



A meeting of the Senate of Acadia University occurred on Monday, 12 March 2007 beginning at 4:06 p.m. with Chair Ian Wilks presiding and 42 present.

1) Minutes of the Meeting of  
12 February 2007

It was moved by J. White and seconded by C. Rivers *that the minutes of Monday, 12 February 2007 be approved as distributed.*

It was agreed to change the first line of 2)c) on pg. 1 to read "G. Iwama reported that the search for Dean of Professional Studies is underway and the short list and interviews are expected to be completed by the end of April."

MOTION WAS CARRIED AS AMENDED.

2) Announcements and  
Communications

a) From the Chair

-re Regrets

Regrets were received from A. Irving, J. Kirk, S. Lochhead, R. Perrins, R. Wehrell, and C. Wightman.

-re Guests

I. Wilks introduced A. Biro as a guest to this meeting.

-re Agenda

The Chair noted that a handout from the Senate Nominating Committee was available for Item 3)a). He noted that this committee will soon be meeting to nominate Senate officers and Executive members for the coming academic year.

He confirmed that the April meeting of the Senate is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

b) From the President

G. Dinter-Gottlieb announced that the following have accepted the offer of an Honorary Degree for the Spring Convocation: Dr. Nelson Yiu, D. Divinity; Ms. Alexandra Fuller, D. Fine Arts; Senator Donald Oliver, D. Science; and Hon. Myra Freeman, D. Civil Law. She encouraged Senators to bring nominations to this committee for consideration. In reply to a question from the floor, she said that other names approved by the Senate are still on the list and will be dealt with at a later time.

- Notice of Motion re  
Awarding of the Named  
Chairs (067-63-FAC)

G. Dinter-Gottlieb gave notice of motion for the next meeting of the Senate, regarding a proposal for the awarding of the named chairs as follows: *that the Senate Faculty Development Committee investigate how naming of chairs should be awarded and bring a proposal to Senate for consideration.* She noted that this designation has not been awarded for five years.

She announced that the search for the Vice-President (Academic) is underway. Five candidates have been identified. An interview process will take place over the next week and a half, and finalists will be brought to campus beginning March 26<sup>th</sup>. It is hoped that the process will be complete before exams begin.

G. Dinter-Gottlieb closed by thanking all who are contributing toward the

enrolment effort and noted that various initiative programs are going well.

c) From the Vice-President  
(Academic)

G. Iwama said that his office is seeking candidates for the position of Director of the Academy of the Environment. The deadline is this week.

He spoke on the success of "Experience Acadia Days" and the "Awards Reception".

- re Outward Bound  
(067-62-VPA)

G. Iwama gave an update on "Outward Bound" Memorandum of Understanding that was designed to support courses in which Acadia Faculty and Students and Outward Bound Canada will be involved. The Senate has approved these courses (**APPENDIX A**).

- re Memorandum of  
Understanding

G. Iwama spoke on Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The Admission & Academic Standing (Policy) Committee was asked to review how memoranda of understanding are developed on campus, and set policy for a standardized practice in this regard. A sub-committee of the AASC has been established to do this and he suggested that a report would be available within six weeks.

- Notice of Motion re  
Program Review of the  
Department of Chemistry  
(067-64-APR)

G. Iwama gave notice of motion for the next meeting of Senate, as follows: *It is moved that Senate approve a report from the Academic Program Review Committee concerning a program review of the Department of Chemistry.*

He noted that a similar report from Department of Music is not ready at this time.

d) Vice-President (Student  
Affairs)

P. Cook MacKinnon provided Senators with an update on activities of the Enrolment Task Force. A draft report has been sent to AASC for input.

e) By-Laws Committee

P. Corkum, Chair of the Senate By-Laws Committee reminded Senators that this committee is doing a thorough review of the Senate Constitution and By-Laws and is looking for input.

f) Acadia Debate Society

C. Rivers, on behalf of the Paul Tom Debate Society Executive, expressed appreciation to members of faculty - H. Wyile, J. Saklofske, L. La Rocque, and P. Doerr, who judged the annual Diefenbaker Tournament at Acadia University.

