

A meeting of the Senate of Acadia University occurred on Monday, **8 September 2003**, beginning at 4:03 p.m. with Chair Robert Raeside presiding and 48 members present.

1) Minutes of the Meeting of
7 May 2003

It was moved by L. Oliver and seconded by B. Latta *that the minutes of Wednesday, 7 May 2003 be approved.*

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

2) Announcements and
Communications

a) From the Chair

-re Regrets

Regrets were received from P. Cook, T. Ellis, J. Hennessy, and A. Irving.

-re Today's Agenda

The Chair advised of an addition to today's agenda under Item 2, Announcements and Communications: from the Registrar's Office, a Registration Statistics Report.

-re Senate Membership

The Chair introduced and welcomed new Senators G. Bissix, P. Cabilio, G. Dinter-Gottlieb, S. Enman, I. Feltmate, A. Franceschet, R. Gossage, G. Hepburn, J. Sacouman, I. Spooner; Student Senators, L. Binns (Science), A. Duncan (Professional Studies), R. John (Arts), J. Mosher (VP(A), and K. Roy (Graduate); and Lay Person, J. Tillotson.

-re Senate Meeting
Procedures

R. Raeside advised that an attempt is made to keep the length of Senate meetings to two hours. He requested Senators to observe agenda deadlines when bringing items to Senate. The Chair introduced the Senate Secretariat - R. Jotcham (Secretary) and D. Murphy (Recording Secretary). He noted that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Senate require that meeting procedure in Senate be governed by Arthur Beauchesne, Rules and Forms in the House of Commons of Canada; however, for the purpose of general procedure, Roberts Rules of Order will be used.

b) From the President

G. Dinter-Gottlieb expressed her pleasure with being at Acadia and her desire to meet faculty and staff in the coming weeks. She emphasized the need to tell others how Acadia University's students are using the tools they receive here, including the notebook computers. She asked Senators to help her uncover such stories. The President asked 'where is Acadia going next and what will Acadia be known for next?' She outlined the long-term benefits of students living in residence (more loyalty to the University, a deeper sense of belonging). G. Gottlieb closed by advising that more for-

profit companies will be moving into the field of higher education, but Acadia's strength will be in developing students in the classroom as well as outside of it. This will result in fully developed citizens and fully developed participants in the democracy this country enjoys. That is what Acadia has to offer.

c) From the Vice-President
(Academic)

C. MacLatchy welcomed Senators back for another academic year. He announced that departments are invited to apply for visiting lectureship funds provided by the Vice-President (Academic) and the H.T. Reid fund for the coming year.

d) From the Acting Registrar
- Registration Stats
(034-07-REG)

R. Jotcham pointed out highlights of this year's registration statistical report. Acadia students from 74 countries and a total of 3,991 full-time, undergraduate students registered to this date. More returning students are shown in this report than were targeted. This has resulted in an extremely tight classroom situation and very few courses at any level with space available. September 9th is the cut off date for students to pay fees in order to remain registered although to date there is no significant number in that position, which means enrolment numbers should not change greatly. The circulated report (**APPENDIX A**) is of registered students, not admitted.

3) Business Arising from the
Minutes

a) By-Laws Committee-
Faculty Development
Committee (034-01-LAW)

Further to a request at the May 2003 meeting of Senate and based on the information as attached to today's agenda, the Senate By-Laws Committee gave the following Notice of Motion: *that the Faculty Development Committee be struck from the list of standing committees of the Senate.*

b) Divinity College-Semester
Change (034-02-DIV)

It was moved by L. McDonald and seconded by B. Matthews *that the Faculty of Theology at the Acadia Divinity College return to the same two semester academic calendar that is used by Acadia University by the beginning of the fall term in 2004.*

L. McDonald spoke to this motion and advised Senators that this recommendation came from the Senate of the Divinity College.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

c) By-Laws Committee-
Academic Integrity
Committee **(034-03-LAW)**

From the Senate By-Laws Committee, Notice of Motion was given as attached to today's agenda regarding the establishment of the Academic Integrity Committee as a standing committee of the Senate.

P. Corkum clarified the desire to have this motion in two parts. Part I represents what Senate approved at its May 2003 meeting. Part II is a recommendation from the By-Laws Committee to reduce the originally agreed size of the Academic Integrity Committee, which it was felt by the By-Laws Committee, would make this committee more effective.

4) New Business

a) University Teaching
Complement Committee-
Request from Department of
Languages and Literatures
(034-04-ART)

G. Ness, Chair of the Teaching Complement Committee (TCC), spoke to this issue and quoted Article 20.06 of the Tenth Collective Agreement which sends an appeal on a decision made by the TCC to the University Senate. This article is not clear on what action Senate is to take. G. Ness gave the following Notice of Motion: *that Senate decide on the matter of the appeal of the Department of Languages and Literatures that their teaching complement be reduced.*

In reply to a query from the floor, the Chair noted that those involved in this issue would be invited to the October meeting of the Senate and have an opportunity to speak.

