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## **SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

### **April 17, 2009**

The 517<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, April 17, 2009, at 2:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

**PRESENT:** Dr Murphy, Dr Butler, Dr Dixon, Dr Enns, Dr Vessey, Dr Beaulé, Dr Bjornson, Dr Charles, Dr Dawson, Dr Kennedy, Dr Kimery, Dr McCalla, Dr Naulls, Dr Russell, Dr Stinson, M. DeYoung, K. Hotchkiss, B. MacDonald, C. MacDougall, S. Cunningham, A. Dong, A. Harris, Matt Anderson, Caitlin Dix, Alwyn Gomez, L. Corrigan and B. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate

**REGRETS:** Dr Dodds, Dr Wicks, Dr Crocker, Dr Pendse, Dr Pe-Piper, Dr Rand, Dr van Proosdij, and Y. Hanna.

Meeting commenced at 2:33 PM.

#### **08071 REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

Report accepted as circulated. Members were advised that three of the in-coming 2009-2010 Student Senators were in attendance today. The Chair expressed the appreciation of Senate for the contributions and participation of the current SMUSA executive over the past year. The incoming SMUSA Student Senators were introduced and are: Matt Anderson (in-coming President), Caitlin Dix (in-coming VP Academic) and Alwyn Gomez (Board of Governors representative).

#### **08072 SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY 2009-2010 OPERATING BUDGET**

A presentation was provided by Larry Corrigan.

- Question: It was suggested that the designs on other university branded buses were very loud. How will the design for Saint Mary's be decided? Answer: There will be a committee of stakeholders that will engage a graphic artist to develop a design. The bus is painted a basic colour and the design is put on as a wrap. This committee will also make the decisions on who can lease the bus when it is not being used by Saint Mary's.
- Question: Who will be managing the leasing? Answer: 'Ambassatours' will be managing the leasing. SMU has the decision on who is able to lease.

- Question: Projected enrolment figures look as if they are leveling off from a mathematical perspective. Is this the case? Answer: There are so many factors involved in these calculations that the math behind the forecasting is difficult.
- Question: Is a better uptake resulting from the changes we have made? Answer: It is hard to judge at this point in time. There is a difference in the pattern we are seeing due to the perceived urgency to register. The slowest group to register is Arts and Science because there is a lower urgency. Commerce courses fill up faster. There are only a certain number of pressure spots. As an indicator, the numbers registering early is good.

**08073**      **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**.01**      Minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2009 were circulated as **Appendix A.**

*The following amendments were noted:*

- *Correction to start time: change 10:10 PM to 10:10 AM.*
- *Page 4 - 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point: The last sentence: Add the words “outside of Canada”.*
- *Page 4 - top of the page, fifth sentence down: “I disagree with the creation of a position responsible <for> only one of research or teaching.”*
- *Page 6 - .02 remove 09-10.*

Moved by Vessey, and seconded, **“that the minutes of the meeting of March 13, 2009 be approved as amended”**.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**08074**      **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**.01**      Nomination call for Senate Representative on the Senate Committee on Literacy Strategy:

- Dr Kennedy declined the nomination due to end of term on Senate in August, 2009.
- Nominated by Dr. Naulls, Dr Barr is newly elected to the Senate and has volunteered to serve on this committee.

Moved by Enns, and seconded, **“that subject to confirmation of availability, Dr Mark Barr be the Senate representative on the Literacy Strategy Committee.”**  
**Motion carried.**

**08075**      **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

None at this time

**08076**      **REPORT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES**

None at this time

**08077**      **REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**

None at this time

**08078**      **REPORT OF PRESIDENTIAL COMMITTEES**

None at this time

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**NEW BUSINESS FROM**

a.

Floor (involving notice of motion)

SMUSA Constitution –Article IX: University Governing Bodies (amended selection process for Student Senators) circulated as *Appendix B*.

Discussion covered the following key points:

- Harris advised members that the constitution document has been approved and will take affect on May 1. Senate Bylaws require Senate to be advised of any change to the method of selecting SMUSA Senate representatives. The Senate By-Laws will require amendment.
- It was noted that Article IX – First sentence implies that there is only one caucus but further in the same article it appears to indicate that there are two caucus groups. It was suggested that this be cleaned up in the next amendment.
- Question: How has the process changed? Answer: The biggest difference is that these positions will be appointed instead of elected.

Moved by Harris, and seconded, **“that Senate adopts the new process for selecting SMUSA Student Senate representatives as presented in Article IX of the revised SMUSA Constitution document circulated as Appendix B.”**

**Motion carried.**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

Barb Bell,  
Secretary to the Office of Senate