

May 18, 2005

Minutes of a Meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room 245 Engineering Building

Members Present

Dr. E.J.E. Szathmáry,
Chair
Mr. Kofi Adane
Prof. J. Anderson
Prof. T. Anna
Prof. U. Annakkage
Ms. A. Aziz
Prof. R. Baydack
Prof. M. Brabston
Ms. J. Bunn
Prof. W. Christie
Dean D. Collins
Prof. K. Coombs
Prof. J. Cooper
Dean J. de Vries
Prof. B. Dronzek
Ms. A. Ducas
Prof. E. Etcheverry
Dean G. Feltham
Ms. H. Fernandes
Prof. M. Gabbert
Ms. E. Goldie
Ms. B. Hamilton
Prof. G. Hatch
Prof. P. Hawranik
Ms. J. Horner
Dean D. Hrycaiko
Mr. G. Jawanda
Dr. R. Kerr
Mr. G. Kler
Prof. G. Krause
Ms. M. Kuzmeniuk
Mr. N. Lesage
Prof. J. Long
Dean D. Lonis
Prof. B. Macpherson
Ms. D. McCallum
Prof. A. McNicol
Mr. B. Miller
Mr. A. Moreau
Dr. D. Morphy

Prof. M. Morry

Prof. C. Mossman

Dean R. Mullaly

Prof. B. O'Neill

Prof. S. Prentice

Ms. C. Presser

Prof. G. Ramu

Ms. L. Robson

Dean D. Sandham

Ms. C. Schultz

Dean G. Sevenhuysen

Dean R. Sigurdson

Prof. P. Singal

Mr. D. Smith

Prof. R. Sparling

Rector J. Stapleton

Prof. B. Stimpson

Prof. T. Sullivan

Prof. C. Taylor

Prof. J. Van Rees

Prof. L. Wallace

Dean M. Whitmore

Dean J. Wiens

Dean D. Witty

Prof. P. Zahradka

Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary

Ms. N. Schneider

Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Dr. C. Blais

Dean I. Diallo

Mr. P. Dueck

Dr. P. Fortier

Ms. M. Gallant

Dr. K. Grant

Dr. D. Jayas

Dr. R. Lobdell

Mr. N. Marnoch

Ms. C. Van De Kerckhove

Regrets

Prof. B. Austin-Smith
Prof. B. Bacon
Prof. T. G. Berry
Prof. M. Birouk
Dr. P. Cattini
Prof. S. Cheng
Prof. H. Dean
Prof. H. Duckworth
Rectrice R. Gagné
Mr. D. Gordon
Dr. J. Hoskins
Dr. N. Hunter
Prof. T. Ivanco
Dr. J. Keselman
Dean L. King
Prof. P. King
Prof. B. Kops
Prof. C. Kristjanson
Prof. K. MacKay
Ms. M. Maharaj
Prof. S. Mai
Ms. A. Meisner
Dr. W. Norrie
Prof. J. Owens
Prof. J. Page
Prof. W. Palatnick
Dean A. Percival
Prof. S. Pistorius
Prof. Y. Pompana
Mr. S. Reddy
Dean D. Ruth
Prof. N. Subotincic
Prof. A. Tate
Dean M. Trevan
Prof. J. Welsh
Prof. K. Wrogemann

Absent

Prof. W. Akinremi

Ms. A. Atkinson

Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Prof. R. Burleson
Dean D. Care
Prof. B. Diehl-Jones
Ms. A. Dufour
Prof. C. Eyland
Ms. B. Famuyide
Prof. E. Forget
Prof. G. Geller
Dr. G. Gerbrandt
Prof. P. Hultin
Prof. J. Irvine
Prof. B. Law
Ms. C. Leach
Prof. M. Libin
Prof. S. McLachlan
Prof. J. Nagy
Prof. M. Porter
Dr. C. Rabinovitch
Dr. J. Raymond
Dean H. Secter
Ms. A. Sen
Prof. K. Simons
Dean D. Smyth
Ms. C. Steer
Prof. R. van Acker
Prof. M. Vrontakis
Ms. C. Wallcraft
Ms. M. Wayne
Mr. S. Zamick

Also Present

Mr. D. Barbour

Ms. J. Gripp

Ms. D. Kaspersion

Ms. E. Prosser

Ms. S. Reimer

Dr. L. Smith

Ms. B. Usick

Dr. Szathmáry advised Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive was Dean Dale Lonis.

