

**MOUNT ALLISON  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
13 October 2010, 3:30 p.m. Tweedie Hall,**

**Present:** R. Campbell, P. Berry, M. Imbeault, D. Greenwood, B. Fleming, J. Ollerhead, C. Parker, H. Patterson, M. Boehringer, T. Craig, K. Ghandi, R. Hudson, J. Rogers, G. Aylesworth, K. Bamford, C. Brett, G. Briand, S. Claxton-Oldfield, I. Cohen, D. Fleming, T. Holownia, R. Ireland, L. Keliher, R. Majithia, E. Naylor, C. Quint, P. Sianchuk, E. Steuter, D. Thomas, E. Wells, A. Wilson, B. Ellis, E. Fraser, K. Geiger, A. Khattar, M. Kinney, B. Smith, R. Bryne, N. Walker, S. Gregg-Wallace, E. Herteis, G. Jollymore, D. Steward.

**Regrets:** B. Gnassi, J. vanderLeest, A Irwin, J.C. Martinez, L. Michaelis, A. Nurse, D. Torrance, T. Hynes.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:32

**01.10.10 Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion (Brett/Craig): that Senate adopt the agenda as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

**02.10.10 Approval of Senate Minutes of 21 September 2010**

**Motion (Brett/Craig): that Senate approve the minutes as circulated.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

**03.10.10 Business Arising from the Minutes**

No business was identified as arising from the minutes of September 21.

**04.10.10 Report from the Chair**

The Chair opened his remarks by noting the absence of the Vice-Chair and commenting on the recent provincial election results. He cited the need to build a new relationship with the Alward government and commented on the make-up of the cabinet with special mention of Martine Coulombe the new

Minister of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour. Byron James will be continuing as the deputy-minister of the department. R. Campbell also commented that the financial health of the Province is not good, and he expected the new government will address this problem quickly and do what is right for the province. Finally he expressed concern for the recent comments from the Federal Minister of Finance regarding provincial transfer payments.

Concerning the University's budget, not a lot of changes are expected for the remainder of this financial year. Despite two unplanned challenges, the decision to top up the defined benefits pension plan fund and a higher uptake than expected on top scholarships, R. Campbell predicted the University would still meet its balance budgeted for the year. Student enrollments are up about 2% across the Maritimes due to increases from students from outside of the region. He characterized the current student recruitment effort as a Sisyphus task; and maintained the current intake of 750 new students this year, if it continues, is not sufficient to maintain the total enrollment to 2500 students. On the physical plant, the Chair remarked on the problems with the Library roof, the likelihood of the pool not reopening until December, and continuing effort on the planning for the Fine and Performing Arts Building.

The Chair informed Senate that this year was the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UNB and the 100<sup>th</sup> for Saint Thomas, and he proposed to send greeting on behalf of the Senate and the Board. He asked if there were any objections to this, and there were none. He then invited questions.

R. Hudson congratulated the administration on raising student levels to 2518 students. D. Steward clarified that the budget was based on 2390 full time students, and that there was a difference between the number of students registered and the number of students who are paying revenues.

#### **05.10.10 Committee on University Planning**

In the absence of the Chair of the Planning Committee, J. Ollerhead gave a verbal report to supplement the written report that had been circulated. He stated that the October census numbers were good and highlighted that there have been net new positions in three departments. The Planning Committee strongly recognized the need to address the remaining 3 person departments. He congratulated the Provost for making hiring decisions in timely manner, and for increasing the faculty complement.

#### **06.10.10 Candidates for Degrees**

**Motion (B. Flemming/Parker): On the recommendation of Faculty Council, and with the addition of Matthew Black under Commerce, that Senate approve the conferring of degrees and certificates on students named on the list.**

[The full list appears on an appendix to the file copy of these minutes.]

**Motion CARRIED.**

#### **07.10.10 Convocation**

Under the provisions of the Mount Allison University Act (1994) and in his capacity as Vice-Chancellor, R. Campbell declared Convocation open. Candidates were presented (*in absentia*) by the Secretary of Senate and admitted by the Vice-Chancellor, after which Convocation was closed and the president resumed the chair of Senate.

#### **08.10.10 Report from Research and Creative Activities [attached]**

In the absence of the Chair, J. Ollerhead gave a brief verbal report to highlight some facets of the report.

#### **09.10.10 Report from the Committee on Committees [to be forwarded]**

**Motion (Cohen/Brett): to appoint Vicki Meli and Gene Ouellette to the Graduate Studies Committee for the term 2010-2013.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

**Motion (Cohen/Brett): to appoint David Hornidge, Mark Lee and Roopen Majithia to the International Programs Committee for the term 2010-2013.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

**Motion (Cohen/Khattar): to appoint Mike Kinney to the Academic Computing Committee, Kevin Geiger to the International Programs Committee and Brittany Smith to the Senate Committee on University Planning for the term 2010-2011.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

#### **10.10.10 Report of the Late Granting of Degrees Committee (C. Parker) [attached]**

The report was circulated in advance, and there were no questions.

#### **11.10.10 Report of the Admissions & Readmissions Committee (C. Parker) [to be forwarded]**

The report was circulated in advance, and there were no questions.

**12.10.10 Report of the Readmissions Appeals Committee (P. Berry) [attached]**

The report was circulated in advance, and there were no questions.

**13.10.10 Report of the Committee on Emeriti Appointments (P. Berry) [attached]**

The report was circulated in advance, and there were no questions.

**14.10.10 Other Business**

There was no other business.

**15.10.10 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:14.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Berry,  
Secretary of Senate