

**MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
10 NOVEMBER 2009, 2:30 p.m. Tweedie Hall**

**Present:** R. Campbell, P. Berry, G. MacKay, D. Greenwood, B. Gnassi, S. McClatchie, J. Ollerhead, H. Patterson, R. Summerby-Murray, J. vanderLeest, R. Hudson, A Irwin, D. Thomas, S. Runge, K. Bamford, C. Brett, G. Briand, R Edwards, R. Ireland, M. Lee, J. Mullen, L. Michaelis, A. Nurse, L. Ricker, D. Torrance, E. Koenig, B. Walters, E. Wells, D. Bowes, S. Humphrey, M. Kroeker, A. Steeves, B. Turkel, N. Walker, R. Bryne, S. Carrigan-Kent, E. Herteis, G. Jollymore, D. Stewart.

**Regrets:** C. Chapman, I. Cohen, B. Fleming, K. Ghandi, T. Holownia, W. Hunt, T. Hynes, C. Parker, F. Strain.

**01.11.10 Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion (Brett/Summerby-Murray): that Senate adopt the Agenda as circulated.**  
**Motion CARRIED**

**02.11.10 Approval of Senate Minutes of 14 October 2009 [attached]**

After one change was announced by the Secretary:

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

**03.11.10 Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business identified that was not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

**4.11.10) Report from the Chair**

The Chair informed Senate that the New Brunswick University Presidents have prepared a joint submission for the Provincial Government for 2010-11 operational funding certainty. It argued against the 0% increase that had been hinted at by the government. The results should be revealed on December 1 when the government is expected to release the 2010-11 budget.

R. Campbell referred to the AUAA enrolment data from last month indicating that the University's enrolment is one of the strongest in the region. He added that the total institutional effort and focus on student recruitment effort will continue as student enrolment is crucial to the University. Robert Ireland's talk at the open house, the announcement of Peter Mansbridge as the next Chancellor, our ongoing number one ranking in MacLean's, and the appointment of Herménégilde Chiasson as artist in residence are all factors that will help with the recruitment effort.

The President thanked the organizers of the Campus Community Campaign for this terrific initiative. He informed Senate that five Mount Allison students are being considered for a Rhodes Scholarship. He also reported that positive feedback has been received on our handling of the HINI outbreak.

R. Campbell informed Senate that part of the community's Remembrance Day ceremonies would take place in Convocation Hall.

The President invited nominations to the Honorary Degrees Committee. He explained that in order to award four Honorary Degrees each year a longer list was required, as not all of those who are invited are able or willing to accept. He reviewed the process by which a joint Board-Senate committee submits names to Senate.

The Provost reported that the Research Committee has formed a subcommittee to recommend on how the University will move forward on the Canada Research Chairs. A three year phased approach and other strategies will help avoid the crunch the university faces with this round, with all the non-renewable chairs ending over a three-year period.

S. McClatchie gave an update on the public sector studies program. Reports from two different committees will be made to senate. This program will be a joint program with Université de Moncton and he envisaged a small elite program for students entering the provincial or federal civil service. S. McClatchie added that the program would be bilingual and would require the students to take courses at both universities. He expected a September 2011 launch after approval by the two universities and then by the MPHEC.

S. McClatchie thanked Eileen Herteis for leading an excellent workshop on the academic renewal program for the academic leadership group.

The Vice-President Administration reported that halfway through this budget year we appear to be on target. D. Stewart added that planning has started for next year, identifying areas that require changes.

The Vice-President International and Student Affairs reported an estimated attendance of 300 prospective students at the fall open house. The H1N1 situation is in flux, and updates will be made as they become available. The daily report indicated the number of cases appears to have peaked a week ago, and there is now a decreasing number of new cases being reported. R. Bryne stated that students with the H1N1 have been encouraged to stay at home.

A. Nurse inquired if there were any plans for an immunization clinic on campus.

R. Byrne responded that his office is in contact with the Provincial Department of Health, but there is nothing more available at this point than a tentative date for a clinic.

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

S. McClatchie reported that two of the academic unit reviews are now complete and that the summaries of these reviews have been distributed. All foundational documents should soon be available for viewing by members of the University Community through the Vice President's website. The most important part of the document is the last part, the response of the University Planning Committee and the Vice-President's office.

The Vice-President added that the University could not manage a five year cycle as recommended by the MPHEC. He felt that three reviews per year is a reasonable load. He asked if there were any questions.

B. Walters endorsed the establishment of an IR Council. He commented that the IR students were strong academically and independently minded, and that they should not be excluded from this council.

L. Michaelis suggested that the actual academic unit reports would be more useful in formulating any questions on the reviews and that Senate should discuss this once the original documents were available.

R. Hudson commented that he was glad the document was received almost a week ahead of time, and he suggested that it was desirable to distribute such documents at least one week before the meeting.

S. McClatchie responded that senators could certainly ask questions about these reviews under business arising at the next meeting. He suggested that it was better to see the final product before viewing the inputs in isolation. He also indicated that in the future the original documents will be posted to the secure web site once the senate agenda with the review summaries is distributed.

The Chair of Planning continued by reporting that planning was considering known vacant positions in Drama, International Relations and Philosophy and that he had authorized replacement positions in these areas. The committee was also grappling with the issue of three member departments. In that light, he has written to these departments asking them to engage in a more strategic long term approach to staffing. He also commented that two term positions and stipendiary appointments have been authorized to deal with current enrolment issues.

#### **6.11.10 Report from the Ad hoc Committee on Teaching Evaluation**

S. McClatchie stated that with the completion of the final report, the mandate of the committee has been fulfilled, and it has been disbanded. The policy document is now available on the policies and procedures website.

He summarized that overall administration and oversight of this policy would be from the Vice-President's office and the Teaching and Learning Committee. The Purdy Crawford Teaching Centre will provide expertise and support on issues related to the evaluation of teaching. The recommendation is that Support Services (through the Bookstore) handle the reports. This year would be a transition year, with 10-15 courses piloting the new evaluation in the fall term. He expected full implementation in April. There will be an opt-in form for faculty who wish to share their evaluations with the institution.

S. Carrigan-Kent wondered if paper copies of the evaluation form would be available for courses not in the pilot group.

E. Herteis replied that the PCTC would make the document available on the Centre's website so that faculty not in the pilot could use the paper form.

#### **7.11.10 Other Business**

The Vice-President University Advancement was unable to give a report during the Report from the Chair, so a brief report was made under Other Business. G. Jollymore gave a JUMP campaign update stating that the \$72 million mark had been passed and the expectation was that the campaign was three years ahead of schedule. She thanked those who are serving as ambassadors for the Campus Community Campaign.

#### **8.11.10 Adjournment**

There being no further business, adjournment came at 3:30.