

**MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
13 May 2010, 1:30 p.m. Wu Centre**

**Present:** R. Campbell, P. Berry, M. Imbeault, D. Greenwood, B. Gnassi, S. McClatchie, J. Ollerhead, C. Parker, H. Patterson, R. Summerby-Murray, J. vanderLeest, T. Craig, R. Hudson, A. Irwin, D. Thomas, O. Griffiths, S. Runge, K. Bamford, C. Brett, G. Briand, R. Brüning, S. Claxton-Oldfield, I. Cohen, R. Edwards, Z. Finkle, B. Fleming, T. Holownia, R. Ireland, M. Lee, J. Mullen, L. Michaelis, A. Nurse, R. Rosebrugh, D. Torrance, M. Walker, E. Wells, B. Ellis, E. Fraser, S. Gregg-Wallace, M. Kinney, N. Walker, R. Bryne, E. Herteis, T. Hynes, G. Jollymore, D. Stewart.

**Regrets:** K. Ghandi, A. Wilson

**01.05.10 Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion (Brett/Nurse): that Senate adopt the Agenda as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

**02.05.09 Approval of the Minutes of 17 March 2010**

**Motion (Brett/Nurse ): that Senate adopt the Minutes of 18 March 2009 as circulated.**

Accepting the change on page 69 of the Dean of Arts to the Dean of Arts and Social Science, the

**Motion CARRIED.**

**03.05.09 Business Arising from the Minutes**

S. McClatchie updated Senate on the motion made at the meeting of March 17, 2010 by A. Irwin regarding the exam timetable. He reported that there was a good discussion at Faculty Council this morning, but that given the time frame it was not possible to provide a report for today's Senate meeting. This item will be moved to the September meeting when it will be possible to return with some concrete proposals around the exam timetable.

**04.05.09 Report from the Chair**

The Chair opened his remarks by announcing that the budget has been approved by the two key Board committees, finance and executive. It will go to the full Board next week. He described it as a good budget that will contribute positively to the university. He then invited G. Jollymore to give a report on the Jump Campaign and R. Byrne to give an update on enrollment.

The Vice President University Advancement reported that the Jump Campaign has raised over 76 million of the 86 million goal and the campaign should be wrapped up in 1 ½ years, 3 years earlier than planned..

The Vice President International and Student Affairs informed Senate that enrollment numbers were strong to this point in the year. Paid deposits were up compared with this period last year but the number of applications and acceptance were down. June 4<sup>th</sup> is the date by which deposits should be made by new and returning students and his department will continue to monitor the situation.

R. Campbell continued by announcing the upcoming convocation and alumni weekend, an important weekend for the university. He congratulated the alumni office for the great job in planning for the reunion weekend, and he predicted a record turnout for this weekend and for the alumni banquet. R. Campbell described the fantastic enthusiasm of the alumni, and he thanked the faculty and staff who will be and have been active in the activities for the weekend. The weekend's festivities will include the installation of the new Chancellor Peter Mansbridge in a formal sense, and for that occasion four former chancellors will be in attendance. He also announced that Reverend Brent Hawkes, one of the honorary degree recipients, will speak at the Baccalaureate Service, and that Fraser Harland will give the valedictory address at both Convocations. The president also detailed the faculty awards that will be given at convocation.

The President anticipated a busy summer on the administrative side with a planned audit and updating of the strategic plan, for collegial discussion in the fall. Extensive renovation work will take place around the campus and he asked D. Stewart to give some of the details. D. Stewart announced the first phase of a major updating of the Athletics building, but he explained that tender had come in at about 50% over budget. These plans are therefore being changed and new tenders have been requested. In addition, work will be done on the Library and the Owens Art Gallery roofs, and the Anchorage will be converted into a residence. If approved by the Board, the Fine and Performing Arts building will enter the design phase.

R. Campbell also congratulated B. Fleming on his appointment as Acting Dean of Social Science.

#### **05.05.09 Report from the Committee on University Planning**

S. McClatchie reported that there was nothing to report, as the Planning Committee had not met since the joint meeting in April.

