

## **SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

### **March 11, 2005**

The 486th Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, March 11, 2005, at 1:00 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. D. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

**PRESENT:** Dr. Dodds, Dr. Naulls, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Alan Miciak, Dr. Cory Pye, Dr. E.A. Chard, Dr. Esther Enns, Dr. Danika van Proosdij, Dr. Margarethe Heukaeufer, Dr. Robert McCalla, Dr. Ron Russell, Dr. Shripad Pendse, Dr. Susan Bjornson, Dr. Terrence Murphy, Dr. Tim Stretton, Dr. Kevin Vessey, Mr. Ryan Whalen, Mr. Derek Schnare, Mr. Keith Hotchkiss, Dr. Norma Linney, Mr. Larry Corrigan and B. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.

**REGRETS:** Dr. Paul Bowlby, Dr. Paul Bernard, Ms. Kathleen Lingley, Mr. Simon Partington, Mr. Matthew Shannon, Dr. Jaroslav Dostal, Dr. Lee, Dr. Robert Konopasky, Madeleine Lefebvre,

**04277**      **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Naulls, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

**04278**      **SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY 2005-2006 OPERATING BUDGET**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Larry Corrigan, Vice-President, Finance, to the meeting. He advised Senate that Mr. Corrigan would be presenting the University's 2005-2006 Operating Budget to Senate for information. Mr. Corrigan advised that this was the third presentation of this data today. Anyone wanting a copy of today's PowerPoint budget presentation should direct their request to Mr. Corrigan. A copy will be sent by email.

Mr. Corrigan provided Senate with a visual presentation of the outline of the 2005-2006 University Budget. He informed members that this was a three-year rolling budget. The Board approves the first year with a forecasted outlook for year two and three. It was noted that Saint Mary's University gets 33% of its budget from Government funding. Other local and regional institutions receive a larger percentage. Saint Mary's University plans to submit an appeal to open discussions on this funding budget. An MOU tuition increase cap of 3.9% for each of the next three years has been implemented. This is the smallest tuition increase in 27 years. Mr. Corrigan also acknowledged that Dr. Dodds, has been able to negotiate grant increases this year of 5.8%, 5.2% and 4.5% to boost revenue, and that during Dr. Dodd's tenure as President of Saint Mary's

University, there has been staffing increase of 104 full time equivalents (FTEs).

Mr. Corrigan responded to the following:

- Question: Is the funding for Science in addition to that on the Atrium? The response was in the affirmative. Dr. Murphy reported that the planning portion of the Science Project will begin immediately.
- Question: Departments were not required to submit budgets this year and the general notice indicated this would be the situation for the next three years. Concern was expressed that this was a bad precedent to set. Mr. Corrigan confirmed that the budgets would remain at the same level for at least the next year, but qualified that by saying that the budget instructions indicated if Departments felt certain additional items needed to be considered, those requirements should be brought forward through the VP Academic and Research. Only paramount items would be considered and if approved, they would be considered by the Budget Committee. Departments will be required to submit a budget next year.
- Concern was expressed on the potential impact of a failed UPass referendum. This program had the affect of a more even course time distribution throughout the day and so was very helpful in spreading out the teaching day. If the referendum fails, the old pattern will return and there will be more closed courses during prime daytime hours. Mr. Corrigan noted that an advance poll appears to indicate that 90% of the students are in favor of the UPass. The referendum is on Monday and Tuesday. SMUSA has set up information desks in relation to the referendum. The issue is a cost increase from \$110 to \$115 which will be charged to everyone taking a course. Mr. Corrigan promised to communicate concerns to the President of SMUSA.
- Question: Will there be any cost savings accruing from Banner? The response was that additional services will be available through Banner that were not previously offered but that no cost savings were anticipated.

**04279**            **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

The report of the Agenda Committee was accepted.

**04280**            **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**.01**            Minutes of February 11, 2005 meeting were circulated as Appendix A.

Moved by Dr. Murphy seconded by Dr. Pye, **‘that Senate approve the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2005 as circulated. Motion carried.**

**04281**            **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**04282**            **OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA**

None.

**04283**            **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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Research Ethics Board

Proposed changes to REB Committee Membership (Circulated as **Appendix B**)

Moved by Dr. Vessey, seconded by Dr. Richardson, **“that Senate approves the proposed alternates to the REB Committee Membership as presented in Dr. Young’s memo dated 18 February and circulated as Appendix B”**. **Motion carried.**

Moved by Dr. Vessey, seconded by Ryan Whalen, **“that Senate approves the proposed community representative Joanne Thompson as presented in Appendix B”**. **Motion carried.**

**04284**            **REPORT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

None

**04285**            **REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**

None

**04286**            **REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES**

None

**04287**            **NEW BUSINESS FROM**

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**Floor (Not involving notice of motion)**

**.0101** Replacement of Senate Presidential Review Committee Representative

- The Chair advised that, for personal reasons, Dr. Bernard has stepped down from the Presidential Review Committee. This committee is active and a new representative is required immediately. The Committee meets every three weeks and has met twice to date. A web site has been established. A memo dated March 7 was mailed to all Members of the Saint Mary's University Community and External Stakeholders to solicit written submission to the Committee commenting on Dr. Dodds' performance to date as President. The Committee anticipates making its recommendation to the Board by the end of June.

Moved by Dr. Enns, seconded Mr. Keith Hotchkiss, **“that Dr. Bob McCalla is nominated as Senate Representative on the Presidential Review Committee.” Motion carried.**

**04288**

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr Dodds advised members of the following:

- Previous to this meeting, he had attended a student meeting dealing with issues of tuition and revenue. The meeting was well attended and a number of key political figures were present. It was organized by student groups from both Dalhousie and Saint Mary's University.
- In the Sobey Conference Theatre, on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be an announcement relating to the biggest single donation ever made to Saint Mary's University. This donation has already been received.
- Indications have been received of more pending donations, including one to be made by a local bank.

**04289**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Dr. McCalla requested a status re his motion of October 29, forwarded to the Academic Regulations Committee that Academic Regulation 8 (c) (ii) be reworded in relation to a one-semester course not having a test contributing more than 25% of the overall evaluation of that course. Dr. Murphy responded that this was on the March 15<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting Agenda and had been delayed due to priority items related to the implementation of Banner. The Calendar has already been sent to print so it will not be able to be included but a supplemental will be published and included on distribution.

**04290**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Barb Bell,  
Secretary to the Office of Senate