

Minutes of a meeting of Senate held on the above date at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Chamber, Room E3-262 Engineering and Information Technology Complex

Members Present

Dr. J. Keselman,
Chair
Ms. K. Adams
Prof. John Anderson
Prof. Judy Anderson
Prof. B. Bacon
Dean J. Beddoes
Dean M. Benarroch
Ms. C. Bone
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Ms. M. Brolley
Prof. T. Chen
Dr. D. Collins
Prof. E. Comack
Prof. K. Coombs
Dean D. Crooks
Ms. T. Daodu
Dean N. Davies
Dean E. Dawe
Prof. R. Desai
Dean J. Doering
Prof. M. Edwards
Prof. B. Elias
Ms. S. Enns
Prof. M. Eskin
Dr. E. Etcheverry
Mr. A. Fazaluddin
Dean H. Frankel
Mr. L. Ford
Mr. O. Gagne
Ms. S. Gottheil
Prof. J. Guard
Ms. J. Guise
Dean N. Halden
Prof. R. Hechter
Prof. P. Hess
Prof. J. Hughes
Prof. J. Irvine
Ms S. Jasper
Dr. D. Jayas
Prof. E. Judd
Mr. A. Kassum

Mr. J. Kearsey
Ms. J. Krahn
Mr. W. Liang
Prof. J. Linklater
Mr. R. Lucenkiw
Dean R. MacMillan
Mrs. D. McCallum
Mr. R. McGuire
Prof. B. McIlwraith
Prof. A. McIntosh
Prof. D. McMillan
Prof. D. Mann
Dr. K. Matheos
Prof. J. Morrill
Prof. S. Palahicky
Mr. P. Panchhi
Prof. S. Pistorius
Prof. T. Podolsky
Prof. S. Prentice
Mr. L. Sader
Ms. D. Salem
Prof. M. Scanlon
Ms. J. Sealey
Dean G.
Sevenhuysen
Prof. L. Simard
Prof. W. Simpson
Prof. D. Smyth
Prof. H. Soliman
Prof. L. Strachan
Ms. C. Tapp
Dr. R. Tate
Dean J. Taylor
Dr. C. Trott
Prof. J. Trottier
Dean L. Turnbull
Prof. J. Van Rees
Prof. C. Van Winkle
Prof. P. Venkatesh
Dean L. Wallace
Dean J. Watkinson
Prof. D. Watt
Ms. M. Wayne
Ms. M. Wetzel

Dean M. Whitmore
Dr. D. Wirtzfeld
Prof. E. Worobec
Prof. K. Wrogemann
Prof. A. Young
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University
Secretary
Dr. S. Coyston,
Recording
Secretary

Assessors Present

Ms. J. Chen
Ms. A. Ducas
Mr. P. Dueck
Dr. B. Hann
Mr. N. Marnoch
Prof. C. Morrill
Ms. N. Rashid
Dr. L. Smith
Dr. M. Torchia

Regrets

Prof. S. Alward
Dr. D. Barnard
Prof. P. Blunden
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. M. Brabston
Prof. L. Coar
M. G. Csepregi
Prof. J. Embree
Prof. R. Field
Prof. M. Gabbert
Rectrice R. Gagné
Prof. J. Gilchrist
Dr. K. Grant
Prof. P. Hultin
Dean T. Iacopino
Prof. W. Kinsner
Prof. J. Ngo

Prof. K. Plaizier
Prof. K. Polyzois
Dean B. Postl
Mr. A. Reisacher
Mr. H. Sector
Dean R. Stern
Dean M. Trevan
Prof. K. van Ineveld

Absent

Mr. R. Akther
Prof. J. Asadoorian
Rector D. Bracken
Prof. I. Davidson-
Hunt
Prof. M. Enns
Prof. M. Freund
Dr. G. Glavin
Prof. J. Hanesiak
Mr. P. Karari
Dr. A. Katz
Prof. S. Kouritzin
Mr. E. Kuz
Ms. C. Laforge
Dr. I. Ripstein
Dr. J. Ristock
Prof. M. Vrontakis

Also Present

Ms. M. Amyot
Mr. J. Beaupré
Prof. G. Giesbrecht
Mr. K. Kent
Prof. M. McKay
Mr. M. McLean
Mr. C. Rigaux
Mrs. M. Watson
Prof. L. Wilkinson

The Chair informed Senate that the speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Diana McMillan.

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - none

II MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE -

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| 1. | <u>Report of the Executive of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes [September 22, 2011]</u> | Page 3 |
| 2. | <u>Report of the Executive of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes [November 24, 2011]</u> | Page 5 |

Professor McMillan MOVED, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT Senate approve the Reports of the Executive of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes [dated September 22, 2011 and November 24, 2011].

CARRIED

III MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

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| 1. | <u>In Memoriam: Dr. Margaret Ogradnick</u> | Page 14 |
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Professor Desai offered a tribute to Dr. Margaret Ogradnick, a respected and well-loved colleague in the Department of Political Studies. Dr. Ogradnick will be remembered best for her passion for undergraduate teaching and her outstanding scholarship. Her passing is a great loss to her family, to the Department, and to the University.

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| 2. | <u>Proposal from the Faculty of Arts for Direct Entry to that Faculty's Undergraduate Programs [November 18, 2011]</u> | Page 16 |
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Ms. Gottheil reported that the Faculty of Arts is proposing to offer direct entry to its undergraduate programs beginning in the fall of 2013.

