

## **SENATE MEETING MINUTES**

### **March 18, 2011**

The 532<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, March 18, 2011, at 2:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. D. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

**PRESENT:** Dr. Dodds, Dr. Gauthier, Dr. Dixon, Dr. Enns, Dr. Smith, Dr. Vessey, Dr. Naulls, Dr. Austin, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Barr, Dr. Beaulé, Dr. Bjornson, Dr. Dawson, Dr. Ivanoff, Dr. Pendse, Dr. Russell, Dr. Stinson, Dr. Sun, Dr. Jeff Power, Mr. Hotchkiss, Ms. Marie DeYoung, Ms. MacDonald, Miss. Dix, Mr. Corrigan and Ms. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.

**REGRETS:** Dr. Wicks, Dr. Neatby, Dr. Stanivukovic, Dr. Kimery, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Hall, Mr. Gomez and Miss. Mashoodh.

Meeting commenced at 2:33 P.M.

#### **10050 REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

The report of the Agenda Committee was accepted with the following amendments:

The agenda is reordered to address honorary degree recommendations and the President's Report before the budget presentation.

#### **10051 SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY 2011-2012 OPERATING BUDGET**

The University Budget presentation was given by Larry Corrigan.

Key Points:

- The Capital Budget is \$4 million. The Operating Budget is \$107 million. Budget details are available in the Senate Office.
- Questions: It was noted that the capital project list did not include a new arena. There is currently a \$4 million set-aside for this purpose. Consultation had identified \$16 million as the replacement cost. The ice plant has been replaced.
- Question. How many of those eligible to retire chose not to? Answer: Nine chose to remain of the 10 we projected in our budget. The legislation requires the government to cover any amount incurred in this area if it can be shown to be substantial. Currently this situation costs the University \$400,000 a year, but that figure will increase. We project an approximate worst case cost to the University of 1 million a year. We have asked the minister for compensation because of the impact.

- The University Budget Committee consulted directly with individual units to generate the university budget. The deans discussed individual areas and decided how to implement changes. All units had input to the Budget Committee and that process worked well this year. A suggestion was that all areas for consideration get early direction in regard to the process and are informed at that time that the Committee requires detailed analysis and information to be provided this year.
- Members were advised that the Government wants to readdress the funding formula.

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**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2011, were *circulated* as **Appendix A**.

Moved by Barr, and seconded, **‘that the minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2011 are approved as circulated.’ Motion carried.**

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**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

a) Academic Planning

.01 2009-2010 Annual Report, Atlantic Metropolis Centre, attached as **Appendix B** for information only.

In the absence of objections, the 2009-2010 Annual Report, Atlantic Metropolis Centre, circulated as *Appendix B* is accepted into the record.

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**REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**

a. Honorary Degrees

Documentation to be circulated at meeting as **Appendix C**.

Dr. Dodds presented a brief synopsis of the information for each of the candidates

- Other universities have established a practice for awarding honorary degrees to some high profile individuals. It was suggested that SMU consider this approach. SMU has followed a policy of preference to those with a connection to SMU.

An omnibus motion was moved by Dodds, and seconded, **‘that the recommendations for honorary degrees are approved as circulated.’ Motion carried.**

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**NEW BUSINESS FROM**

None

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**PRESIDENTS REPORT**

**Key Discussion Points:**

Dr. Dodds advised members that

- There has been no progress on the MOU process since the last Senate meeting.

- The university presidents were advised that discussions would commence at the beginning of April. That has not happened.
- One significant individual on the government committee is retiring and that will represent a loss of institutional memory in regard to the process.
- We anticipate there will be more cuts in the future. Including Dr. Dodds, there are three university presidents on the negotiating committee.
- Cuts will be necessary within the university.

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**QUESTION PERIOD**

**Key Discussion Points:**

- The Saint Mary's University Research Expo will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Senators were encouraged to participate. There will be a Speaker's Corner with fifteen presentations over the four hour event. Areas have been set aside for meetings with external partners to explore ways to forge links with research being carried on at the university. The event will be held in the Loyola conference hall.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4 P.M.

Barb Bell,  
Secretary to the Office of Senate