

## **SENATE MEETING MINUTES November 10, 2004**

The 484th Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Wednesday, November 10, 2004, at 4:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. D. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

**PRESENT:** Dr. Dodds, Dr. Miciak, Dr. Linney, Dr. Bowlby, Dr. Dostal, Dr. Bjornson, Dr. Pendse, Mr. Whalen, Dr. van Proosdij, Dr. Lee, Dr. Bernard, Mr. Schnare, Dr. McCalla, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Enns, Dr. Russell, Dr. Chard, Dr. Naulls, Ms. Lefebvre, Dr. Murphy, and B. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.

**REGRETS:** Ms. Lingley, Mr. Hotchkiss, Dr. Heukaeufer, Dr. Stretton, Dr. Jones, Dr. Pye, Dr. Konopasky, Mr. Partington & Mr. Shannon

**04235**      **CALL TO ORDER**  
Dr. D. Naulls, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.

**04236**      **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**  
The report of the Agenda Committee was accepted.

**04237**      **FALL GRADUATES**  
**.01**      Documentation was circulated by the Registrar as Appendix A

Dr. Chard explained the process by which the list is compiled. An administrative check is done by the Assoc Registrar, after which it is circulated to the Faculty for an academic check. When both of these checks are complete, the list is returned to the Registrar.

Dr. Chard suggested the removal of one name off the BA list (M. Hamilton [3<sup>rd</sup> name on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page] who advised today his intention to pursue an advanced major). This change will be reflected on the last page. The total number of Arts Graduates will read 113 and the overall total will read 225.

Moved by Dr. Chard, seconded by Simon Partington, **'to confer distinction of those represented on the list at the Fall Convocation'**.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

Dr. Chard asked that the minutes reflect that there are increases in the number of graduates in Management Finance and the Certificate in H.R. Programs.

Except for the lists held by the Deans, the rest were returned to the Registrar.

**04238**            **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**.01**            Circulated as Appendix B.

Moved by Dr. Richardson, seconded by Dr. Dostal, **'that Senate approve the minutes of the meeting of October 29, 2004 with the following amendments'**.

1. Make participant name format consistent.
2. Under agenda item 04227- 0101 - Reports of Standing Committees, Work and Spirituality Proposal, the second motion should reflect the following:

Moved by Dr. Konopasky, second by Dr. Bowlby, **'to amend the motion by replacing "Centre for Work and Spirituality" with "Centre for Spirituality in the Workplace"'. Motion carried with one abstention.**

**04239**            **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**04240**            **OUTSTANDING ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS AGENDA**

**.01**            Academic Calendar of Events (circulated as Appendix C)

Motion by Dr. Murphy, seconded by Ms. Lefebvre, **'that we reconsider the original motion of October 29<sup>th</sup> relative to starting the second semester on Jan 9<sup>th</sup>'. Motion carried.**

Dr. Chard advised that she had received verbal and written requests to change the Calendar as presented at the October 29<sup>th</sup> Senate Meeting and acknowledged that, after thorough scrutiny, there were found to be more teaching days in the second semester. Dr. Chard also advised that there were operational guidelines that had an implication on development of the Calendar. An understanding exists within the University community that, wherever possible, metro universities would commence teaching in the second semester within 24 hours of each other. One option presented by Dr. McCalla in his written request, was to take the extra days off the end of the semester. This turned out to be in line with the calendars of other Universities. There are now 75 teaching days in the second semester.

Moved by Dr. Chard, seconded by Mr. Whalen, **'that Senate accept the draft Calendar of Events dated Nov 3/04'. Motion carried with one abstention.**

A number of senators spoke in support of this change.

**04241      RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARDING PROFESSOR EMERITUS STATUS**

- .01** Recommendation of Dr. Andrew Harvey for Professor Emeritus status (documentation circulated as Appendix D)

Dr. Dodds submitted that this would normally go to the Senate Executive. The matter was deferred to next meeting to allow for circulation of the CV.

