

## **SENATE MEETING MINUTES September 9, 2005**

The 489th Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, September 9, 2005 at 2:30 PM in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

**PRESENT:** Dr. Dodds, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Enns, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Vessey, Dr. Dixon, Mr. Hotchkiss, Ms. Lefebvre, Dr. Konopasky, Dr. MacKinnon, Dr. Beaupre, Dr. Stinson, Dr. McCalla, Dr. Russell, Dr. Bjornson, Dr. Linney, Dr. Stretton, Dr. Bernard, Dr. Dostal, Dr. D. Naulls, Mr. Jarda, Mr. Lordon, Mr. Churchill, Dr. Deupree, Dr. J. Haiven, Dr. Catano and Ms. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.

**REGRETS:** Miss. Esling, Dr. Pendse, Dr. Wicks, Dr. Power, Dr. Pye, Mr. Lohnes,

### **05001      CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Naulls, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:37.

### **05002      ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON, SECRETARY AND PARLIAMENTARIAN**

**.01** Moved by Mr. Hotchkiss, second by Dr. Bernard, **'that Dr. Don Naulls is elected as Chairperson for the 2005-2006 Senate year.'**

**.02** Moved by Dean Enns, second by Ms. Lefebvre, **'that Dr. Robert McCalla is elected as Vice-Chairperson for the 2005-2006 Senate year.'**

**.03** No Secretary was nominated or elected.

**.04** Moved by Dr. Konopasky, second by Dr. Bernard, **'that Dr. John MacKinnon is elected as Parliamentarian for the 2005-2006 Senate year, to be assisted by the recording secretary Barb Bell.'**

There being no further nominations, the above slate of executive officers is elected by acclamation.

**05003**            **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

The report of the Agenda Committee was accepted.

**05004**            **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**.01**            Minutes of the meeting of July 28, 2005, were *circulated* as *Appendix A*.

The following amendments are noted:

- Correct footer notation.
- Dr. Pye was not in attendance
- First page – last bullet point, the first PhD graduate was from the Business Administration (Management) Program
- Last page – Item #04317 - QUESTION PERIOD, bullet five: Change the following statement; “that he will arrange for the Director of Recruitment to attend these events” to “that he will ask the Director of Recruitment to collaborate and consult in these activities”.

Moved by Dr. McCalla, second by Dr. Beaupre, ‘**that the minutes of the meeting of July 28th are approved as amended.**’ Motion            carried **unanimously.**

**05005**            **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

As a follow up, Dr. Murphy reported that the Review Committee for the position of University Librarian has completed its responsibilities and confirms acceptance of the application of Madeleine Lefebvre for a second term as University Librarian.

**05006**            **OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA**

None

**05007**            **MEMBERSHIP ON SENATE COMMITTEES FOR 2005-2006**

**.01**            **SECTION A – NOMINATED BY EXECUTIVE OF SENATE**

**.0101**    APPEALS

Dr. Bill Sewell (Arts)  
Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)

**.0102**    ACADEMIC PLANNING

Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)

**.0103**    ACADEMIC REGULATIONS

Dr. Debra Gilin (Science)  
Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)

Dr. D. Wicks

Dr. E. Enns

**.0104**    ADMISSIONS

Dr. Sophie Beaulé (Arts)  
Dr. Camilla Holmvall (Science)  
Mr. Adam Lordon (student rep)

**.0105**    CONTINUING EDUCATION

Ms. Patti Toner (Part-time student)

- Mr. Zach Churchill (Full-time student)
- .0106 CURRICULUM
  - Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)
- .0107 LIBRARY
  - Dr. Tim Stretton
  - Mr. Jeff Lohnes (student rep)
- .0108 QUALITY OF TEACHING
  - Dr. Stephen Schneider (Arts)
  - Ms. Heather Esling (student rep)
- .0109 RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD
  - Professor Sefa Hayibor (Comm)
  - Dr. Lyndan Warner (Arts)
- .0110 SCHOLARSHIP
  - Mr. Jeff Lohnes (student rep)

Outstanding member nominations to be provided by the Deans and ratified at the Senate meeting of October 26, 2005.

Moved by Dr. McCalla. second by Dr. Russell, **‘that the nominees are approved as stated.’ Motion carried.**

**.02 SECTION B – NOMINATED BY SENATE FROM THE FLOOR OF SENATE**

- .0201 AGENDA
  - Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)
- .0202 ELECTIONS
  - Dr. Charles Beaupre
  - Dr. Robert Konopasky.
- .0203 EXECUTIVE
  - Dr. John MacKinnon
  - Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)
- .0204 STUDENT DISCIPLINE
  - Dr. Veronica Stinson
  - Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)
  - Mr. Zach Churchill (student rep)
- .0205 STUDENT PARTICIPATION
  - Dr. David Heckerl
  - Mr. Adam Lordon (student rep)
  - Mr. Zach Churchill (student rep)
  - Mr. Olivier Jarda (student rep)

***AD-HOC COMMITTEES***

- .0206 BYLAWS
  - Dr. John MacKinnon (Senate Parliamentarian & Chair)
  - Ms. Heather Esling (student rep)

***JOINT COMMITTEES***

.0207 CONVOCATION  
Dean David Wicks

.0208 HONORARY DEGREES  
Mr. Zach Churchill (student rep)

.0209 PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT  
Mr. Zach Churchill (student rep)

***PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES***

.0210 ADVISORY BOARD ON ATHLETICS  
Mr. Ron Houlihan

.0211 BUDGET  
Mr. Zach Churchill (student rep)

Moved by Dr. McCalla, second by Dr. Russell, **“that the nominees are approved as stated.” Motion carried.**

**05008      PROPOSED DATES FOR SENATE MEETINGS**

**.01** It was noted that in relation to the Budget Presentation in March, the date presented is only proposed and is flexible if necessary.

