

A meeting of the Senate of Acadia University occurred on Monday, 10 March 2008 beginning at 4:02 p.m. with Chair Ian Wilks presiding and 45 present.

- 1) Approval of Minutes
  - a) Meeting of  
11 February 2008

It was moved by D. Symons and seconded by R. Raeside *that the minutes of Monday, 11 February 2008 be approved as distributed.*

One correction was made on p. 1 under communications should read "G. Lohnes of the BOG".

MOTION WITH CORRECTION WAS CARRIED.

- 2) Announcements and Communications
  - a) From the Chair

-re Regrets

Regrets were received from A. Irving, S. Lochhead, G. Ness, D. Piper, R. Sparkman, and M. Trask.

-re Guests in Attendance

The Chair introduced T. Herman as Acting President.

The Chair acknowledged the following guests to this meeting: observer, A. Dulhanty; incoming student Senators E. Cullen, S. Barron, M. Keaveny; and newly appointed Graduate Student Representative, A. Fougere.

-re Agenda

I. Wilks noted the following additions to today's agenda: 4)c) from the Curriculum Committee - curriculum changes for the School of Music; and 5)a) Notice of Motion re mandate of the Senate Scholarship, Prizes and Awards Committee.

The Chair reminded the Senate Nominating Committee of their task to prepare a nominating report for distribution in April and decision in May regarding Officers of Senate and members of the Senate Executive for the following year.

He also reminded the Senate Executive Committee of a meeting scheduled for Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Committee Room of University Hall.

- b) From the Acting President  
& Vice-Chancellor and  
Vice-President (Academic)

T. Herman reported on a power outage in U-Hall today which resulted in delaying the 2008-2009 course registration by one day. Electronic exams have had to be rescheduled, there is no internet access, and there is no network access to servers on campus. Backup power supply is to be installed overnight.

He noted that current enrolment figures, excluding Theology, are: 2,764 full-time undergraduates, 129 part-time undergraduates, 92 full-time graduates, 227 part-time graduates. For Theology are: 9 full-time undergraduates, 13 part-time undergraduates, 46 full-time graduates and 45 part-time graduates. He requested that faculty provide assistance for follow up phone calls to prospective students.

He commented on recent campus activities and in particular commended the AU Political Science Association on their Conference; the Irving Academy for the Environment on their Focus Acadia on Climate Change Event; and the Acadia Student Union (in particular C. Hoult) that organized and sponsored a visit and lecture by Madam Justice Marie Deschamps of the Supreme Court of Canada.

-re President's Advisory  
Council - Restructure

T. Herman announced that the President's Advisory Council (PAC) had been restructured to include the three Deans of Faculty. It is hoped that this will improve the representation of the academic sector of campus. An executive of PAC will be formed to include the president, the three vice-presidents, and the associate vice-president for finance. This executive would bring matters to the more inclusive group.

He noted that a report would be coming from the Senate Acadia Advantage Review Committee as a result of the AA 2.0 Workshop. This report will present the core values of the AA 2.0 and the essential elements to be maintained in the new program.

He announced that two laptop suppliers (Dell and Apple) have been selected and once vendors and models are identified more information would be available.

He reported that a Memorandum of Understanding had been signed between the Board of Governors and the University Faculty Association acknowledging protection for academic administrators.

He said the search for an Associate Vice-President Research & Graduate Studies would continue, the deadline for applications removed, and the competition open until the position was filled.

In reply to a question from the floor, he confirmed that the Deans on the PAC have the same standing as any other council member.

In reply to a question from the floor, he said students may purchase laptops online from the two companies and they would include a three-year warranty. He stressed that purchasers should wait until the specs are determined and released.

- 3) Business Arising from the  
Previous Minutes
  - a) Division of Continuing &  
Distance Education - Name  
Change (078-62-CDE)

It was moved by G. Hepburn and seconded by T. Herman *that the name of the Division of Continuing and Distance Education be changed to Open Acadia as outlined in a handout from the Board of the DCDE at the February meeting of the Senate.*

G. Hepburn spoke to this motion and referred to APPENDIX B of the February 2008 minutes. In reply to a question from the floor, he said that at Acadia, the term "Life Long Learning" was used for those programs offered to those over 50.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

- 4) New Business

a) Research Committee -  
Nomination for Research  
Ethics Board (078-65-REB)

It was moved by T. Herman and seconded by R. Murphy *that the Senate Research Committee nomination of Dr. Christopher Shields (Faculty of Professional Studies) for a three-year term on the Research Ethics Board (to expire 30 June 2011) be approved.*

The Chair called for further nominations three times and hearing none, declared nominations to be closed.

MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Academic Integrity  
Committee - Policy on  
Conflict of Interest  
(078-66-INT)

It was moved by C. Hoult and seconded by P. Corkum *that the Senate Academic Integrity Committee report on a proposed Policy on Conflict of Interest be accepted.*

R. Jotcham, as a member of this committee, spoke to this motion. She proposed the following changes which were accepted in the section under Definitions: 1) under Administrative Head add "the University Librarian" at end of third item in this list; 2) under the definition for "Teacher" should read "professors, lectures, instructors, librarians, or teaching assistants".

She said that such policies from other universities were reviewed to create this proposal.

In reply to a question from the floor R. Jotcham said that a teaching assistant who was also a student (for a course other than that doing the teaching assistant duties) was an example of a conflict of interest.

A. Quéma believed that Departmental Heads and Directors of Schools had been omitted from the definition of "administrative head". An amendment was accepted so the last line of the definition of Administrative Head read: "Of any other university member is the Departmental Head or Director of School or University Librarian". Also on p. 2, under Types of Conflict of Interest, the second paragraph, line 3, should read "faculty member's".

After discussion on the lack of appeal option in the "appeals" section of this proposal, R. Jotcham agreed to investigate the issue and report back to Senate.

There was confusion on the use of "department head or director" on p. 2 in comparison to the definition given on p. 1 that resulted in the replacement of this phrase with "Administrative Head".

Much discussion took place regarding the meaning or intent of "intimate personal relationships" under definition of "closely associated person" and also clarification of section under Disclosure as it relates to section under Types of Conflict of Interest.

The Chair asked for a motion to refer this report back to the Senate Academic Integrity Committee for tightening and vetting, particularly with reference to the definition of "closely associated person".

It was moved by C. Hoult and seconded by J. White *that Senate refer this document back to the Academic Integrity Committee for consideration of the points raised at this meeting and return it to Senate for the April agenda.*

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

- c) Curriculum Committee -  
Curriculum Changes for  
School of Music  
**(078-67-CRE)**

It was moved by J. Hansen and seconded by A. Quéma *that the curriculum changes for the School of Music as outlined in a late addition to the agenda (APPENDIX A) be approved.*

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

- 5) Other Business
  - a) Notice of Motion - Change  
Mandate of the  
Scholarships, Prizes, &  
Awards Committee  
**(078-68-SPA)**

A. Mitchell gave notice of motion for the next meeting of the Senate as follows: *that the word "bursaries" be added to the line on page 25 of the Senate By-Laws describing the mandate of the Scholarships, Prizes, and Awards Committee (Article VII (n), Section II) and as outlined in today's handout (APPENDIX B).*

Because this motion was a change in the Senate Constitution & By-Laws, the Chair referred this notice of motion to the By-Laws Committee to review for implications to the By-Laws.

- 6) Adjournment

C. Hoult moved this meeting be adjourned. It was 5:16 p.m.

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D. Murphy, Recording Secretary

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**For Senate Meeting of 10 March 2008**

**School of Music**

**Bachelor of Music Therapy Degree**

1. Musi 1133, 1130L, 1143, 1140L, 1253, 1263, 2133, 2130L, 2143, 2140L, 2163 (21h)
2. Music 1563, 2573, 3563, 3560L, 3573, 3570L, 4563, 4560L, 4573, 4570L (18h)
3. **Music 1663, 2663 (Secondary Applied Keyboard)**, Music 4663 (Secondary Applied Guitar) **(9h)**
4. Music 1333, 1353, 2083, 4553 (12h)
5. 6h English and 6h History (12h)
6. Psyc 1013, 1023, 2113, 2153 plus 6h additional Psychology; Biol 1813 (21h)
7. **18h** music electives (18h)
8. 9h non-music electives (9h)
9. Musi 1600 and one additional ensemble in first year, Musi 2701 in second year, Music Therapy Ensembles in third and fourth year

Notice of Motion

I hereby give notice of my intention to move that the word "bursaries" be added to the line on page 25 of the senate bylaws describing the mandate of the scholarships, prizes and awards committee. (Article VII (n), section ii)

The current bylaw says:

- ii. The duties of the Scholarships, Prizes and Awards committee shall be:
  - (a) To decide how winners of scholarships, prizes and awards are to be selected and to gather all information it considers necessary for the selection.

The amended bylaw would say:

- ii. The duties of the Scholarships, Prizes and Awards committee shall be:
  - (a) To decide how winners of scholarships, prizes, bursaries and awards are to be selected and to gather all information it considers necessary for the selection.

The intent of my motion is to make the current bursaries committee accountable to senate. It would not disband the bursaries committee or interfere unduly in it's work.

Andrew Mitchell  
Engineering