

**MOUNT ALLISON  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE  
21 SEPTEMBER 2010, 2:30 p.m. Tweedie Hall,**

**Present:** R. Campbell, P. Berry, D. Greenwood, B. Fleming, B. Gnassi, S. McClatchie, J. Ollerhead, C. Parker, H. Patterson, J. vanderLeest, T. Craig, K. Ghandi, R. Hudson, A. Irwin, O. Griffiths, G. Aylesworth, K. Bamford, C. Brett, G. Briand, R. Edwards, Z. Finkel, D. Fleming, R. Ireland, R. Majithia, J.C. Martinez, L. Michaelis, E. Naylor, G. Nichols, A. Nurse, P. Sianchuk, D. Thomas, D. Torrance, E. Wells, B. Ellis, E. Fraser, K. Geiger, A. Khattar, M. Kinney, B. Smith, R. Bryne, N. Walker, S. Gregg-Wallace, E. Herteis, T. Hynes, G. Jollymore.

**Observer:** M. Kroeker.

**Regrets:** M. Imbeault, M. Boehringer, I. Cohen, T. Holownia, A. Wilson.

**01.09.10 Welcome and Introduction of Senators**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:30, welcoming the members of Senate and inviting each member to introduce themselves.

**02.09.10 Approval of the Agenda**

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

**Motion CARRIED.**

**03.09.10 Approval of Senate Minutes of 13 May 2010**

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

With one suggestion for a grammatical improvement, the

**Motion CARRIED.**

**04.09.10 Business Arising from the Minutes**

Speaking as Chair of the Honorary Degrees Committee, the President described changes that have been made in response to the discussion from the last Senate meeting. In an attempt to improve the process, the committee report has been circulated prior to the meeting in the form of a protected PDF document. He added that David Stewart is currently negotiating to purchase an online version of Bourinot's Rules of Order.

B. Fleming suggested that Bourinot's may not be clear or appropriate for every situation, and that it would be advisable for Senate to adopt supplementary rules of order that could clarify Bourinot and be more pertinent to our Senate meetings.

R. Ireland asked why the changes made to the Academic Calendar in May were not yet reflected in the online calendar.

C. Parker replied that due to staffing changes and registration pressures, the September 1 update has been delayed, possibly until the end of September.

### **05.09.10 Report from the Chair**

The Chair opened his remarks by describing that much facility renewal work has been completed during the summer, some of which is still ongoing. He commended the University's modest facilities management team for the great job they did in getting the campus ready for the return of the students. He also commended Conference Services for setting a record in 'bed-nights' with summer events, including the hosting of many athletes who competed in the World Junior Track and Field Championships held in Moncton last summer.

R. Campbell praised the Admissions Office for achieving the budgeted number of new students in an increasingly tough market. Due to this achievement and good cost control he described the University's financial shape as good, especially when compared to other universities in the Atlantic region. One small wrinkle on the cost side was the necessity of an additional contribution to the defined benefits pension plan due to the poor recent performance of equity markets.

Looking forward, the President stated there would be continued work on the Financial Sustainability Project and a review of the Strategic Plan. The Communications Office will be busy this year with a branding project and the Jump Campaign (currently at about the \$ 77 million mark) will (hopefully) wrap up about three years early. Board approval has been given to continue with the planning for, and architectural drawings of, the Fine and Performing Art Centre. He also anticipated the possibility of political and policy changes on the provincial front, due to the province's poor financial shape, which would evolve regardless of the party which wins the election. R. Campbell also informed Senate that the Provost will be on leave next term.

The President reminded Senators that this year's "Year of..." theme is Culture and Creativity. He also mentioned a first time donation from a foundation in Quebec, the launch of the Ron Joyce Centre on October 1, and the visit to campus by Thomas King on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

S. McClatchie informed Senate that Craig Brett is chairing the ad-hoc Committee on Statistics that will report by December 1<sup>st</sup>. The terms of reference are on the Vice-

President's (Academic and Research) web site. Following the external and internal reviews of Continuous Learning, a formal response and plan will be developed this fall through consultation with the appropriate collegial committees. It is expected that the response will be brought to Faculty Council and Senate later this fall.

Research and Creative Activity is developing a strategic research plan for Mount Allison that will include, but not be limited to, the Canada Research Chair allocation strategy. In preparation for this work, David Bruce has sent out a questionnaire to faculty and will be visiting academic departments this year. S. McClatchie and D. Bruce are also scheduled to meet with the presidents of the Tri-Councils in Ottawa on November 8.

The Provost also mentioned the Board's approval of the Fine and Performing Arts building as the next fundraising priority, and that there has been some local discussion around retaining the old Memorial Library section of the building. A resolution of this issue is required to finish the plans.

D. Thomas asked why Mount Allison was not included in the recent PSE report on accessibility for native students. R. Byrne replied that the university was emphasising historical strengths such accessibility for students with learning disabilities and challenges, and for students from rural areas.

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

S. McClatchie stated that a report had been circulated, and he highlighted the appointments that have been made this year, and the early but incomplete list of appointments for the next academic year. He also drew attention to the Academic Unit Review process.

There were no questions on the report.

#### **07.09.10 Report from the Committee on Committees**

##### **COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT TO SENATE**

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

**Erin Steuter to the Academic Matters Committee  
Janine Rogers to the Research and Creative Activity Committee  
Patricia Kelly Spurles to the Senate Committee on University Planning  
Rob Ireland to the Honorary Degrees Committee  
Elaine Naylor to the Admissions and Readmissions Committee**

**Motion CARRIED.**

**Motion (Brett/Torrance): that William Lundell be appointed to the committee to review the reappointment of the University Librarian.**

**Motion CARRIED.**

**08.09.10 Report on the Exam Timetable**

The Provost mentioned the report that had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting and he gave a brief history leading up to the report. He highlighted the recommendation that whenever possible, the registrar's office will attempt to accommodate requests for multi-sectioned courses with different instructors.

He asked if there were any questions. There were none.

**09.09.10 Annual Report from the Committee on Teaching and Learning**

E. Herties asked if there were any questions about the report which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. There were none.

**10.09.10 Report from the Honorary Degrees Committee**

The Senate moved into camera and the President gave an overview of the process for honorary degree recipients. Senate is the body that confers degrees, including honorary degrees, but in the case of honorary degrees the President's office invites the proposed recipients. This report and the results of this vote is recorded in a confidential appendix to the file copy of these minutes

**11.09.10 Other Business**

There was no other business

**12.09.10 Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Berry,  
Secretary of Senate