Moved by Dr. Enns, second by Mr. Olivier Jarda, **“that the proposed dates for Senate meetings are approved as presented”.** Motion carried.

**05009      REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**.01      Academic Planning**

**.0101** Recommendation to approve proposed amendments to the constitution of the Institute of Computational Astrophysics, circulated as Appendix E.

- Dr. Dupree was in attendance to answer questions.
- Dr. Murphy briefly reviewed the documents in Appendix F.

Moved by Dr. Murphy, second by Dr. Stretton, **“that the proposed amendments to the constitution of the ICA are approved as presented”.** Motion carried.

**.0102** Recommendation to implement Program Review Committee recommendation of the Certificate Program in Human Resources Management, circulated as Appendix F

- Dr. Catano and Dr. J. Haiven were in attendance to answer questions.
- A brief review of the documents in Appendix F was conducted.

- Members were advised that those involved in this program review process worked very well together as a team.
- A request was made for more consideration of the recommendations put forward in the report from the External Review Committee.
- A request was made for the Department Chair to report to Senate on or before the end of May 2006 in relation to the implementation of the recommendations. Dr. Catano responded that they may not necessarily be in a position to comment at the end of May. It was suggested that an analysis of the recommendations might be possible by that date.
- Disappointment was expressed in the deferral of recommendation (4.2) – a dedicated director for the program. The response was that the department thought a director would be a misuse of resources under the current situation
- Discussion followed on the means by which students end up in the program. It was stated that the cross-listed courses were the first priority of attention and then the requirements of the CHRP designations, in that order.
- In relation to reducing the course number from 16 to 10, it was stated that students in this area should have a broader educational base at the undergraduate level.
- It was also noted that the students in degree programs have co-op opportunities. Extremely positive feedback has been received from employers participating in this program, and even though additional resources would be required to run a co-op program in HR, it would be beneficial.

Moved by Dr. Murphy, second by Dr. McCalla, **“that Senate approve the changes accepted by the Department for immediate implementation. Deferred recommendations will be analyzed and a report generated and submitted to Senate by May 1, 2006”**. Motion carried.

**.0103** Recommendation to approve the proposed Department name change circulated as Appendix G

Dr. Murphy advised that the Department name change has the endorsement of the former Dean of Commerce and is meant to reflect all three sub-disciplinary areas. The Senate Committee on Academic Planning reviewed this request and recommends approval of this change by the Senate.

Moved by Dr. Murphy, second by Susan Bjornson. **“that the name change of the Department of Finance and Management Science to the Department of Finance, Information Systems and Management**

**Science is approved, to become active at the end of the Academic Year 2005-2006". Motion carried.**

**.02 Minutes of Senate Executive Committee**

The minutes of the meeting of the Senate Executive Committee of May 13, 2005, circulated as Appendix D, were received for information.

**05010 REPORT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

None

**05011 REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**

**.01 Honorary Degrees (Documents circulated as Appendix I)**

Dr. Dodds briefly reviewed the documents circulated as Appendix I and listed below. Members were advised that if approved, all would not necessarily be awarded at the Spring Convocation.

Discussion highlighted the following points:

- In the interests of transparency, it has been the procedure at Saint Mary's University for Senate to approve and forward recommendations for Honorary Degrees to the Board of Governors.

Moved by Dr. Bernard, second by Dr. Murphy, **"that Senate approve the recommendations for Honorary Degrees, circulated as Appendix I, as an omnibus motion". Motion carried.**

**05012 REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES**

none

**05013 NEW BUSINESS FROM**

**.01 SEEQ Implementation Committee Recommendation circulated as Appendix H.**

Dr. Murphy briefly reviewed the documentation circulated as Appendix H. The documents are preliminary and for information purposes only as discussions are currently underway with the Faculty Union in relation to this process.

The following points were made:

- No information submitted on the customizing of the additional questions.
- Concern was expressed regarding lost class time for the student who returns the evaluations to the Senate Office. In fairness, instruction should not commence until the student returns. Members were advised that this requirement was related to students forgetting to return the evaluations after class.
- A suggestion was that another trusted associate, other than a student, could do this. There was some support for this idea and the Department Secretary was suggested.

- It was suggested that the Committee consider on-line evaluations.

**05014**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Dr. Dodds advised members of the following:**

- The Wine and Cheese Reception for new faculty on Thursday, September 8, was well attended.
- There was a meeting recently of the Ministers of Education in PEI. Discussion was on infrastructure renewal.
- Saint Mary's University also participated in a subsequent conference call related to funding for graduate studies. This will be especially accessible to aboriginal students.
- The Prime Minister met with 10 University Presidents to identify their needs.
- Even though health is high on the Federal agenda, there is a great deal of advocacy going on for education.
- Renovation of the Science Building is underway. Cost will be in the area of 25 million and includes an extension at the back of the existing footprint.
- Enrollments will be close to projections. The Residences are full. The Recruitment Office did a good job.
- There are no known student registrations as a result of Katrina.
- Dr. Konopasky suggested that Senate members observe a minute of silence in recognition of the suffering of the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

**05015**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

None.

**05016**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Barb Bell,  
Secretary to the Office of Senate