



SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 4:00 pm LB322

MINUTES

Present: Kris Bulcroft (Chair), Nanci Lucas (Vice-Chair), Carol Aitken, Jean Bennett, Don Bentley, Chris Bottrill, Brent Calvert, Julia Denholm, Cierrah DiCesare-Cawker, Leighan Crowe, Calvin DeGroot, Sacha Fabry, Darin Feist, Rick Gale, Ken Haycock, Violet Jessen, David Kirk, Reini Klein, Grace Makarewicz, Karen McCredie, Kim McLeod, Paul McMillan, Grace McNab, Emma Russell, Sandra Seekins, Murray Stiller, Sharka Stuyt, Cheryl Webb, Stephanie Wells, Daniel Yasinski, Recording Secretary: Mary Jukich

Regrets: Brent Leigh, Jennifer Moore, Todd Nickel, Michael Victor

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Grace McNab moved and Daniel Yasinski seconded:

The agenda be approved

CARRIED

2. Minutes

Daniel Yasinski moved and David Kirk seconded that:

The January 13th, 2015 minutes be approved.

CARRIED

3. Chair and Vice-Chair's Reports

Chair's Report

Andrew Wilkinson, the new Minister of Advanced Education, as well as MLA's, attended the University on January 26th. During the visit, the new Minister toured parts of the Campus and met with various students and members of the University. The Minister was invited to re-visit the University to complete the Campus tour and continue discussions.

Meetings are underway with current and prospective students with regard to some of the key component features coming from the Strategic Plan.

Kris attended the Chancellor's Circle event at the Blue Shore Financial Centre for the Performing Arts. The event was well attended with positive feedback from the attendees.

Senate was informed that the University has hired a policy analyst to review and ensure that Board and Senate policies are in accordance with the University Act.

Nominations for the Honorary Degrees and Faculty Emeritus remain open, and the deadline for submissions is February 7th.

Vice-Chair's Report

Stephen Williams replaced Christian Stickler on the Senate Academic Planning & Program Assessment Committee.



SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 4:00 pm LB322

MINUTES

As well, a vacancy has been declared on the Committee for a student representative. The student is not required to be a member of Senate, and interested students should contact the Committee Clerk.

4. Business Arising

4.1 Senate Credential Policy Review Ad Hoc Committee

Presented by: Karen McCredie

The ad hoc committee continues work on the various components of the policy, and further updates will be brought to Senate.

4.2 Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Structure

Presented by: Nanci Lucas

Senate was reminded that this item was previously tabled.

Natahsha Prakash moved and Sandra Seekins seconded:

15/07 To take this item off the table

CARRIED

A request was presented to Senate that once the Implementation Plan is released, the Senate By-law, Policy and Procedure Committee be tasked with developing the mandate and terms of reference for the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Structure.

A suggestion was also presented to undertake a review of the name of the ad hoc committee.

Sandra Seekins moved and Stephanie Wells seconded:

15/08 To instruct the Senate By-law, Policy and Procedure Committee to develop the terms of reference for the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Structure.

CARRIED

5. New Business

None.

6. Standing Items

6.1 Strategic Plan

Presented by: Rick Gale

The Implementation Plan will be available on the strategic planning website on Tuesday, February 10th, as this is the date that the plan will go to the Board in their meeting package.



SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 4:00 pm LB322

MINUTES

As per the Strategic Plan, an ad hoc advisory committee has been created to give advice to the University community on the creation of general education. This advisory committee includes a representative of each of the five Faculties and the Library, as well as the Dean of Arts and Sciences, the Registrar, and the VP Academic-Provost.

Also as per the Strategic Plan, a similar committee looking at the Cap Year Experience is in the process of being organized.

An external consultant is on campus to do a review of the enrolment management practices. This is the SEM review stated in the Strategic Plan.

Upon further discussion, clarification was requested on whether there was an opportunity for student representation on the ad hoc committees. The VP Academic-Provost will follow up in this regard.

Senate was informed that the Senate By-law, Policy and Procedure Committee will meet on Thursday, February 12th at 1:30 pm., to develop the mandate of the ad hoc committee, and members were invited to submit feedback to Nanci Lucas and/or the Committee Clerk.

7. Other Business

No other business was presented.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Curriculum Committee

Presented by: Jean Bennett

The resolutions brought forward from the January 16, 2015 Senate Curriculum Committee were presented to Senate.

Jean Bennett moved and Grace McNab seconded:

15/09 SCC resolutions 15/01 through 15/09 be endorsed by Senate.

CARRIED

8.2 Budget Advisory Committee

Presented by: Violet Jessen

The Budget Advisory Committee met on January 20th and discussion centered on obtaining clarification with regard to the \$1.3 million surplus recorded on the 2013/2014 budget. The Committee reported that information received indicated that the surplus resulted from realized earnings when the University changed investment firms and from the GST audit.

Information with regard to the surplus is posted on the budget web page under F&Q.



SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 4:00 pm LB322

MINUTES

8.3 Academic Planning and Program Assessment Committee

Presented by: Kim McLeod

Previously a motion was presented with regard to establishing a new Senate subcommittee to evaluate and report on performance measures. However, after discussions at Senate and further clarification at the Committee with regard to timelines, it was determined that in fact the Committee will have sufficient time to address performance measures, and the Committee's mandate was not to make decisions, but only to set benchmarks and provide information to those programs not meeting the benchmarks.

Kim McLeod moved and Paul McMillan seconded:

15/10 To remove the motion off the table.

CARRIED

The Committee reported that a list of six performance measures was developed, and discussions and review continue with regard to the measures on the list. It was noted that the list is not a "closed box" and the Committee will be looking at other possible measures that may come out of further discussions, such as the review by Jim Black or the Enrollment Management review. The list will be brought for Senate review.

Members of the Committee continue to familiarize themselves with the process of assessment with monthly readings as provided by Dianne Ashbourne.

The assigned readings will be posted on the Senate website.

8.4 By-law, Policy and Procedure Committee

Presented by: Nanci Lucas

S2013-03 Senate Evaluation Committee Mandate and Structure

Senate was requested to approve the revisions to S2013 Senate Evaluation Committee Mandate and Structure which allows the Committee to now make recommendations to Senate.

Nanci Lucas moved and Kim McLeod seconded that:

15/11 Senate accept the revisions to S2013-03 Senate Evaluation Committee Mandate and Structure

CARRIED

B.103 Program Advisory Committee Policy

Senate was previously tasked to develop a one page document summary of feedback with regard to B.103 Program Advisory Committee Policy.



SENATE MEETING
Tuesday, February 3, 2015 4:00 pm LB322

MINUTES

Feedback received and documented on the one page summary indicated that that there should not be a limit on the number of terms that a member can serve on the Advisory Committee.

During the discussion, it was suggested in in future, the original document be included in the Senate package.

9. Discussion Items

Senate was informed that the call for nominations for Senate representatives was extended to Monday, February 9th at 4:00 pm as an insufficient number of nominations were received.

Clarification was requested on whether adequate marketing for positions was undertaken in regard to the student representatives. It was noted that communications and reminders were sent to faculty, staff, and students, as well as social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Campus TV screens. As well, Senators have a role to communicate information to their constituents.

10. Information Items

10.1 Proposed 2016 Senate Meeting Schedule

The 2016 Senate meeting schedule was presented, and no objections noted with the proposed meeting dates.

There being no further business, and on motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 3, 2015
