

SENATE MEETING MINUTES
October 25, 2006

The 497th Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, at 4:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. D. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

PRESENT: Dr. Murphy, Dr. Dixon, Dr. Enns, Dr. Wicks, Dr. Butler, Ms. Lefebvre, Dr. Naulls, Dr. McCalla, Dr. Linney, Dr. Power, Dr. Stinson, Dr. Kennedy, Dr. Rand, Dr. Pe-Piper, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. MacDonald, Miss Lopez, Mr. Mitch Gillingwater and Ms. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.

REGRETS: Dr. Dodds, Dr. Vessey, Dr. MacKinnon, Dr. Konopasky, Dr. Russell, Dr. Stretton, Dr. van Proosdij, Dr. Bjornson, Dr. Dawson, Mr. Steeleworthy, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Jarda,

Meeting commenced at 4:37 P.M.

06015 **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

- The report of the Agenda Committee was accepted.

06016 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

.01 Minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2006, were *circulated* as **Appendix A.**

The following amendments were noted:

- Page four – .0204 Student Discipline - Correct the spelling of - Stella Gaon
- Page seven – Change 'Phil' to Philip
- Page seven – .06012 President's report – third bullet - delete 'in body count' and correct sentence structure.

Moved by Madeleine Lefebvre, and seconded, **“that the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2006 are approved as amended.”**
Motion carried.

06017 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

06018 **FALL GRADUATION LIST**

Documentation circulated by the registrar as **Appendix B.**

Members were advised of one correction to the list under Bachelor of Commerce. Senate Faculty members were encouraged to attend Convocation.

Moved by Dr. Dixon, and seconded, “**to confer degrees and distinctions on those represented on the list (circulated as Appendix B) at the Fall Convocation**”.

Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Dr. Enns, and seconded, “**to enable the Registrar to add such graduates to this list as may be identified subsequent to this meeting.**”

Motion carried unanimously.

06019 MEMBERSHIP ON SENATE COMMITTEES FOR 2006-2007

.01 circulated as **Appendix C**.

The following changes/additions were noted:

.0101 ACADEMIC DISCIPLINE APPEAL BOARD

- Dr. Paul Erickson (Arts)

.0102 QUALITY OF TEACHING

- Dr. Susan Bjornson replaces Dr. Stretton

.0103 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- Dr. Jeff Power (the faculty representative appointed by Senate to the Student Disciplinary and also as chair of the Student Discipline Appeal Board)

Outstanding member nominations to be provided by the Deans or as indicated, and ratified at the Senate meeting of November 17, 2006.

Moved by Dr. Wicks, and seconded, “**that the updates to the Membership on Senate Committees 2006-2007, are approved as presented.**”

Motion carried.

06020 REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

.01 Agenda Committee

Annual Report attached as **Appendix D**

.02 Academic Appeals

Annual Report attached as **Appendix E**.

.03 Academic Planning

Annual Report attached as **Appendix F**

.04 Academic Regulations:

Annual Report attached as **Appendix G**

.05 By-Laws Committee

Annual Report attached as **Appendix H**

- .06 Curriculum Committee**
Annual Report attached as **Appendix I**
- .07 Election Committee**
Annual Report attached as **Appendix J**
- .08 Literacy Strategy**
Annual Report attached as **Appendix K**
 - The report stated that << a budget for the Literacy Council was established and submitted as part of the Linguistics budget. >>. Members asked why this committee would have a budget that is submitted through the Department of Linguistics. Dean Enns advised that the individual involved not only chairs the Literacy Council but is also a full time faculty member. Part of the terms of reference of the position involved duties to the Literacy Council. It was noted that the report does not have the member's names. This will be corrected.

Senate accepted the above reports (.01 through .08) into the record of the Academic Senate in compliance with Senate Bylaw article 5.1.11.

- 06021** **REPORT OF AD HOC COMMITTEES**
 - .01** Members asked for a report from the Ad Hoc Committee - Senate Review Committee on the SMUSA Charter of Rights and Responsibilities and were advised of the following:
 - Committee did not meet until yesterday.
 - It was noted that the phrase "provide a safe environment" is subject to challenge. The committee members will review the legal implications of this phrase.
 - Mitch Gillingwater is researching which sections are already covered under current Senate documentation and will meet with charter members to discuss which clauses are not covered.
- 06022** **REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**
 - .01** **Honorary Degrees**
Annual Report attached as **Appendix L**
 - .02** **Recommendation for Honorary Degree** attached as **Appendix M**
Dr. Murphy spoke to the recommendation.

Moved by Dr. Murphy, and seconded, **"that Senate approves the recommendation for an Honorary Degree, as circulated in Appendix M."**
Motion carried.
 - .02** **Convocation Committee**
Report attached as **Appendix N**
A request was made for more Faculty to attend Fall Convocation. Faculty were asked to confirm their attendance by Friday. Convocation is Sunday, October 29th at 2:00 PM. Louis Deveaux, Peter McCreath and

Elizabeth Chard are the Honorary Degree Recipients. There are 353 graduates.

.03 Joint Academic Committee of the AST and SMU
Annual Report attached as ***Appendix O***

The reports above were submitted for information purposes. No objections were stated and the reports are accepted into record.

06023 **REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES**
None

06024 **NEW BUSINESS FROM**
None

06025 **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Barb Bell,
Secretary to the Office of Senate