**04242      REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (circulated for info only)**

- .01** **Academic Appeals** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix E  
**.02** **Academic Planning** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix F  
**.03** **Academic Regulations** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix G

**Senate accepted the above reports (.01 through .03) into the record of the Academic Senate in compliance with Senate Bylaw article 5.1.11.**

- .04** **Admissions** – *No report submitted at this time.*  
**.05** **Continuing Education** – Annual Reports for 04/05 & 01/03 circulated as Appendix H & I  
**.06** **Curriculum Committee** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix J  
**.07** **Elections** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix K

**Senate accepted the above reports (.04 through .07) into the record of the Academic Senate in compliance with Senate Bylaw article 5.1.11.**

- .08** **Executive** – *No report submitted at this time.*  
**.09** **Library** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix L

**Senate accepted the Library report into the record of the Academic Senate in compliance with Senate Bylaw article 5.1.11.**

- .10** **Property and Development** - *No report submitted at this time.*  
**.11** **Quality of Teaching** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix M

**Senate accepted the Quality of Teaching report into the record of the Academic Senate in compliance with Senate Bylaw article 5.1.11.**

- .12** **Research Ethics Board** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix N  
In the last paragraph, Dr. Young expresses caution related to how the Board will operate in the future. Dr. McCalla suggested that Senate should review this situation. The issue is that ethical standards, with which all Ethics Boards must comply, are strongly influenced by the medical community in Ottawa. All groups are required to abide by the

same standard as medical groups. Dr. Murphy suggests we articulate our concerns and submit them to the granting councils with a voice in Ottawa.". This Committee is burdened by a significant volume of work. From a resource and budget perspective, this will have operational implications to SMU.

Moved by Dr. Bowlby, seconded by Dr. Murphy, **'that commendations be given to the faculty and other participants on this committee'**.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

- .13 **Scholarship** - *No report submitted at this time.*
- .14 **Student Discipline** - *No report submitted at this time.*
- .15 **Student Participation** - *No report submitted at this time.*
- .16 **Faculty Council** - *No report submitted at this time.*
- .17 **Agenda Committee** - Annual Report circulated as Appendix O  
There was a request for clarification on the last paragraph of this report [*The lack of a complete agenda for the January and April meetings was of some concern to committee members. Expressions by past senators and Dr. Dodds of the possibility of open discussions on important items of interest have never resulted in calls for such discussions as items of business for meetings. Perhaps it is time to start a list of such discussion topics for inclusion in future meetings of Senate.*] **Action Item: Dr Naulls** will consult with Dr. Turner on this.

**Senate accepted the Agenda Committee report into the record of the Academic Senate in compliance with Senate Bylaw article 5.1.11.**

**04243**      **REPORT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

- .01 **By-Laws Committee** - *No report submitted at this time.*

**04244**      **REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**

- .01 **Convocation**  
Dr. Chard reported that there were 118 requests for graduation in abstentia out of 225 total graduates for Fall Convocation. These are still coming in. Feedback was requested from Senate members in relation to the falling numbers of participants for Fall Convocation and ideas as to how to address this trend. Dr. Chard noted that there was also a significant decrease in the participation of faculty members.
- .02 **Honorary Degrees** – Annual Reports 03/04 & 02/03 circulated as Appendix P & Q

**Senate accepted the Honorary Degrees Committee reports into the record of the Academic Senate in compliance with Senate Bylaw article 5.1.11.**

**04245**      **REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES**

.01      None

**04246**      **NEW BUSINESS FROM**

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

.0101      Moved by Dr. Murphy, seconded by Dr. Enns, **'that Senate appoint Madeleine Lefebvre to the University Budget Committee as the 2<sup>nd</sup> representative from Senate'**  
**Motion carried by acclamation.**

**04247**      **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dodds reported on the MOU process and balancing tuition and government grants. The negotiating group is close to getting an agreement. Meetings are scheduled for later this month (Nov 16 and 23<sup>rd</sup> and a codicil for the 25<sup>th</sup>). The Governor General indicated he wants a decision by the end of month. If agreement is reached, it will be good for all students in Nova Scotia. The Nova Scotia Innovation Trust Fund is empty. The Universities are asking for a top up to this fund of 5 million. Given the soft enrollments, if the agreement goes through it may help to balance the budget for next year. Dr. Dodds noted that if this does go through, it will be the largest single increase in University funding in the last fifteen years.

Dr. Dodds suggested both sides (Government/Cabinet) will have to review the agreement. If it doesn't go through, SMU might lose a significant amount of its funding. In the opinion of Dr. Dodds, the Boards are likely to approve the MOU.

**04248**      **QUESTION PERIOD**

**None.**

**04049**      **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Barb Bell,  
Secretary to the Office of Senate