Dr. Szathmáry noted this was the last meeting for Professors, Rene van Acker (Agricultural & Food Sciences), William Christie (Dentistry), Brian Stimpson (Engineering), Charles Mossman (Management), Wes Palatnick (Medicine), Richard Burleson (Music), Bill Diehl-Jones (Nursing), Keith Simons (Pharmacy), Smiley Cheng (Science), Brenda Bacon (Social Work), and Gaddehosur Ramu (Arts). Dr. Szathmáry thanked these members for their dedication and contributions to Senate.

Dr. Szathmáry welcomed new student Senators, Candace Wallcraft (Agricultural & Food Sciences), David Gordon (Architecture), Cynthia Leach (Arts), Melissa Maharaj (Arts), Courtenay Schultz (Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources), Gurinder Kler (Dentistry), Helene Fernandes (Education), Averie Meisner (Education), Laura Robson (Engineering), Kofi Adane (Graduate Studies), Busola Famuyide (I.H. Asper School of Business – Faculty of Management), Nicolas Lesage (I.H. Asper School of Business – Faculty of Management), Beth Hamilton (Music), Adrienne Dufour (Pharmacy), Jenna Bunn (Science), Annie Ducas (Science), and Gary Jawanda (Science).

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

In keeping with past practice, the minutes of this agenda item are not included in the circulated minutes. They appear in the original minutes which are available for inspection by members of Senate.

II CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES - MAY 2005

Mr. Marnoch, the Registrar noted that the Graduands Report hand-out had a numerical discrepancy, due to the addition of a graduand to the list. The last page of the report states the total potential graduands was 2,817, while the table on page two states 2,818. The correct number is 2,818.

It was MOVED by Dean Lonis, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee; that the list of graduands provided to the University Secretary by the Director of Student Records be approved, subject to the right of Deans and Directors to initiate late changes with the Director of Student Records up to May 20, 2005.

CARRIED

III REPORT ON MEDALS AND PRIZES TO BE AWARDED AT THE MAY CONVOCATION

It was MOVED by Dean Lonis, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee; THAT the report on medals and prizes provided to the University Secretary be approved by Senate.

CARRIED

IV **ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES**

The Chair asked the University Secretary to conduct the elections

1. **Election of Senate Member
To the Board of Governors**

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The University Secretary opened nominations. Dean Doug Ruth was nominated by Professor Stimpson. Professor Timothy Anna was nominated by Professor O'Neill. Ballots were distributed to the voting members of Senate. Dean Ruth was declared **ELECTED** to the Board of Governors for a three-year term ending May 31, 2008.

2. **Election of Senate Members
To the Senate Executive Committee**

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a) **From amongst Vice-Presidents, Deans of Faculties and Directors of Schools:**

One representative needed to be elected from among the Vice-Presidents, Deans of Faculties and Directors of Schools to replace Dean David Witty (Architecture), whose term will end on May 31, 2005.

The University Secretary opened nominations. Professor Brabston nominated Dean Feltham. No further nominations were made. Dean Wiens moved that nominations close, seconded by Professor Cooper. Dean Feltham was declared **ELECTED** to the Senate Executive for a three-year term ending May 31, 2008.

b) **From amongst faculty members:**

Three faculty representatives needed to be elected for three year terms to replace Professors Archie Cooper (Medicine), Judith Owens (Arts), and Richard Sparling (Science) whose terms will end on May 31, 2005. One faculty representative is to be elected for a two year term ending May 31, 2007 to replace Professor Ramu, who chose not to seek re-election to Senate.

The University Secretary opened nominations. Professors Prentice, McNicol, Dronzek and Brabston were duly nominated. Professor Ramu moved that nominations close, seconded by Professor Christie.

Profesor Dronzek requested the two-year term. Professor Dronzek was **ELECTED** to the two-year term ending May 31, 2007, while Professors

Prentice, McNicol, and Brabston were **ELECTED** to three-year terms ending May 31, 2008.

3. Election of a Student Member
To the Senate Executive Committee **Page 22**

Ms. Aziz, President of UMSU advised the Senate that the Student Senate Caucus had elected Ms. Laura Robson as the voting student member of the Senate Executive.

