

SENATE MEETING MINUTES
April 13, 2012

The 541st Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, April 13, 2012, at 2:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. D. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

PRESENT: Dr. Gauthier, Dr. Dixon, Dr. Enns, Dr. Fullerton, Dr. Smith, Dr. Naulls, Dr. Austin, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Bjornson, Dr. Ivanoff, Dr. Kimery, Dr. Russell, Dr. Sewell, Dr. Stinson, Dr. van Proosdij, Ms. Marie DeYoung, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. Gordon Michael, Mr. Gomez, Ms. MacDonald, Dr. Sophie Beale and Ms. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.
Also present were four of the five the new Senate representatives: Jared Perry, Michael MacDonell, Gorba Bhandari and Rumbi Chimhanda.
Michael Coady was unable to attend.

REGRETS: Dr. Dodds, Dr. Vessey, Dr. Barr, Dr. Neatby, Dr. Pendse Dr. Street, Dr. Sun, Ms. Keyes, Ms. MacDougall, and Mr. Abdullah Al-Mansoob.

Meeting commenced at 2:30 P.M.

11065 **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**

The report of the Agenda Committee was accepted.

The incoming SMUSA Representatives introduced themselves: Jared Perry, Michael MacDonell, Gorba Bhandari and Rumbi Chimhanda.

11066 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

.01 Minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2012 were circulated as ***Appendix A***.

The following amendments were noted:

- Page 2 – the third point from bottom. Bell will confirm info with Corrigan.
- The second last bullet point under 111061 .01 b, change “Science” to “Studies”.

Moved by Smith, and seconded, **“that the minutes of the meeting of March 16, 2012 be approved as amended”**. Motion carried **unanimously**.

11067 **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

11068 **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

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Academic Planning Committee

Dr. Sophie Beaulé, Chair, Department of Modern Languages and Classics is attending to answer questions.

.a Follow up report - 2007 Department of Modern Languages and Classics Program Review as required by Senate <09016.05.0101>, circulated as **Appendix B.**

Key Discussion Points:

- The draft proposal for a major in inter-cultural studies is submitted as evidence that the department is working on this recommendation of the external reviewers.

The following motions were moved by Gauthier and seconded,

“that Senate commends the Department of Modern Language and Classics for the work undertaken over the past three years on curriculum revisions/renewal, particularly the progress shown toward the development of a new Major in Intercultural Studies.” Motion carried.

“that Senate considers the report from the Department satisfactory, and supports the continuation of the current Majors in the program, including Classics, French and Spanish, with the exception that German continues to be offered as a Minor.” Motion carried.

“that Senate instructs the Department of Modern Languages and Classics to submit its final proposal for the Major in Intercultural Studies for approval through the appropriate channels as soon as possible.” Motion carried unanimously.

.b MPHEC Name Change Proposal from the Spanish Program, Department of Modern Languages and Classics, circulated as **Appendix C.**

Key Discussion Points:

- This is a change to the program titles only, for consistency throughout the programs.
- It was noted that although MPHEC does not approve changes to Minors, the Senate would have to approve a name change for the Minor in Spanish to change it to Minor in Spanish and Hispanic Culture.

Moved by Gauthier and seconded,

“that the Senate approves the proposal for submission to MPHEC, to change the name of the Spanish program as follows:

- **from: Major in Spanish; to: Major in Spanish and Hispanic Culture**

- **from: Concentration in Spanish; to: Concentration in Spanish and Hispanic Culture**
- **from: Certificate in Spanish Language and Hispanic Culture; to: Certificate in Spanish and Hispanic Culture.”**

Motion carried.

Moved by Gauthier and seconded,

“that the Senate approves the proposed change to the Minor in Spanish as follows:

- **From: Minor in Spanish to the Minor in Spanish and Hispanic Culture.**

Motion carried.

- .c Program Review Documentation – PhD in Business Administration – Management Program, circulated as **Appendix D**

Moved by Gauthier and seconded,

““that in response to the review of the PhD (Management) Program, the PhD Council carry out their action plan as described in their responses to the recommendations of the External Reviewers’, and incorporate into their action plan the Dean’s responses to the External Reviewers’ recommendations. The program should report back to Senate through the APC by March 31, 2013.” Motion carried.

- .d Program Review Documentation – Executive MBA, circulated as **Appendix E**

Key Discussion Points:

- A member noted the innovative ideas expressed in section f) Student financial support in the Self Study. As tuitions continue to increase, students have to look at different funding options that are outside of the student loans environment.

Moved by Gauthier and seconded,

“that in response to the review of the EMBA program, Senate directs the new Dean of the Sobey School of Business to strike an EMBA Renewal Working Group [ERWG] to affect a renewal based upon the outcome of the 2010-2011 academic review of the program and to report back to APC by March 31, 2013.” Motion carried.

11069 REPORT OF AD-HOC COMMITTEES

None currently

11070 REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES

.01 Honorary Degrees.

Documentation circulated at meeting as **Appendix F**

Due to the timing of the Board of Governors meeting, the Senate Executive was asked for a decision on these recommendations. The Senate Executive Committee requests ratification of their omnibus decision to approve these candidates.

Moved by Smith and seconded, “that Senate ratifies the omnibus motion of the Senate Executive Committee approving recommendations for Honorary Degrees as submitted by the Honorary Degrees Committee.” Motion carried.

11071 **NEW BUSINESS FROM**

None.

11072 **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

The President was unable to attend.

11073 **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Alwyn Gomez, President, SMUSA advised that the new SMUSA Senators take over as of May 1st.
- There will be a faculty assembly on Friday, April 27 in regard to the University Budget.
- The Official Opening of the Homburg Centre will be on April 24th at 11 AM.
- Meetings/discussions with the Government on the MOU are on-going. These will have an impact on our academic programs. We will continue to keep Senate updated.

11074 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.