



A meeting of the Senate of Acadia University occurred on Monday, 6 June 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m. with Chair Patricia Corkum presiding and 34 present.

- 1) Approval of Agenda  
Nomination for Academic Planning and Priorities Committee was added to the agenda as item 4) a).  
  
It was moved by W. Brackney and seconded by W. Slights *that the agenda be approved as amended.*  
  
MOTION CARRIED.
- 2) Minutes of the Meeting of 11 May 2011  
It was moved by J. Hennessy and seconded by J. Best *that the minutes of Wednesday, 11 May 2011 be approved.*  
  
The following amendment was made:  
Page 5 Item 3)e) re: Committee membership and representation from the interdisciplinary programs to read *Representative from the interdisciplinary Programs, elected by **the Steering Committees** of the interdisciplinary Programs*  
  
MOTION AS AMENDED WAS CARRIED.
- 3) Announcements
  - a) From the Chair of Senate  
Regrets were received from B. Anderson, J. Banks, H. Gardner, H. Hemming, S. Hewitt, K. Power, S. Sweet, and John Whidden.  
  
The Chair acknowledged those whose terms on Senate will end on June 30<sup>th</sup>, those who filled sabbatical and other replacements, and Senators who will be retiring.  
  
The Chair provided an overview of the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Governors Academic Resources *ad hoc* Committee, both of which the Chair of Senate attends as an *ex officio* member.  
  
G. Whitehall thanked Pat Corkum, noting that she is completing her term as Chair.
  - b) From the President and Vice-Chancellor  
President Ivany reported that the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At its Fall meeting at McGill University, AUCC will present a new narrative about the role of universities in Canada.  
  
President Ivany reported that a meeting between the CONSUP Negotiating Committee and the Province concerning the MOU will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
  
President Ivany spoke of the merger between Dalhousie University and the Nova Scotia Agricultural College and the importance of aligning resources,

including applied research and development, to support the agricultural sector in the Annapolis Valley.

Discussion surrounded the value of a forum at national level to discuss issues concerning learning and education.

c) From the Vice President Academic

T. Herman reported that both the enrolment of first year students and course registrations for returning students are strong.

The Academic Program Review Committee has met and will bring to the September meeting of Senate the report and prioritized recommendations resulting from the reviews of the Departments of Nutrition and Dietetics, Engineering, Sociology, and Physics.

In response to a question from G. Whitehall, T. Herman noted that the material to be presented at the upcoming open session faculty forum could be shared with Senate as well. He suggested that the feedback from faculty be incorporated into the material in order to present a fuller report to Senate.

c) From the Registrar

R. Jotcham reported that three additional students were added to the list of graduates following the May meeting of Senate.

4) New Business

a) Nominating Committee -  
Nomination for Academic  
Planning and Priorities  
Committee

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, J. Hennessy nominated Paul Doerr for the Senator Co-Chair of the Academic Planning and Priorities *ad hoc* Committee. The Chair called for further nominations from the floor. No additional nominations were forthcoming. P. Doerr was acclaimed to the position.

b) Honorary Degrees  
Committee

i. Draft Terms of Reference  
and Guidelines for  
Honorary Degrees and  
Emeriti Distinctions

President Ivany, Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, reported that the Committee is reviewing the criteria and processes surrounding the Honorary Degrees and Emeriti distinctions. The draft Terms of Reference and Guidelines have been distributed to Senators. The Committee invites comments and suggestions from Senators prior to a notice of motion that will be filed for September meeting of Senate.

ii. Eligibility for  
Consideration for  
Professor Emeritus  
Designation

It was moved by President Ivany and seconded by S. Markham-Starr *that Senate approve a one-time, one year period from October 1, 2011 to October 1, 2012 for consideration of Professores and Librarian Emeriti nominations for any past retired faculty and librarians.*

President Ivany spoke to the motion stating that the motion is intended to assist in the integration of the emeriti distinction into the academic and scholarly culture of the university by providing an opportunity for Departments to nominate for the emeriti designation any retired faculty or librarian who was not considered in the past.

Discussion surrounded the mechanism for communicating this opportunity to the Faculties. The Honorary Degrees Committee will draw attention to the motion in its annual call for nominations.

It was suggested that recognition be given to Professores and Librarian Emeriti during the Convocation ceremonies.

MOTION CARRIED.

- c) Senate Committee Annual Reports
- It was moved by A. Quema and seconded by D. MacKinnon *that Senate receive the annual reports of its standing committees for the academic year 2010-2011 as received at this meeting.*
- The Chair reminded Senators that Committee minutes, documentation, and annual reports are to be sent to the University Archives.
- i. By-Laws **(APPENDIX A)** S. Markham-Starr noted the majority of Committee members for the 2011-12 academic year will be new to the Committee.
- ii. Graduate Studies **(APPENDIX B)** No comments.
- iii. Honorary Degrees **(APPENDIX C)** No comments.
- iv. Nominating **(APPENDIX D)** The Chair commended the Committee for their work in transitioning to the new nominating procedures.
- v. Research **(APPENDIX E)** D. MacKinnon invited Senators to forward to the Committee any suggestions on ways to celebrate and highlight research on campus.
- vi. Research Ethics Board **(APPENDIX F)** No comments.
- vii. Senate Executive **(APPENDIX G)** David MacKinnon was omitted from the list of Committee members. The Chair noted that the Vice-Chair of Senate and the ASU Vice-President Academic attended and contributed to the meetings prior to their becoming official members in May 2011.
- viii. Students with Disabilities that Affect Learning **(APPENDIX H)** D. Holmberg highlighted the student projects on issues that affect students with disabilities and invited further input and suggestions. Discussion surrounded possible funding required to implement the recommendations resulting from the student projects.
- ix. Tenure Track Teaching Allocation **(APPENDIX I)** D. Holmberg noted that the ranking for interdisciplinary positions that cross faculty lines is still outstanding and is to be addressed at the September meeting. Discussion surrounded the possibility of the Committee ranking new positions and those that serve multiple units.

MOTION, WITH THE AMENDMENT TO SENATE EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP, WAS CARRIED.

d) Amendment to Named  
Chair Policy

It was moved by P. Williams and seconded by T. Herman *that the Named Chairs Policy be amended to read:*

*That named chairs and professorships provide a means of*

- a. recognizing and promoting outstanding scholarship, teaching and research, and bring honour and distinction to their holders, and*
- b. recognizing and celebrating the generosity of the benefactors who established the Chairs;***

MOTION CARRIED.

5) Adjournment

On motion of R. Cunningham and seconded by D. Seamone, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

ORIGINAL SIGNED

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K. Slater Padovani, Recording Secretary