It was MOVED by Ms. Aziz, seconded by Professor Etcheverry that Ms. Robson be elected as the voting student Senator to the Senate Executive Committee.

CARRIED

Ms. Aziz also advised Senate that Ms. Annie Ducas would be the student assessor to the Senate Executive Committee.

V MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course
Changes re Minor Course and Curriculum Changes **Page 23**

This report deals with minor course and curriculum changes in the following units: Agricultural and Food Sciences, Architecture, Arts, Education, Engineering, Law, Medical Rehabilitation, Music, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Science. The report also contains the undergraduate course change timetable for 2005-06.

Dean Lonis advised that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was MOVED by Professor Dronzek, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes [dated April 8, 2005].

CARRIED

VI MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. In Memoriam Dean Emeritus John W. Neilson **Page 38**

Dr. Christie spoke in tribute to Dean Emeritus John W. Neilson, noting that when President Hugh Hamilton Saunderson was looking for a Dean for the Faculty of Dentistry, one name kept appearing on suggestion lists. That name was John W.

Neilson. Dean Neilson was the founding Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. Over the past 43 years, many dentists and dental hygienist have graduated from the Faculty of Dentistry, many who have gone on to practice in Manitoba. For this we owe a debt of gratitude to John Neilson for his role in the development of the Faculty of Dentistry, “the house that Jack built”.

2. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards Page 39

At its meeting on April 7, 2005, the Senate Committee on Awards approved eleven new awards, 16 award amendments and one award withdrawal [as set out in the report of the Senate Committee on Awards dated April 7, 2005]. All these award decisions comply with the published guidelines of November 3, 1999, and are reported to Senate for information.

3. Student Advocacy Annual Report Page 49

Dr. Lynn Smith, Executive Director, Student Services informed Senate that, this year the report has a new format. The format was changed based upon discussions with the Chair of the University Discipline Committee. The new format will allow information to be more easily shared with staff and students. The information will be featured in the *Manitoban* and the *Bulletin*.

4. Annual Reports of Standing Committees of Senate

Section 8.3.1 of the Senate Handbook (2000) reads as follows: “Standing Committees of Senate are required to report at least once a year unless otherwise specified in the terms of reference”.

The following annual reports for standing committees of Senate for the year 2004-2005 have been submitted:

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VII REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Szathmáry reported that a written report will be included in the next Senate agenda.

Dr. Kerr, Vice-President (Academic) and Provost, reported that decanal searches have been completed. The Faculty of Nursing had a search continuing from last year. Dr. Marlene Reimer has been appointed to that position effective July 1, 2005. Two new searches took place this year. Dr. Gustaaf Sevenhuysen has been appointed Dean of the Faculty of Human Ecology. He is currently the acting Dean. Dr. Jay Doering was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Two reviews also took place this year. Dean Doug Ruth has been re-appointed as Dean of Engineering and Dr. Anne Percival, the Dean of Continuing Education Division, has received a one-year extension in her appointment.

Mrs. Goldie, Vice-President (External), reported that the Director of Private Funding has left the University. Ms. Margot Hamilton has accepted the position of Director of Development. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree as well as a Master of Science in City Planning, and is currently the Director of Development at Seabury Hall, Maui, Hawaii.

Ms. Goldie reported that in the first year of fundraising after the capital campaign, the University has raised \$30.6-million. Two key components of that sum are \$6.9-million for capital projects and \$5.1-million for student support.

Previously, Ms. Goldie had reported that alumni receptions were to be held in Ottawa and Montreal. These were both very successful, with over 400 graduates, Members of Parliament, and Senators attending the Ottawa event, and approximately 60 in attendance in Montreal. On June 9, the President will be hosting an all Canadian alumni event at the Canadian Consul General's residence in Minneapolis.

Mrs. McCallum, Vice-President (Administration), reported that the Board of Governors approved the 2005/06 operating budget, after approximately 4.5 hours of debate. The sum available for re-allocation according to the University's strategic priorities is in two components, with \$6.5 million in baseline funds and \$2.4 million in budget-only funds. Budget cuts will not occur. The new revenue is being generated through the implementation of three incidental fees. These include a student services fee of \$3.00/credit hour, a registration fee of \$4.50/credit hour and a library fee of \$3.00/credit hour. In addition, there is a technology fee first implemented in Summer Session 2005. The revenues from this fee will be directed to service the long-term capital debt.