*It was agreed at this point in the meeting that the report of the Graduation Review Committee would be considered before the approval of the list of graduates for Convocation.*

### **06.05.10 Report of the Graduation Review Committee**

The Senate moved into camera so that it could consider the report from the Graduation Review Committee. Note that as in prior years these minutes will reflect the details of cases discussed, but not student names.

*J. vanderLeest circulated the committee's report, detailing that the committee had considered twenty-seven cases this year. A positive recommendation from the committee was being given in the case of two students missing degree requirement. One case was a student with both Economics 2701 and Math 2321, two courses which could both count for credit next year, but not according to this year's calendar. The other student had more than the required number of courses for the degree, but was 3 credits short on one group of required courses. Seven students failed to achieve good standing. The committee had no recommendation for the four students being placed on Academic Suspension, and a positive recommendation in the case of three students who had more than the required 120 credits, but whose performance would have normally resulted in Academic Probation.*

*The Committee had no recommendation regarding honours for three students who received grades lower than B on their Honours thesis, and a positive recommendation for one of the eleven students who was short on the CPGA distinction requirement.*

*The Chair also reported on the case discussed in the morning's Faculty Council meeting, of one student who was deficient on the overall honours GPA. He informed Senate that the Committee was not prepared to change its initial recommendation.*

In the discussion of this last case, L. Michaelis asked if it was the intention of Senate that the Honours GPA requirement is different from the case of repeated courses on the CPGA. C. Parker replied that calendar regulation 6.8.2 was changed to include the words "including repeated courses" intentionally in order to hold honours students to a higher standard. R. Hudson wondered if a student who repeated a course with an A+, and who received another A+ would have both courses counted. P. Kelly-Spurles thought it unfortunate that a student who received an F could not have it expunged.

R. Ireland stated that it was agreed in Faculty Council that the wording in the calendar was not clear and it was possible that a student could be confused by it. Further, Senate has the ability to award the degree with honours, and therefore he moved that the report be amended to move one student from the B.Sc. list to the B.Sc. with Honours list. The Chair allowed a show of hands to assess the will of Senate, and given there was support the change was made.

### **07.05.10 Approval of List of Graduates for Convocation**

A list of candidates for Degrees and Certificates was circulated and is appended to the file copy of these minutes.

**Motion (vanderLeest/Parker): that, on the recommendation of Faculty Council, with the addition of changes to the list approved by Faculty Council and the one change made by Senate, Senate confer degrees and certificates on the students listed.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

## 08.05.10 Report from the Committee on Committees

### **Motion (Cohen/Brett): to change the membership of the Readmissions Appeals Committee (bold):**

(ii) Membership (3 members, including 1 elected faculty or librarian):

2 ex-officio members

The Secretary of Senate [Chair]

An Academic Dean who does not chair the Admissions and Readmissions Committee

1 faculty member or librarian, **plus 1 alternate**, elected by the Senate who are not members of the Admissions and Readmissions Committee

**Motion CARRIED.**

### **Motion (Cohen/Brett): that the following faculty or librarians be appointed to fill vacancies on respective Senate committees or committees with Senate membership for terms from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2013:**

*Monika Boehringer and Hannah Lane to the Academic Appeals Committee;*

*Karen Bamford to the Committee on Emeriti Appointments;*

*Judith Holton to the Committee on Students with Disabilities;*

*Michael Fox to the Continuous Learning Committee;*

*Marie Hammond Callaghan and Leah Garnett to the Graduation Review Committee;*

*Gene Ouellette and Nancy Vogan (alternate) to the Readmissions Appeals Committee;*

*David Hornidge and Colin Laroque to the Research and Creative Activity Committee;*

*Nauman Farooqi and Jane Dryden to the Research Ethics Board;*

*Kirsty Bell and Peter Sianchuk to the Teaching and Learning Committee;*

*Stephen Duffy to the University Planning Committee;*

*Gayle Martin to the Honorary Degrees Committee;*

*Stephen Duffy to the University Appeals Committee.*

**Motion CARRIED.**

**Motion (Cohen/Horton): that the following students be appointed to serve on the respective committees for the term 2010-2011:**