3) Business Arising from the  
Minutes

a) Nominating Committee -  
Membership of Senate  
Standing Committee for  
Students With Disabilities  
That Affect Learning  
(067-60-SLD)

It was moved S. Markham-Starr and seconded by H. Wyile *that the Nominating Committee Report on nominations for the Senate Committee for Students With Disabilities that Affect Learning and as follows:*

*Senator from the Faculty of Arts - Paul Doerr*

*Senator from the Faculty of Professional Studies - Heather Hemming*

*Senator from the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science - Doug Symons*  
*Senator or delegate from the Faculty of Theology - Christopher Killackey*  
*and as distributed at this meeting, be approved by the Senate (APPENDIX B).*

The Chair called for further nominations three times and hearing none asked for approval of this report.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

S. Markham-Starr suggested that she call the first meeting, at which time a committee chair would be selected.

b) Research & Graduate  
Studies - New Program -  
MA in Social & Political  
Thought (067-52-RGS)

It was moved by P. Abela and seconded by C. Rivers *that the proposed graduate program in Social and Political Thought as attached to the agenda of 12 February 2007 be approved.*

A. Biro spoke to this motion. He said that this proposed program would be unique to the region, and would advance some of the initiatives of the University's Strategic Plan. In reply to a question from the floor, he noted that the program proposes a .17 course increase in Philosophy. The Dean of Arts has said he will cover this. G. Dinter-Gottlieb reminded the Senate there would be no compliment increase approved from the President's Office. A. Biro said that AGA funding would have to be increased as well; he believed that the increased revenue from students attracted to this program could supply the extra funding.

In reply to a question from the floor on the effect this program might have on the honours program, A. Biro said that this proposal would strengthen the honours programs by diversifying the number of courses that are currently offered at the 4000 level. C. Rivers agreed that the interaction of honours students with graduate students would be beneficial.

The projected four or five students this program may attract would result in one-on-one supervision.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

I. Wilks noted that although this proposal has been approved by the Senate, the financial side of this proposal is in the hands of various administrators. A. Biro confirmed that this program must now have the approval of the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission.

c) *ad hoc* Committee on  
Dual Reporting Structure  
for the Office of the  
Registrar (067-58-REG)

It was moved by J. Eustace and seconded by K. Whetter *that the ad hoc Committee on Dual Reporting Structure for the Office of the Registrar Report, as attached to the minutes of 12 February 2007, be approved.*

J. Eustace spoke to this motion and said that this *ad hoc* committee first determined the functions of the Registrar's Office. It then studied the results of the change that had been put in effect to date. Based on this examination, it recommends a reporting structure that enables the VP (Student Affairs) to collaborate with the VP (Academic) and the Registrar in the dissemination of information to students. The VPSA will aid the Registrar with

communications to students. But authority over academic issues reside in the office of the VPA, and therefore on these matters the Registrar will report to the VPA.

K. Whetter said that the issue of whether the Registrar's duties could mainly be classified as academic was investigated by this committee; they were found to be mainly academic.

G. Iwama confirmed that the annual review of the Registrar would be a joint review done by both the VPA and VPSA.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

d) Faculty of Professional  
Studies - Constitution  
Modification  
**(067-59-PRO)**

It was moved by W. McLeod and seconded by G. Ness *that the Senate approve the Faculty of Professional Studies Constitution modifications as attached to today's agenda.*

W. McLeod thanked the committee members for their work on this task. This version will be known as the 2006 Constitution.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

4) New Business  
a) Vice-President (Academic)  
Search **(067- 65-VPA)**

I. Wilks suggested that, as Chair of Senate, he meet with each candidate for the position of Vice-President (Academic) during the up-coming campus visitations of the final candidates. The purpose of these meetings would be to inform the candidates of the importance of Senate to the academic life of Acadia University. It was agreed that this would happen.

