elected members (27) THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO 28 WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY IN MAY 1993, AND TO 29 WITH THE ADDITION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIAN IN MAY 2007.

7:2 (a) That the *ex officio* members be as follows:

1. The Chancellor
2. The President
3. The Vice-President (Academic)
4. The Vice-President (Administration)

ON 1 JULY 1994 THE TITLE OF THIS POSITION WAS CHANGED TO "VICE-PRESIDENT (FINANCE)". THIS POSITION CHANGED TO CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND BECAME A NON-VOTING MEMBER AT THE APRIL 1999 MEETING OF SENATE.

5. The Vice-President (Student Affairs) (non-voting)

AT THE NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE TITLE OF THIS POSITION WAS UPDATED TO “VICE-PRESIDENT, ENROLMENT AND STUDENT SERVICES”.

IN 2004 THE POSITION OF "PROVOST" WAS ELIMINATED AND SENATE APPROVED THE POSITION OF VICE-PRESIDENT (STUDENT AFFAIRS) BE AN EX OFFICIO NON-VOTING MEMBER. IN 1997 THE POSITION OF “DIRECTOR OF STUDENT AFFAIRS” WAS ELIMINATED AND IT WAS RECOMMENDED AND SENATE APPROVED THE POSITION OF “PROVOST” BE AN EX OFFICIO MEMBER.

6. Three members of the Board of Governors

7. The Deans of the Faculties:

- (i) Arts
- (ii) Professional Studies
- (iii) Pure and Applied Science
- (iv) Theology (~~or the Associate Dean~~)

THE ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THEOLOGY WAS REMOVED AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE DEAN OF THEOLOGY AT THE NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING OF SENATE.

8. The Dean of Research and Graduate Studies

9. The Director of Open Acadia

10. The University Librarian

11. The Registrar, who shall be Secretary (non-voting)

12. The Chair

13. The Deputy-Chair

14. The President, Student Union (~~non-voting~~)

THE PRESIDENT OF THE STUDENT UNION WAS GRANTED VOTING STATUS AT THE OCTOBER 2012 MEETING OF SENATE.

- (b) That two students be chosen by or under the auspices of the Student Representative Council and that a third student be a graduate, chosen by the graduate students. AT ITS OCTOBER 1992 MEETING, THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVED AN INCREASE IN STUDENT MEMBERSHIP ON SENATE TO FIVE STUDENTS. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT OF THESE FIVE STUDENT MEMBERS, ONE SHALL BE A GRADUATE STUDENT SELECTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ACADIA GRADUATE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION. **THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO SIX STUDENTS IN SEPTEMBER 2007 WITH THE ADDITION OF A STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY. IN NOVEMBER 2012, IT WAS CLARIFIED THAT THE SIX STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES SHALL CONSIST OF FOUR REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN BY THE SRC; ONE GRADUATE STUDENT CHOSEN BY THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION; AND ONE THEOLOGY STUDENT CHOSEN BY THE ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, OR BY THE DEAN OF THEOLOGY IF THE STUDENT ASSOCIATION IS NOT ABLE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IN A TIMELY FASHION.**
- (c) That there be not more than three lay members of Senate, chosen by Senate.
- (d) That there be twenty-seven members of faculty, nine chosen from each of the Faculties of Arts, Management and Education, and Pure and Applied Science.

THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO TWENTY-EIGHT BY SENATE AT ITS MEETING OF 5 MAY 1993 WHEN IT ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION FROM A SENATE *AD HOC* COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY/DIVINITY COLLEGE RELATIONS (Minute 4 (c) #923--08):

“A member of the Faculty of Theology, chosen by the Faculty, sit as a non-voting member on the Senate of Acadia University; this member shall have voting rights as a delegate of the Principal/Dean when the Principal/Dean is unable to attend the Senate Meeting.” (N.B., As of June 1995, the Board of Governors had not approved the second part of the recommendation, concerning voting rights.)

THE FACULTY OF THEOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE WAS GRANTED VOTING STATUS AT THE MAY 2007 MEETING OF SENATE. THIS CHANGE IN STATUS WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AS ANNOUNCED AT THE SEPTEMBER 2007 MEETING OF SENATE.

THIS NUMBER WAS INCREASED TO TWENTY-NINE BY SENATE AT THE MAY 2007 MEETING, WITH THE ADDITION OF A PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIAN, ELECTED BY THE PROFESSIONAL LIBRARIANS. THIS ADDITION WAS APPROVED BY THE BOARD, AS INDICATED IN THE SEPTEMBER 2007 SENATE MINUTES.

- 7:3 Within the provisions of 7:2 (d) that each School be guaranteed one place on Senate, the appointee to be named by the School concerned and chosen in a manner determined by the individual schools.
- 7:4 That the term of service for senators in the categories listed in 7:1 (c) and (d) above be three years.
- 7:5 That Senate choose annually its own chairman. If an *ex officio* member of Senate is chosen, there shall be no adjustment to the composition of Senate. If an individual is chosen from categories (b), (c) or (d), a replacement shall be chosen. AT ITS MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1991 SENATE ADOPTED A MOTION THAT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE BRING FORWARD THE NAME OR NAMES OF PERSONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE TO SERVE AS CHAIR. IT WAS NOTED THAT NOMINATIONS FROM THE FLOOR ARE ALSO ACCEPTABLE. AT ITS MEETING OF MARCH 1998 SENATE ADOPTED A MOTION THAT A DEPUTY-CHAIR OF SENATE BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG THE ELECTED FACULTY MEMBERS BY THE SAME PROCEDURE AS THE CHAIR OF THE SENATE.
3. That the following changes be made to Article III, Section 4, of the Senate Constitution (Terms and Duties of Membership).

Four student members of Senate ~~Undergraduate student members of Senate and Senate Committees~~ shall be appointed by the Acadia Students' Representative Council. The term of service shall be the same as that of the SRC which appointed them. **One student member of Senate** ~~Graduate student members of Senate and Senate Committees~~ shall be appointed by the Graduate Students' Association and shall serve a one-year term commencing in September of each year. **One student member of Senate shall normally be appointed by the Acadia Divinity College Student Association, and shall serve a one-year term commencing in September of each year. In the event the Acadia Divinity College Student Association is not able to select a representative in a timely fashion in a given year, the appointment shall be made by the Dean of Theology. Unless otherwise specified, student members of Senate Committees shall be appointed by the Acadia Students' Representative Council.**