**Rowan Chandler and Patrick Losier to the Academic Appeals Committee;**

**Brittany Smith to the Academic Computing Committee;**

**Sam Gregg-Wallace, Mark Kroeker and Patrick Joyce to the Academic Judicial Committee;**

**Erik Fraser to the Academic Matters Committee;**

**Mike Kinney to the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee;**

**Brittany Smith to the Committee on Emeriti Appointments;**

**Erik Fraser to the Continuous Learning Committee;**

**Alanna Khattar to the Graduation Review Committee;**

**Brittany Smith to the International Programs Committee;**

**Mike Kinney and Kevin Geiger to the Research and Creative Activity Committee;  
Blair Ellis to the Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries;  
Blair Ellis and Alanna Khattar to the Teaching and Learning Committee;  
Nathan Walker and Sam Gregg-Wallace to the Committee on University Planning;  
Kevin Geiger to the Honorary Degrees Committee;  
Robert Murray and Nathan Walker to the University Appeals Committee;  
Anne Irving, Gabrielle Reid, Sam Gregg-Wallace, Mark Kroeker, Patrick Joyce and Ryan Sargent to the University Judicial Committee;  
and Alex Hebb, Kaitlin O'Donnell, and Patrick Joyce to the Committee on University Student Governance.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

#### **09.05.10 Election of Members to Committee on Committees**

P. Berry reported that two nominations had been received to fill the two impending vacancies on the Committee on Committees, and advised Senate that N. Farooqi and L. Michaelis were therefore declared elected to the committee for three year terms commencing 1 July 2010.

#### **10.05.10 Report from the Academic Matters Committee**

*[Note: In the motions that follow, new text is indicated in bold-face type and deletions are indicated with strike-out.]*

**Motion (J. vanderLeest/C. Parker): That Senate approve the following changes in pre-requisites for HIST 2421:**

**HIST 2421 (3.00 CR)**

**CANADA AFTER 1871**

**Prereq:** ~~HIST 2411; or permission of the Department~~

**Exclusion:** HIST 2410, 3100, 3250

This course examines the socio-economic, political, and cultural life of Canada from the time of the first federal census in 1871 to the present. (Format: Lecture 3 Hours)

**Motion CARRIED.**

**Motion (J. vander Leest/C. Parker): That Senate approve the following:**

1. **SCIENCE CORE ( Calendar section 12.3.3)**

### **12.3.3 Additional B.Sc. Requirements**

Six credits must be earned in Chemistry, six credits in Mathematics or Computer Science, six credits in Physics as follows:

- a. ~~Chemistry: 6 credits from CHEM 1001,1021~~
- b. ~~Mathematics/Computer Science: 3 credits from MATH 1111 and 3 additional credits from MATH 1121, 1131, 1251, 2211, 2221, 2311, COMP 1631~~
- c. ~~Physics: 3 credits from Physics 1051, and 3 additional credits from Physics 1551, 3521~~

**Note:** ~~Students may count for credit towards a degree a maximum of 6 credits from BIOL 2701, GENS 2431, MATH 2311, and PSYC 2001.~~

~~Students' choices should be made according to their Major or Honours requirements. Students having advanced placement should consult with the appropriate department regarding substitution for any of the courses listed above.~~

### **12.3.3 - Science Core**

**Twelve credits must be earned as follows:**

- a) **6 credits from MATH 1111 plus one of MATH 1121,1131, 2221 or COMP 1631)**
- b) **3 credits from CHEM 1001 or PHYS 1051**
- c) **3 credits from BIOL 1001, BIOL 1501, BIOC 1001, GENS 1401, PSYC 1001 or PSYC 1011**

*Other calendar entries affected:*

~~12.3.1 b) 6 credits must be earned in Chemistry, 6 credits in Mathematics or Computer Science, 6 credits in Physics~~ **12 credits must be earned from the Science Core** as outlined in 12.3.3

J. vanderLeest explained that this proposed change related to the Academic Renewal Plan Action 10-2b, and reduces the current requirement from 18 credits to 12 credits giving students increased flexibility. It includes 6 Math credits and at least three credits from Chemistry or Physics. The proposal has majority support from all but one Science department.

