

Minutes of the Sixth Meeting of Senate
held Friday, February 10, 2006
ITEC Lecture Theatre, Robertson Library, 3:00 pm

Present: G. Bradshaw, A. Buchanan, D. Buck, D. Coll, K. Critchley, B. Davetian, M. Doyle, N. Etkin, F. Gray, R. Herbert, M. Hughes, C. Keen, R. Kurial, S. Lee, F. Markham, L. Miller, J. Moran, M. Murray, M. J. McCarthy, R. MacDonald, D. MacLellan, W. MacLauchlan, J. Nimmo, T. Ogilvie, G. Pike, D. Ryan, J. Sentance, E. Spangler, K. Teather, S. Thomas, J. Velaidum, D. Wagner

Regrets: E. Coady, L. Miller, W. Peters, D. Seeler, S. Thomas

Absent: H. Barkema, S. Coady, R. Gallant, S. Jones, S. Qadri, W. Rankaduwa, K. Schultz, S. Simpson H. Sutherland, K. Teather

Guests: C. Toombs, B. Gibson

1. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved (T. Ogilvie/G. Pike): that the agenda be approved.

Carried

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from December 2, 2005

Moved (T. Ogilvie/G. Pike): that the Minutes be approved as presented.

Carried

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

In his report to Senate, the President noted the celebration of the 2nd Annual Academic Integrity Week, with the theme “The Cost of Cheap Success,” - January 16-20. The President also noted International Development Week - February 6-10, and extended congratulations to the organizing committee and award winners. The President acknowledged the events surrounding both Academic Integrity Week and International Development Week which placed UPEI in the spotlight. The events in History 322 and the publication in the CADRE of the infamous caricatures have tested and reinforced our quality and values as an academic community. While we would not choose to be embroiled in these controversies, it is incumbent upon us to address them as “learning moments.” That process will continue, and we should expect to come away wiser and stronger.

The President also noted:

- The ABC Canada Family Literacy Day was held on January 27. Thanks to Vianne Timmons, Fiona O’Donoghue, and other colleagues for their part in leading UPEI’s contribution.
- A quadruple book launch held on January 20, showcasing four recent publications by seven colleagues in the UPEI Faculty of Arts. Congratulations to Malcolm Murray, Neb Kujundzic, Ian Dowbiggin, Barry Bartmann, Henry Srebrnick, Irene Novaczek and Jean Mitchell.
- Marking a first in the history of UPEI, colleagues obtained a US Patent for a rat model of Epilepsy. Congratulations to Tracy Doucette (principal investigator) Cathy Ryan, Andy Tasker, Henrietta Husum and graduate student, Melissa Perry. The model facilitates research on epilepsy among adolescents, and provides clues as to how the disease actually develops.
- The search for several senior positions within the university is progressing well. The Search Committee for the Dean of Science will soon be developing a short list of candidates. The Search Committee for the University Librarian has presented a list of three candidates to be interviewed and presented to the university community. Biographical information on the three candidates was distributed to each Senator.
- Sr. Bernice Cullen has recently made a generous gift to the Robertson Library’s University Archives that includes her certificates and diplomas from Saint Dunstan’s University and Prince of Wales College. Also included in the gift is her 1941 Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Dunstan’s University, which was the first degree ever granted by SDU.
- On February 11 and March 11, UPEI will host the PEI CanWest CanSpell National Spelling Bee competitions. On Saturday, Feb. 11 the written portion will be held in the Duffy Ampitheatre. The provincial Spelling Bee, which features the top 40 spellers from the written portion, will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, March 11 at the W. A. Murphy Student Centre.

- PEI High School Principals Annual Meeting will be held on campus on February 15, 2006
- The Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon will be held on February 17 - Recipients are Lloyd Lockerby, Dr. Bill Dolan, Dr. Nancy Mathis, Dr. Sylvia Craig.
- UPEI Health Fair will be held on February 21st in the Student Centre

4. Report on Curriculum Changes

School of Business -

Moved (R. MacDonald/D. Wagner) : that Senate approve the following items from the School of Business

- Deletion of the Certificate in Finance and Economics.
- The following note be added below the description of Business 251 - NOTE: This is a required course for Business students and credit for Math 221 and Psychology 271 **will not** be allowed.

D. Ryan wondered at the degree of overlap between Business 251 and Math 221. He noted that if there was not significant overlap, allowing a Business student to receive credit for Math 221 could allow the student an opportunity to explore something they do enjoy outside their discipline. R. MacDonald noted that the faculty felt there was a significant overlap. D. Ryan suggested that it be made clearer to students that the overlap existed and double credit would not be granted. R. MacDonald noted that they would re-examine the course description for Business 251.

Carried.

Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

(Dept. of Biomedical Sciences)

Moved (T. Ogilvie/E. Spangler): that Senate approve the following new course:

VBS 860 - Morphologic Imaging

Moved (T. Ogilvie/E. Spangler): that Senate approve the following changes in the courses below:

(Dept. of Companion Animals)

VCA 341 title be changed **from** Diagnostic Radiology Laboratory **to** Diagnostic Radiology; prerequisite added VCA 212; Two hours of laboratory on alternate weeks; Lecture Hours: 1 hour.

(Dept. of Health Management)

VHM 812 - the prerequisite be changed **from** VHM 801 (or equivalent), VHM 811 and permission of the instructor **to** VHM 801, VHM 811 or permission of the instructor; Lectures/Seminars: Five hours; Laboratories: Onehour

VHM 802 - the prerequisite be changed **from** VHM 801 or equivalent and permission of instructor **to** VHM 801 or permission of the instructor; Lectures/Seminars: 2 hours; Laboratories: 3 hours; Hours of Credit: 2 or 3

Carried

Faculty of Arts

(Dept. of Theatre Studies)

Moved (R.Kurial/F. Gray): that Senate approve the following course be added to the list of electives for the Theatre Studies Minor:

FAS 111- Studio Arts

Carried.

(Dept. of Modern Languages)

Moved (R.Kurial/S. Lee): that Senate approve the following cross listing:

Education 213 - Introduction à L'Education en Français au Canada be cross listed with French 261.

The Modern Languages Department asked for this cross listing so that students could count the course as a French requirement on the French major. This course will be given a numerical grade if taken as a French course.

Carried

5. SECOND REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC REVIEW PLANNING COMMITTEE

R. Herbert introduced the new "Options" program designed to reconnect with academically suspended students. This non-credit program, which is being offered through Student Services, is available to students who are at the mid-point of their academic suspension from the University. Bob Gibson, Director of Student Services, was invited to speak on the program. Mr. Gibson indicated that there are twenty-six students presently registered in the program. Each student develops a portfolio relating to their individual career and education aspirations and plans. The class meets once a week for twelve weeks.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

K. Schultz reminded Senators of the Strategic Research Plan Consultation currently underway. Faculty are encouraged to make a submission to the Research Advisory Committee. It is a web based consultation at this point. There are presently eight postings on the site. There will be two open meetings on Monday, February 20, and Friday, February 24.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved (R.Kurial/S. Lee): that Senate adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Buchanan
Secretary