B. Matthews reminded Senate that the Academic Sector Planning Committee and the Arts Faculty Council have responsibility in teaching complement issues.

b) Curriculum Committee-
Geology Program Change
(034-05-CRE)

It was moved by I. Spooner and seconded by J. Mosher *that the following programs in Environmental Geoscience be accepted:*

- Bachelor of Science with Honours in Environmental Geoscience*
- 1. The environmental geoscience core, GEOL 4996 and 6h elective geology, each completed with a minimum grade of B- (57h).*
 - 2. Chem 1013, 1023 (6h)*
 - 3. 6h in Math*
 - 4. PHYS 1053, 1063 or equiv. with lab (6h)*
 - 5. BIOL 1113, 1123 (6h)*
 - 6. 6h from Chem, Math, Phys, Biol or ENV5*
- Participation in departmental seminars is required. This program is career-oriented and preparatory to graduate study in environmental geoscience. It is needed for registration as a professional environmental geoscientist.*

Bachelor of Science with Major in Environmental Geoscience

1. The environmental geoscience core, and 6h elective geology, each completed with a minimum grade of C- (51h).

2. Chem 1013, 1023 (6h)

3. 6h in Math

4. PHYS 1053, 1063 or equiv. with lab (6h)

5. BIOL 1113, 1123 (6h)

6. 6h from Chem, Math, Phys, Biol or ENVS

This program is career-oriented and is needed for registration as a professional environmental geoscientist.

The honours and majors programs in environmental geoscience require the following core: 1013, 1023, 2033, 2080, 2123, 2213, 2303, 2703, 3103, 3303, 3603, 3723, 3823, ENVS 2643, 3113, 3423 (45h). No more than 3h non-lab geology courses at the 1000/2000-level may be offered towards the major.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

c) By-Laws Committee-
Annual Review of the
Constitution of the Faculty
(034-06-LAW)

It is a duty of the Senate By-Law Committee to review annually the By-Laws of the Faculty. Several recommendations were presented with the agenda. It was decided to proceed with them individually. P. Corkum announced that the next Faculty meeting is scheduled for 7 October 2003 at 4:30 p.m. and urged faculty to attend so a quorum could be met to deal with these and other matters.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation One*

Article III-MEMBERSHIP-Name changes, as follows, be accepted: Certain terms and or positions (Demonstrators, Tutors, Director of Admissions) are not relevant and need to be replaced with new terms consistent with the Collective Agreement between the Board of Governors and the Acadia University Faculty Association.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation Two*

Article III-MEMBERSHIP-Membership composition, as follows, be accepted: With various organizational changes that have occurred over recent years, consideration should be given to the new structure and whether or not the membership should be increased for certain positions.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation Three*

Article V-OFFICERS, as follows, be accepted: Officers of Faculty

will consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Faculty Elections Officer. The Faculty Elections Officer will conduct elections each May for the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary to serve for the next academic year. The Faculty Elections Officer will be elected annually by Senate.

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation Four Article VI a)-MEETINGS, as follows, be accepted: There shall be two regularly scheduled meetings of Faculty every year (one in the Spring and one in the Fall). Also, the Faculty shall meet at the call of the Chair of Faculty, in his or her absence or indisposition, at the call of the Vice-Chair and the Secretary, or whenever twenty members of Faculty, in writing to the Chair, request that a meeting be called.*

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

A correction was noted - the remaining recommendations dealt with Article XI, not IX as in the attachment.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation Five Article XI a)-FACULTY ELECTIONS, as follows, be accepted: It will be the duty of the Faculty Elections Officer to set all the necessary dates for elections and to perform such other duties as may be necessary. He or she may co-opt assistance whenever he or she so desires.*

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation Six Article XI b)-FACULTY ELECTIONS, as follows, be accepted: The Election Officer shall be responsible for the election of Faculty representatives on the Sabbatical Leave Committee. (The terms and conditions of the prevailing Collective Agreement between the Board of Governors and the Acadia University Faculty Association shall determine the eligibility for membership on the Sabbatical Leave Committee).*

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation Seven Article XI c)-FACULTY ELECTIONS, as follows, be accepted: change to c) to c)i) and add c)ii) as follows: In addition the Elections Officer shall ensure that each of the Faculty Councils elect two representatives to the University Review Committee. (The terms*

and conditions of the Prevailing Collective Agreement between the Board of Governors and the Acadia University Faculty Association shall determine the eligibility for membership on the University Review Committee).

It was moved by J. Sacouman and seconded by G. Bissix *that this motion be amended by changing the first sentence to read "In addition the Elections Officer shall seek to ensure that each of the Faculty Councils elect two representatives to the University Review Committee."*

MOTION TO AMEND WAS CARRIED.

MOTION WAS CARRIED AS AMENDED.

It was moved by P. Corkum and seconded by J. Slights *that Recommendation Eight Article XI f)-FACULTY ELECTIONS, as follows, be accepted: delete the current Article XI f) that reads "All regular terms of office will be for three years".*

MOTION WAS CARRIED.

5) Adjournment

P. Cabilio moved this meeting be adjourned. It was 5:20 p.m.

D. Murphy, Recording Secretary