R. Brüning explained that the Physics Department had a problem with the changes, as they are significant changes which could result in a student who has not taken a physics or chemistry course in high school obtaining a Science degree from Mount Allison without a course in physics or chemistry. He therefore proposed an amendment:

**Motion (Brüning/Grant): Moved that the Science Core proposed be amended to:**

**Fifteen credits must be earned as follows:**

- a) **6 credits from MATH 1111 plus one of MATH 1121,1131, 2221 or COMP 1631)**
- b) **3 credits from CHEM 1001**
- c) **3 credits from PHYS 1051**
- d) **3 credits from BIOL 1001, BIOL 1501, BIOC 1001, GENS 1401, PSYC 1001 or PSYC 1011**

The Dean of Science gave his view that it was not possible to arrive at a core that everyone would agree to, and that the Academic Matters proposal represents the best consensus of all the stakeholders.

R. Hudson thought the amendment was an improvement as the original is less a core and more a set of distributional requirements.

R. Ireland informed Senate that he was the chair of committee that originated the proposal that went to the Heads of the Science departments. At the time all the Heads but one supported the current proposal put forward by the Academic Matters Committee.

G. Briand stated that he hoped that the faculty in the Science departments could get together to discuss these requirements.

E. Herteis added that the university does not have a definition of core and distribution it can work with, but that in her opinion a core was something that is essential.

L. Michaelis spoke as a member of the Academic Matters Committee declaring that though the committee did not want the proposal to be modified, she would support the amendment.

At this point there was a vote on the amendment.

**Motion DEFEATED.**

**Motion (Michaelis/Fleming): to refer the motion back to Academic Matters.**

**Motion DEFEATED.**

Following the defeat of this motion, a vote was called on the original motion.

**Motion CARRIED.**

**Motion (J. vander Leest/C. Parker): That Senate approve the following changes to section 10.1.1 of the Academic Calendar:**

### **10.1.1 Registration Deadline**

All full and part-time students must register each year according to procedures and time frames supplied by the Registrar's Office. Failure to do so results in a financial penalty and possible denial of registration in certain courses. In September and in January no students may register after the first two weeks of classes following registration, unless **approved by an Academic Dean** ~~allowed~~ on presentation of a medical certificate or on compassionate grounds ~~approved by an Academic Dean~~. **Attending a course while not on the class list does not constitute registration and is not a basis for approval of a request for late registration.**

**Within one week after the date for changes in registration at the beginning of each term, instructors will verify the list of students registered in the course. Students must be properly registered in a course to receive a grade on any assignment or test.**

C. Brett stated that while he supported the spirit of the proposed wording, he wondered what responsibility the instructor had beyond reviewing the class list.

J. vanderLeest opined that it is the student's responsibility to ensure they are registered.

**Motion CARRIED.**

**Motion (J. vander Leest/C. Parker): That Senate approve the following changes to section 10.1.3 of the Academic Calendar:**

### **10.1.3 Graduating Under One Calendar**

Students with continuous enrolment at the University may elect to graduate under any one calendar in force during their registration, subject to the availability of courses **with the following exceptions:** ~~However, students returning after an interval of a year or more during which time there has been a change in the curriculum, will be governed by the calendar in force when they return. Where necessary, an Academic Dean will interpret the student's past record in terms of the new curriculum.~~

- a) **Students returning after an interval of a year or more will be readmitted under the calendar in force when they return. Where necessary, an Academic Dean, in consultation**

**with the Registrar, will interpret the student's past record in terms of the current curriculum.**

- b) **Students who are more than ten years from the start of their degree and are returning after an interval of a year or more will be readmitted under the calendar in force when they return. The University may have course work completed in previous years reassessed to determine its applicability to the current curriculum and degree program. In some cases students may be required to retake a course for which credit was previously earned. An Academic Dean, in consultation with the Registrar, will interpret the student's past record.**

Note: This regulation applies only to curriculum changes affecting a student's degree program, as outlined in Section 12 - Academic Programs and Section 13 - Programs and Courses of Instruction.

