



**SPECIAL MEETING OF SENATE**  
 Tuesday, May 6, 2014 4:00 pm LB322

**MINUTES**

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**PRESENT:** Kris Bulcroft (Chair), Tammy Towill, Carol Aitken, Stephen Atkins, Jean Bennett, Don Bentley, Chris Bottrill, Brent Calvert, Julia Denholm, Graham Fane, Darin Feist, Rick Gale, Brandon Hofmarks, Violet Jessen, David Kirk, Reini Klein, Brent Leigh, Nanci Lucas, Grace Makarewicz, Karen McCredie, Kim McLeod, Paul McMillan, Jennifer Moore, Natahsha Prakash, Joanne Quirk, Sandra Seekins, Sharka Stuyt, Daniel Yasinski, Secretary: Mary Jukich

**REGRETS:** Brittany Barnes, Leighan Crowe, Devon Gregory, Cherry Itty, Clay Little, Emma Russell, Peter Ufford

**GUESTS:** Cindy Turner

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

*Reini Klein moved and Kim McLeod seconded that:  
 The agenda be approved.*

**CARRIED**

Cindy Turner, Vice-President Finance and Administration and Jane Shackell Board Chair were introduced and welcomed to Senate.

**2. BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Presented by: Nanci Lucas*

Senate was informed that the Committee consulted, after the Court Ruling was made public, with regard to its recommendation on the 2014/15 proposed budget, and members confirmed support for the Committee's decision to proceed with a recommendation to the Board.

Senate was provided with a comprehensive overview of this year's budget process, including extensive Committee meetings, stakeholder meetings, forums, communications and updates from the President, information postings on the University website, and continuous requests for feedback and comments in maintaining a consultative and transparent process. As well, it was noted that, during the budget process, the Committee undertook in-depth review of budget information and sought detailed explanations from Cindy Turner.

The Committee reported that a further meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> to review suggestions on increasing revenue that were submitted in the input forms, and once complete, these will be posted to the website.

Nanci thanked the Committee members and everyone involved in the budget process for their work.



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A concern was expressed with regard to recommending the proposed budget without an education policy in place, as now dictated by Court Ruling, especially as the education policy agenda item falls after the budget item. Senate was reminded that based on the University Act, Senate is only required to provide a recommendation on the proposed budget, and that the Board is aware of the requirement for a policy to be in place before approving the proposed budget.

A motion was presented to stop the budget discussion and commence the discussion on the draft education policy.

*Brent Calvert moved and Sandra Seekins seconded:*

**14/24** To table the Budget Committee motion.

**CARRIED**  
**12 yes**  
**8 no**

A motion was made to stop the education policy discussion and resume the budget discussion.

*Graham Fane moved and Daniel Yasinski seconded:*

**14/25** To bring the Budget Committee motion back on the table.

**CARRIED**

Concern continued to be expressed with regard to the legality of accepting the Budget Committee's recommendation on the budget to the Board without an education policy in place. In this regard, members were reminded Senate can only make a recommendation.

Members of the audience were given an opportunity to express, to Senate, their concerns and comments with regard to the budget and policy.

It was again articulated that while Senate may vote to recommend the 2014/15 proposed budget to the Board, the budget cannot be passed until such time as an education policy meeting the requirements of the Court Ruling is in place.

*Nanci Lucas moved and Reini Klein seconded that:*

**14/26** The Senate Budget Advisory Committee moves that the Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the proposed all funds budget, dated April 17, 2014 as submitted.

**CARRIED**  
**14 Yes**  
**5 No**  
**4 Abstentions**



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**3. BY-LAW, POLICY AND PROCEDURE COMMITTEE**

Education Policy as it Relates to the Budget

*Presented by: Nanci Lucas / Jane Shackell*

Senate was informed that the By-law, Policy and Procedure Committee met on Thursday, May 1, 2014 to initiate development of a preliminary policy as mandated by the Court Ruling.

It was articulated that the recent judgment dictates the policy be a Board policy, and not a Senate policy. Members were reminded that Senate recommendation on the policy was not being requested, but that the document, as presented, serves only as guidance with draft language as a starting point for discussion.

Concern was expressed that the draft policy, as presented, states only the role of the policy, lacks criteria and direction and whether, as written, the language satisfies the Ruling and University Act.

The points of concern raised, together with information previously provided by the CFA, will be taken to the Board for their consideration. The Board will prepare a further draft and brought to Senate for consultation.

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There being no further business, and on motion duly made, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 13, 2014**

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