Ms. McCallum provided some highlights of the budget. Noting:

- there is now baseline funding support for commitments previously supported by one-time money.
- there is increased funding for units in serious financial difficulty.
- operating costs for new buildings opening in September and coming on-stream in the current fiscal year, including the Engineering and Information Technology Complex, the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals, and the new building on Selkirk Avenue for the inner city Social Work Program and the University of Winnipeg's "WEC" education program, will be met.
- The budget allows the University to begin rebuilding the funding base to maintain accreditation standards for professional programs.
- \$2-million in additional funding will support students. \$250,000 is for needs based bursaries, \$350,000 for graduate students research assistantships, and \$1.4-million for scholarships and bursaries for international students.

The approved budget will go a long way in maintaining the quality expected of a medical doctoral, research intensive University.

Ms. McCallum reminded the Senators that May 25 is Campus Beautification Day, and she encouraged all Senators to participate.

Professor Ramu asked why some faculties were in difficult financial positions. The President responded that this was a complex issue and if information was required, Ms. McCallum should be approached and given time to provide a response. Professor Ramu asked for the names of the Faculties in trouble. The President replied they were the Faculty of Engineering, I.H. Asper School of Business, The Faculty of Music, and the Clayton H. Riddell Faculty of Environment, Earth and Resources

Dr. Jayas reported on behalf of Dr. Kesselman, Vice-President (Research). He noted that Dr. Peter Jones has been recruited as a Canadian Research Chair, Tier I, in Food Science & Human Nutritional Science. He will also be the Director of the Richardson Centre for Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals. He also noted the Canadian Foundation for Innovation has revised its program. The New Programs Innovation Fund now consists of two programs. One is the "New Opportunities Fund", and the other is the "Leading Edge Fund". The University has initiated an internal process of notice to assist researchers in developing proposals to CFI

V QUESTION PERIOD

No questions were received prior to 10:00 a.m. on the day preceding the meeting, nor were any raised on the floor of Senate.

**IX CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2005**

2. **Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee**

- a) **Proposed site location: Aboriginal Student Centre** **Page 85**
This proposal calls for the approval of a 21,000 square foot building site to house the Aboriginal Student Centre on Curry Place directly west of the Education Building. This building will provide more space for Aboriginal students than the space currently used in University Centre.

Professor O'Neill, on behalf of the Committee, reported that the Committee had reviewed site proposals for the new Aboriginal Student Centre and recommends that the Building site be located on Curry Place directly west of the Education Building.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

**It was moved by Professor O'Neill, on behalf of the Committee;
THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and
Priorities Committee on the proposed site location for the Aboriginal
Student Centre [dated April 4, 2005].**

CARRIED

- b) **Proposed site location: Visitors Centre (with
facilities for Public Affairs, Security Services,
and Parking Services)** **Page 88**

This proposal calls for the approval of a 10,000 square foot building site to house the Visitor Centre, Public Affairs, Security and Parking Services on the northern side of the junction of University Crescent and Dafoe Road West, on the current site of the Visitor Centre. This building will accommodate among others, functions currently located in the mould-affected Services Building.

Laura Robson questioned the loss of student parking spaces. Ms. McCallum replied that the proposed expansion of the SD lot, north of Chancellor Matheson Boulevard, will make up the lost spaces.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

**It was moved by Professor O'Neill, on behalf of the Committee;
THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and
Priorities Committee on the proposed site location for the Visitors**

Centre (with facilities for Public Affairs, Security Services, and Parking Services) [dated April 4, 2005].

CARRIED

c) Proposed site location: English Language Centre and Physical Plant Expansion

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This proposal calls for the approval of a 10,000 square foot building site to house the English Language Centre and a 4,500 square foot expansion of the Physical Plant Building on Freedman Crescent. This building will provide more accommodation as there is an increasing demand for English Language Centre programming. It will also provide space for Physical Plant Buildings as levels of development of campus lead to the need for more office space and more shop space to service the increasing number of buildings.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Professor O'Neill, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on the proposed site location for the English Language Centre and Physical Plant Expansion [dated April 4, 2005].