IV REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

There was no report from the President.

V QUESTION PERIOD

The Chair reminded Senators that questions shall normally be submitted in writing to the University Secretary no later than 10:00 a.m. of the day preceding the meeting.

No questions were received.

in the document has been revised so it is consistent with that used in the Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act. The revisions also take into account that persons present with students in clinical placements sometimes experience adverse effects as a result of unsafe clinical practice by students.

Professor Etcheverry MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Instruction and Evaluation regarding an Amendment to the Unsafe Clinical Practice Policy, Faculty of Nursing [dated November 24, 2011].

Professor Judy Anderson noted that other students might also be adversely affected by unsafe clinical practices, particularly if students sometimes work in groups. She suggested, as a friendly amendment, that the policy be revised to acknowledge this potential risk. Professor Etcheverry replied that the Committee had not discussed this possibility. She noted that the Faculty's rationale for the revised policy refers to adverse impacts on the healthcare team and suggested that other students might be understood to be part of that team.

Dean Crooks indicated that the Faculty of Nursing would support the proposed change. Professor Etcheverry agreed to the change as a friendly amendment.

CARRIED

3. **Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures Regarding the Addition of the Executive Lead, Indigenous Achievement, as an Assessor on Senate [November 25, 2011]** Page 24

Dr. Doering reported that, notwithstanding the number of assessors currently on Senate, which stands at seventeen, the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures recognized that there is a compelling argument to add the Executive Lead, Indigenous Achievement as an assessor.

Dr. Doering MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Rules and Procedures regarding the addition of the Executive Lead, Indigenous Achievement, as an assessor on Senate [dated November 25, 2011].

CARRIED

XII ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

1. **Request from President for Senate to Nominate Karen Adams to the Public Library Advisory Board** Page 25

Mr. Leclerc advised members that the Minister of Culture, Heritage, and Tourism had requested that Senate nominate an individual to serve on the Public Library Advisory Board. The Minister intends to reconstitute the board, which has been dormant for a number of years. The President has consulted with the University Librarian and Ms. Adams has agreed to let her name stand should Senate endorse the nomination.

Dean Turnbull MOVED, seconded by Dean Whitmore, THAT Senate approve the nomination of Karen Adams, University Librarian, to serve as the representative of the University of Manitoba on the Public Library Advisory Board of the Province of Manitoba.

CARRIED

2. Senate Motion on Academic Amnesty for February 1, 2012

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Ms. Rashid informed Senate that UMSU has called for a Day of Action on February 1, 2012, to raise awareness of student issues and to lobby the provincial government to increase funding to the University. She asked, on behalf of UMSU, that Senate approve a motion for academic amnesty on that day, to support and encourage student participation on that day. She noted that support of the motion would not absolve students of their academic responsibilities on that day. Rather, students and faculty would be encouraged to make alternative arrangements.

Ms Tapp MOVED, seconded by Professor Eskin, THAT Senate approve the motion on the February 1, 2012 UMSU Day of Action.

To more adequately reflect UMSU's goals for the Day of Action, Ms. Enns proposed that the first clause of the Senate motion on academic amnesty be revised to read: "Be it resolved that February 1st, 2012 be recognized as a day of student action toward quality and accessible education and that all academic staff shall be made aware of this fact."

Ms. Enns MOVED, seconded by Professor Guard, THAT the first clause of the Senate motion on academic amnesty for February 1, 2012 be amended as set out above.

CARRIED

Ms. Enns called for the second clause in the Senate motion to be revised to read: "Be it further resolved that students are expected to fulfill all their academic responsibilities regardless of the participation on February 1st, 2012, and that students and instructors be encouraged to make reasonable accommodations for any conflicts in advance of the day."

Ms. Enns MOVED, seconded by Professor Chen, THAT the second clause of the Senate motion on academic amnesty for February 1, 2012 be amended as set out in the preceding paragraph.

Dean Whitmore asked Ms. Enns to explain the difference in meaning between the original and revised wording for the second clause. Ms. Enns replied that the revised wording is consistent with language used for issues concerning freedom of speech and human rights and that it puts the onus on people to provide justification for either making or not making alternative arrangements.

Professor Judy Anderson asked if it would be problematic if the phrase 'where possible' were to be retained in the clause. Ms. Enns suggested that this is encompassed in the word 'reasonable' as it describes 'accommodations.'

Professor John Anderson argued that the phrase 'where possible' should be retained. He noted that course outlines have already been distributed for the current term. He suggested that the course outlines effectively serve as a contract between instructors and students. Given that course outlines sometimes specify dates on which particular assignments are to occur or be completed, it might not always be possible to make alternate arrangements. Professor Guard countered that the revised wording is clear that students are expected to fulfill their academic responsibilities on February 1st, regardless of their participation. It also makes a strong statement that faculty and students should find ways to accommodate students' participation. She argued that Senate should support the motion to show support for a student activity that is of interest to the University generally, with respect to making a statement about the need for adequate funding for the institution.

The Chair called for a vote on the motion to amend the second clause of the Senate motion on academic amnesty for February 1st, 2012.

MOTION CARRIED

The University Secretary read aloud the revised wording for both clauses in the Senate motion.

The Chair called for a vote on the main motion, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

Dean Whitmore suggested that, in future years, UMSU provide Senate with earlier notice of the Day of Action to allow faculty members time to prepare and plan accordingly.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 6, combined with the agenda, pages 1 to 26, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on January 11, 2012.