



SENATE MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2009 4:00 pm LB322

MINUTES

PRESENT: Greg Lee (Chair), Marion Haythorne, Jean Bennett, Chris Bottrill, John Boylan, Bahiyyih Campbell, Robert Campbell, Nicholas Collins, Kevin Cripps, Patrick Donahoe, Casey Dorin, Graham Fane, Michael Fleming, Karen Hodson, Susan Hogan, Reini Klein, Paul McMillan, George Modenesi, Jennifer Moore, Jen Moses, Trevor Page, Gordon Rudolph, Itidal Sadek, Tim Schouls, Sandra Seekins, Nicolle Smith, Jackie Snodgrass, Ghazal Tohidi, Tammy Towill, Peter Ufford, Catherine Vertesi, Milton Williams, Recording Secretary: Mary Jukich

REGRETS: Kim Bothen, Herbert Cruz, Darin Feist, Karin Jager, Richard McRae

GUESTS: None.

Greg Lee called the meeting to order and welcomed Peter Ufford, Chancellor, to the first Senate meeting of the term.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Item #6b was moved ahead of #6a.

*John Boylan moved and Nicolle Smith seconded that:
the amended Agenda be approved.*

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

*Sue Hogan moved and Gordon Rudolph seconded that:
the Minutes of the August 21, 2009 meeting be approved.*

CARRIED

3. CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR'S REPORTS

Marion Haythorne reported on her activities since the last Senate meeting. She attended a two-day session on threat assessment and risk management as well as a very successful Orientation Day. A thank you was given to the Orientation Day Committee for organizing a very successful and enjoyable day for students. Marion apologized for the late delivery of the schedules attached to the Senate agenda. Every effort will be made to distribute all schedules in advance.

Greg Lee reported attending the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new dance studio, which will be located in the recently converted horticulture building. He reported that Film Centre faculty are working with designers on the new facility.

4. APPROVALS IN PRINCIPLE

None.

5. SENATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Presented by: Jackie Snodgrass

(a) Resolutions - None.

(b) New Members

Two faculty members and two students were appointed to the Senate Curriculum Committee. Membership term end dates will be looked at in order to have them coincide with the timetable constraint forms.

Jackie Snodgrass moved and Jennifer Moore seconded that:

09/69 Senate approve Michael Thoma as the new SCC member for the Faculty of Fine and Applied Arts/School of Motion Picture Arts and Rita Isola as the new SCC member for the Faculty of Arts and Sciences/Social Sciences Division.

CARRIED

Jackie Snodgrass moved and Trevor Page seconded that:

09/70 Senate approve Ghazal Tohidi and Bahiyih Campbell as the new student SCC representatives.

CARRIED

6. FACULTY GOVERNANCE

(a) Faculty of Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Terms of Reference

Presented by: Casey Dorin

Casey Dorin presented the Faculty of Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Terms of Reference for approval by Senate. Some minor revisions to the document were suggested.

Casey Dorin moved and Jean Bennett seconded that:

09/71 The Faculty of Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Terms of Reference attached as Schedule 6a be approved.

CARRIED

(b) Faculty of Health and Education Terms of Reference

Presented by: Jean Bennett

Jean Bennett presented the Faculty of Health and Education Terms of Reference for approval by Senate. Some minor revisions to the document were requested in order to maintain consistency with other terms of reference previously approved.

Jean Bennett moved and Trevor Page seconded that:

09/72 The Faculty of Health and Education Terms of Reference attached as Schedule 6b be approved.

CARRIED

7. COMMITTEES

(a) Senate Nominating Committee – Vice-Chair Election

Presented by: Reini Klein

Reini Klein reported that the Senate Nominating Committee for Vice-Chair had met. The Committee put forward a recommendation to nominate Marion Haythorne. The Chair called for any further nominations from the floor three times and, there being none, Marion Haythorne was elected as Vice-Chair of Senate.

(b) Planning and Policy Committee

(i) Course Outlines and Course Approval Policy

Presented by: Jackie Snodgrass

As requested by Senate at the September meeting, the Planning and Policy Committee reviewed the suggestion to consolidate the previously approved Fast Track policy into another policy. After further discussion, the Planning and Policy Committee concluded that the Fast Track policy should remain as a separate policy.

The Planning and Policy Committee had also been requested to review the Course Outlines and Course Approval policy to consider the addition of an additional point with respect to providing students with evaluative feedback before the University drop date. The Course Outlines and Course Approval policy was brought back as originally presented. The Committee agreed with the principle that students should have some feedback but the Committee was not convinced it should be stated more precisely. Senate members expressed further concern about the implications of the feedback provision and how to further clarify the policy. The Planning and Policy Committee will review this policy further and will bring the policy back to the October Senate meeting.

Approval from Senate was requested to rescind policies EC2006-04 A Guide to Changing Course Outlines and EC2006-03 Changing Programs, as these were only charts indicating the approval level of various types of changes.

Jackie Snodgrass moved and John Boylan seconded that:

09/73 Senate rescind policies EC2006-04 and EC2006-03.

CARRIED

(ii) Strategic Directions

Presented by: Jackie Snodgrass

The revised strategic directions document was presented to Senate, and it incorporated further suggestions and recommendations from the Planning Committee. The revisions were identified and discussed and Senate members provided further feedback. Further work will continue on this document and it will be brought back to the October Senate meeting.

8. STUDENT LETTER

Presented by: Trevor Page

Students discussed their concerns regarding electronic voting and the possible issues that could arise with this method of voting. It was agreed that the advantages and disadvantages as well as the risks associated with electronic voting and the cost of electronic voting were issues that needed to be addressed. An ad hoc committee was established to look at these issues and this committee will report back at the November Senate meeting. Members of this committee are:

Tammy Towill (Chair)
John Boylan
Kevin Cripps
Trevor Page
Itidal Sadek
Nicolle Smith

9. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE PROFILE COMMITTEE

Presented by: Marion Haythorne

The Presidential Candidate Profile Committee presented a revised document, which incorporated further revisions to the presidential candidate profile. It was generally agreed that this revised document captured more of the fundamental requirements regarding candidate qualifications and attributes. Suggestions were made with respect to the order of priority for each qualification and attribute as well as further revisions for clarity and definition of some points. The revised document will be presented at the Board, indicating it as a draft document. Further discussion will take place at the October Senate meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Senate members were reminded to take note of the 2010 Senate meeting schedule which was attached to the agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 2009.