CARRIED

d) Proposed site location: Parking Structure on the Bannatyne Campus

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This proposal calls for the approval of a building site for a parking structure (initially on three levels) on a 2,850 square metre footprint at the junction of Tecumseh Street and Bannatyne Avenue. The structure is required to help meet the demand for parking facilities for staff on the Bannatyne Campus, as currently there are between 110 and 150 people on waiting lists for permits. In addition, the Faculty of Pharmacy's move to the Bannatyne Campus will provide increased demands for parking services.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Professor O'Neill, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee on the proposed site location for the Parking Structure on the Bannatyne Campus [dated April 4, 2005].

CARRIED

**XII REPORTS OF OTHER COMMITTEES OF SENATE,
FACULTY AND SCHOOL COUNCILS**

**1. Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on graduate
program modifications - Ph.D. in Social Work** Page 97

**a) Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 113

The Faculty of Graduate Studies proposed changes to the Ph.D. program in Social Work. The two current program streams (Family-focused Intervention and Social Welfare Policy Analysis and Planning) will be eliminated. Course requirements will increase from 18 credit hours to 27 credit hours, which is equal to or less than the requirements of most doctoral programs in Social Work across Canada. The proposal has been endorsed by both the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee.

Professor Hawranik, Faculty of Graduate Studies, reported that the Faculty had conducted a review of the Ph.D. program and had met with students, potential employers, faculty members, and the community to get feedback. The result is the proposed elimination of the two streams within the program, the increase in credit hours, the length of time for program completion, and the strengthened research programming.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

**It was moved by Professor Hawranik, seconded by Dean Wiens:
THAT Senate approve the proposal of the Faculty of Graduate
Studies to modify the Ph.D. program in Social Work [as endorsed by
the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on February 28, 2005, and
the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated
April 4, 2005].**

CARRIED

**2. Report of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on graduate
program proposals - Master of Science in
Environment and Geography** Page 115

**a) Report of the Senate
Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 134

b) **Comments of the Senate Executive Committee** Page 137

The Faculty of Graduate Studies proposed a Master of Science in Environment and Geography. The proposed Master of Science program in Environment and Geography is consistent with practices at other Canadian Universities, emphasizing a physical science approach to the discipline. The external review committee endorsed the proposed program, concluding that the program is clearly distinct from the Master of Arts in Geography, Master of Environment, and Master of Natural Resource Management degrees. The proposal has been endorsed by both the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies and the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee.

Professor Hawranik, Faculty of Graduate Studies, reported that over the past year the Faculty has worked to improve and modify the proposal. They have addressed concerns that were raised throughout the process.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Professor Hawranik, seconded by professor Baydack: THAT Senate approve and recommend that the Board of Governors approve the proposal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies to introduce a Master of Science in Environment and Geography [as endorsed by the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on February 19, 2004, and the report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee dated April 4, 2005].

CARRIED

3. **Report of the Senate Committee on
Instruction and Evaluation re: use of electronic
Devices in examinations** Page 138

The Registrar, whose office is responsible for the coordination of examinations, has observed an increase in the number of students who attempt to use electronic devices to communicate with others or to access stored information during final examinations. The Registrar proposed that a revision to the Examination regulations to address these technologies would be appropriate.

Dr. Karen Grant, Chair of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation, spoke to the report. This review of the policy came about from concerns from faculty and the Student Records office. A survey had been done, and this is in response to only one part of the results. The other issue that will be dealt with later is increasing the number of invigilators at exams.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Grant, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation regarding the use of electronic devices in examinations [dated April 11, 2005].

CARRIED

4. Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions-

a) Re: Asper School of Business transfer credit for courses in the Certified General Accountants Program

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The Certified General Accountants Association of Manitoba approached the I.H. Asper School of Business about providing transfer credit for CGA courses. The Undergraduate Program Committee investigated the possibility of credit transfer. The Asper School Faculty Council passed a motion supporting the transfer of CGA credits to the School, subject to courses-by-course evaluations, for a five-year period. The proposal has been recommended by the Senate Committee on Admissions.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning courses of the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada [dated April 5, 2005].

CARRIED

b) Re: Bachelor of Recreation Management and Community Development (BRMCD) Program admission policy changes

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The current practice of the Bachelor of Recreation Management and Community Development (BRMCD) program is to review the last 60

hours

of university work when considering applicants for admission. This policy is inconsistent with other programs in the Faculty of Physical Education and Recreation Studies, where admission averages are calculated on the most recent 24 or 30 credit hours, so the current policy potentially penalizes students applying to the BRMCD program.