5) Adjournment

G. Callon moved this meeting be adjourned. It was 5:50 p.m.

**APPENDIX A**  
**Senate Minutes/8Jan07/Item 2)c)**  
**067-62-VPA**

Outward Bound Canada - VPA Report to Senate  
Monday, March 05, 2007

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Dr. Gail Dinter-Gottlieb representing Acadia University and Mr. David Wolfenden, Chief Administrative Officer, Outward Bound Canada (OBC) in April, 2006.

This idea grew out of Outward Bound Canada's interest in ensuring it developed a strong presence in Eastern Canada having already firmly established routes in Western and Central Canada; and appointing Acadia alumnus, Mr. Mike Crowtz to this task. It was also of interest to SRMK at Acadia so as to broaden the national profile of the School and to enhance the teaching and research resources available to the School. There was also enthusiastic encouragement from our Chancellor, Dr. Arthur Irving.

The primary goals of this cooperation are:

1. Joint educational and research activities;
2. Exchange of academic materials and academic publications;
3. Staff and faculty exchanges for educational, research and community development;
4. Student exchanges for study, professional development and research.

Course Offerings:

The initial focus was to combine the academic expertise found within the School of Recreation Management of Acadia University with the field strengths in adventure leadership and personal development within OBC. To that end two courses have been designed and approved by Senate.

The first focuses on a 35 day leadership development course for adults wishing to develop a career in experiential and adventure based leadership. This will be taught in Burk Falls, Ontario in June and July, 2007. Acadia faculty will evaluate the present curriculum, enhance the academic content where necessary, and co-teach this course focusing on but not limited to the academic requirements. This course is only open to students who qualify and register for Outward Bound Canada's Instructor Development Program and also meet Acadia's academic standards.

The second course is designed for all qualified undergraduate students who are interested in personal development through physical and mental challenge, environmental education and human service. It is hoped that university students from across Canada will be attracted to this course. It will take place in a remote community where students can be exposed to challenging physical environments and cultural and environmental interest. It is intended that this course will be taught for the first time during the summer of 2008 utilizing faculty from diverse disciplinary interests.

Research:

An important aspect of this agreement is to stimulate research in adventure leadership development. Outward Bound Canada will, whenever feasible, cooperate with Acadia to stimulate research activity among faculty and students.

Professional Development:

The School of Recreation Management and Kinesiology develops numerous practicum experiences for its students. It is envisioned that SRMK will place one or two students each year in professional development placements as part of its RECR 4006: Professional Placement course

Signed

Glyn Bissix, PhD, Professor  
School for Recreation Manager and Kinesiology

Nominating Committee Report to Senate  
March 12, 2007

**Nominations for the Senate Committee for Students With Disabilities that Affect Learning**

At the February 12, 2007 meeting of Senate, a motion was passed to establish the Senate Committee for Students With Disabilities that Affect Learning and the Nominating Committee was directed to bring forth nominations.

The membership and duties of the committee are as follows:

The membership of the Committee for Students With Disabilities that Affect Learning shall be elected in accordance with Article VI.1 and shall be as follows:

- One Senator from the Faculty of Arts
- One Senator from the Faculty of Professional Studies
- One Senator from the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science
- One Senator or delegate from the Faculty of Theology
- One student appointed by the Student Representative Council
- The Academic Support Coordinator or delegate
- The Disability Resource Facilitator or delegate
- The Registrar or delegate

The duties of the Committee for Students With Disabilities that Affect Learning shall be:

- To monitor the implementation of the Senate policy for students with disabilities that affect learning;
- To conduct an annual review of the policy regarding students with disabilities that affect learning, and if necessary, recommend to Senate amendments to the policy;
- To deal with any other matters which Senate might refer to the Committee.

The Nominating Committee places in nomination the following names for the positions listed:

- Senator from the Faculty of Arts – Paul Doerr
- Senator from the Faculty of Professional Studies – Heather Hemming
- Senator from the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science – Doug Symons
- Senator or delegate from the Faculty of Theology - [Chris Killacky](#)

Respectfully submitted:

Susan Markham-Starr, Chair

S. Bondrup-Nielsen

P. Callaghan

J. Davies

G. Dinter-Gottlieb

H. Teismann

H. Wylie