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## SENATE MEETING MINUTES May 11, 2012

The 542<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, May 11, 2012, at 2:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

**PRESENT:** Dr. Dodds, Dr. Gauthier, Dr. Dixon, Dr. Enns, Dr. Fullerton, Dr. Smith, Dr. Vessey, Dr. Naulls, Dr. Austin, Dr. Barr, Dr. Bjornson, Dr. Kimery, Dr. Sewell, Dr. Stinson, Dr. Street, Ms. Marie DeYoung, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. MacDonell, Mr. Bhandari, Mr. Coady, Ms. Chimhanda, and Ms. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.

**REGRETS:** Dr. Barclay, Dr. Ivanoff, Dr. Pendse, Dr. Russell, Dr. Sun, Dr. van Proosdij, Mr Gordon Michael, and Mr. Perry

Meeting commenced at 2:36 PM.

**11075**            **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**  
Report of the Agenda Committee was accepted as circulated.

**11076**            **SPRING GRADUATES**  
.01            Documentation circulated/presented at the meeting as *Appendix A*.

Moved by Dixon and seconded, “**to confer degrees and distinctions on those represented on the list (Appendix A) at the Spring Convocation**”. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Dixon, and seconded, “**to enable the Registrar to add such graduates to this list as may be identified subsequent to this meeting as a result of grades coming in from other institutions.**” Motion carried unanimously.

.02            **The Dr. Brij M. Kapoor Memorial Award** is given to the student with the highest GPA in Biology. This year we have a tie. The process states that Senate will break the tie.

Moved by Dodds and seconded, “**that the University match the Kapoor \$1,000.00 Award to allow both students that have qualified to be recognized.**” Motion carried.

- 11077**            **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
.01                Minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2012, circulated as *Appendix B*.
- Moved by Bjornson, and seconded, “**that the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2012 be approved as circulated**”. **Motion carried.**
- 11078**            **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**  
.01                **11052.01 a)** Proposed composition and terms of reference for the Committee for Academic Plan Implementation, circulated as **Appendix C**  
Gauthier advised the following:
- The membership includes faculty members of the Senate to provide a linkage from the committee to the Senate.
  - The University Librarian should have been included on the membership list
- Moved by Gauthier, and seconded, “**that the proposed composition and terms of reference for the Committee for Academic Plan Implementation be approved as circulated**”. **Motion carried.**
- 11079**            **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMERITUS AWARDS**  
Recommendations were circulated at the meeting as *Appendix D*.
- Moved as an omnibus motion by Dodds and seconded, “**that the recommendations of Dr. Barry Gorman and Dr. John Haysom for the distinction of Professor Emeritus are approved.**” **Motion carried unanimously.**
- 11080**            **NEW BUSINESS FROM:**  
None
- 11081**            **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**  
Discussion covered the following key points:
- The parking lot on the north east corner of the campus is not available for parking over the summer months. Some trees were cut down out of necessity but the remaining trees will be kept in place.
- 11082**            **QUESTION PERIOD**  
Discussion covered the following key points:
- Question: Will the campus become non-smoking? Answer: This is a health and safety issue and is on the agenda of the health and safety committee. They are considering a phased approach with an education component at each phase.
  - Student Senators advised that SMUSA supported this approach.
  - Question: Does the new SMU Electric Car have a parking space set aside for it? Answer: Yes. It is a leased Nissan Leaf and it can be borrowed from the security desk in the McNally building. You must be 25 years of age or over and you will need a brief training session before you use it for the first time. It is charged overnight in the Loyola colonnade. The range is 209 km but in the winter with the higher energy demands this might decrease. It is a 240 volt charger so you have to have it back to the garage by the end of the working day.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 PM.

Barb Bell,  
Secretary to the Office of Senate