The proposed Bachelor of Recreation Management and Community Development program admission policy allows for the Adjusted Grade Point Averages to be calculated on the most recently completed 24 or 30 credit hours rather than 60 credit hours.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning the admission policy for the Bachelor of Recreation Management and Community Development (BRMCD) program [dated April 5, 2005].

CARRIED

c) **Re: Grade equivalency table for transferable Advanced Placement Courses**

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On September 1, 2004 the Senate of the University of Manitoba approved a recommendation from the Senate Committee on Admissions (SCADM) concerning the assignment of grades for transfer credit granted for completion of Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) examinations. Whereas students had previously been assigned transfer credit hours for sufficiently strong AP or IB results in evaluated courses, students entering in 06R and beyond will receive both the transferable credit hours and grades assigned according to an equivalency table. A concern was expressed at the Senate meeting that the new AP grade equivalency scale did not allow for a grade of "A+" in contrast to the IB grade scale that did.

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Due to the finer scale used by IB, grades of "A+" can be assigned; AP

only two acceptable grades and thus, grades of "A+" cannot currently be assigned. The proposal allows students who achieve a grade of five on the external Advanced Placement (AP) examination, and who also are awarded a final mark of 95 percent or higher by their high school for their AP coursework, be granted a grade of "A+" for any transferable credit.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions regarding grade equivalency table for transferable Advanced Placement courses [dated April 5, 2005] effective for the 06R

session.

CARRIED

5. **Proposal of University 1 for
Option 4 entry to University 1** Page 145
- a) **Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions** Page 157
- b) **Report of the Senate Committee
on Instruction and Evaluation** Page 159

University 1 is proposing to change its minimum entrance average to 70 percent and to allow admission under a special category called Option 4 for applicants with entrance averages between 63 percent and 69.9 percent. Students admitted under Option 4 would be provided with intensive advising and academic assessment. This threshold is common among universities in Canada and it will give University 1 a mechanism, as a first step, to identify a group of students whose risk of obtaining poor academic results in first year is very high.

Dr. Blais, Director of University 1, stated that the goal of this proposal is to help student have success in the first year at university.

Ms. Aziz wondered how students would know about the option. Dr. Blais responded it would be listed in the calendar.

Professor Stimpson stated the proposal gives the impression that changes are being made to entrance requirements, but it is really just giving extra help to some students. He would like to see an increase in the entrance average. The students in the 70-79% category also have a high failure rate. Professor Stimpson thought the University should focus help there. Furthermore, he noted that there is no mention of costs involved. Dr. Blais responded that 30 years of evidence testifies to benefits of intensive advising and the University of Manitoba has a philosophy of access and this proposal is in keeping with that philosophy. The advising would be available to all students. Costs involved would be hiring two more advisors. If one third of students who currently leave are retained, the cost of the advisors would be paid for.

Ms. Van De Kerckhove wondered about the probation level. Will there be a mark on the student's record? What about the appeal process? Dr. Blais responded that if a student comes to the University and performs poorly, they will be put on probation. If 12 of the 24 credit hours are failed, they will be asked to leave the University for at least one year. Normal routes of appeal will be available to these students.

Dr. Morphy, Chair of the Senate Committee on Admissions, stated that the Admissions Committee strongly supports this proposal.

Dean Feltham stated that he strongly supports the proposal. He felt that it is a great first step and that the students most at risk will receive assistance.

Professor Dronzek asked for clarification on implementation. By creating a fourth option, we change options one through three. Dr. Blais replied the implementation date is September 2006.

Dean Lonis advised that that the Senate Executive Committee endorses the report to Senate.

It was moved by Dr. Morphy, on behalf of the Committee; THAT Senate approve the report of the Senate Committee on Admissions concerning a proposal from University 1 for Option 4 entry to University 1 [as endorsed by the Senate Committee on Admissions on April 5, 2005, and the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation on April 11, 2005] effective September 2006.

CARRIED

XIII ADDITIONAL BUSINESS -None

XIV ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 16, combined with the agenda, pages 17 to 159, distributed earlier, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on May 18, 2005.

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