B. Fleming thought the inclusion of the words “with the following exceptions” was confusion and he proposed this wording in lieu of a) and b) above:

**Students returning after an interval of a year or more will be readmitted under the calendar in force when they return. Where necessary, an Academic Dean, in consultation with the Registrar, will interpret the student's past record in terms of the current curriculum. Students who are more than ten years from the start of their degree and are returning after an interval of a year or more will be readmitted under the calendar in force when they return. The University may have course work completed in previous years reassessed to determine its applicability to the current curriculum and degree program. In some cases students may be required to retake a course for which credit was previously earned. An Academic Dean, in consultation with the Registrar, will interpret the student's past record.**

Note: This regulation applies only to curriculum changes affecting a student's degree program, as outlined in Section 12 - Academic Programs and Section 13 - Programs and Courses of Instruction.

The mover and seconder of the original motion accepted the proposed change.

**Motion CARRIED.**

#### **11.05.10 Report of the Research and Creative Activities Committee**

S. McClatchie reported that committee had, at its meeting on Monday approved policies on Research Contract Administration and on Research Overhead. These will be posted in draft form on the on-line policies and procedures web page. Comments are requested by 14 June. He pointed out that the committee's report was circulated prior to the meeting and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

### **12.05.10 Report on the Academic Renewal Plan**

S McClatchie reported that there had been discussion of this at Faculty Council, and that this was one of the two reports that he was planning to give. He was pleased with the progress to date. Though not all deadlines have been met, he explained that the deadlines were meant to be flexible. He also announced that working groups will be created to address some of the outstanding issues.

### **13.05.10 Annual Report of the Research Ethics Board**

The report had been circulated in advance of the meeting and N. Farooqi asked if there were any questions. None were asked. S. McClatchie thanked N. Farooqi for his willingness to continue as Chair next year.

### **14.05.10 Disposition and Storage of REB Records**

**Motion (McClatchie/Fleming): The acceptance of the Retention and Disposition policy approved by the Research Ethics Board and the modification of the existing Senate retention policy.**

P. Berry explained that the policy adopted by the Ethic Board was mandated by the funding councils and that the modification to the existing policy was to make it consistent with the new document.

A. Irwin inquired about electronic availability of these two documents, and P. Berry replied that they could be added to the Senate webpages.

**Motion: CARRIED**

### **15.05.10 Other Business**

D. Thomas stated that he was shocked that the University was awarding an honorary degree to Heather Reisman. He cited reasons why he objected to this recipient receiving a honorary degree and he expressed his personal belief that an honorary degree should not be given to those who support military ventures on either side of the Middle East conflict. An online petition that was started one week prior had garnered over 60 signatures, and he stated that he either wished to move that the approval for the degree be revoked, or failing that, an expression of regret be made by Senate regarding the decision to grant the degree.

The Chair ruled that the decision to grant this degree had followed due process and that he would not entertain any motions from the floor in this matter, as notice had not been given.

L. Michaelis expressed the view that process to award honorary degrees should be more transparent and open. R. Campbell replied that the process of community nomination, joint Board-Senate committee recommendation, and Senate approval was open and transparent and that formal Senate procedures had been followed. R. Hudson disagreed stating the process was too secretive. He requested that the committee not only provide a complementary description of the potential recipients, but that it also disclose potential controversies with prospective candidates. The President replied that due diligence had been exercised by the committee, and that the Committee's deliberations are not public so that the reputations of the candidates could be protected.

J. C. Martinez wondered what would happen if evidence of inappropriate behaviour came to light after the degree was approved. He asked if Senate could revisit the award. The President stated his view that it was too late in this case.

Following the comments of a couple of other speakers, D. Thomas challenged the chair's ruling in this matter. The Chair refused to put the challenge to a vote and requested a motion for adjournment if there was no further business. Following this a motion for adjournment was made.

**Motion CARRIED**

#### **6.05.10 Adjournment**

Following this motion the meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Berry,  
Secretary of Senate