

March 1, 2017

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. D. Barnard,
Chair
Dr. C. Adams
Prof. C. Anderson
Prof. G. Anderson
Prof. B. Austin-Smith
Mr. S. Barry
Dean J. Beddoes
Dean M. Benarroch
Prof. R. Bhullar
Prof. M. Bieringer
Prof. R. Biscontri
Prof. T. Booth
Prof. O. Botar
Very Rev. R. Bozyk
Prof. M. Brabston
Dean. D. Brown
Prof. F. Burczynski
Prof. A. Calder
Prof. J. Carlberg
Prof. T. Chen
Mr. M. Chu
Prof. D. Churchill
Prof. N. Cicek
Ms. S. Connolly
Prof. P. Dass
Dean E. Dawe
Prof. D. Delay
Ms. L. Demczuk
Prof. M. Domaratzki
Ms. A. Ducas
Prof. W. El-Matary
Prof. M. Gabbert
Prof. J. Gilchrist
Ms. S. Gottheil
Prof. J. Guard
Dean N. Halden
Prof. B. Hallman
Mr. M. Hasan
Prof. J. Honeyford
Acting Dean R. Hoppa
Prof. J. Hughes
Ms. L. Johnson
Ms. M.-A. Kandrack

Prof. S. Karimi
Dr. J. Keselman
Mr. M. Khan
Prof. W. Kinsner
Mr. K. Labertino
Prof. L. Landrum
Ms. C. LeBlanc-Tod
Ms. H. Loewen
Prof. S. McClement
Ms. J. McConnell
Dean D. Mandzuk
Ms. K. Metcalfe
Prof. B. Milne
Ms. J. Minarik
Acting Dean, T.
Mondor
Dean J. Mulvale
Dean B. O'Connell
Prof. D. Oliver
Ms. S. Olson
Ms. M. Oluwafemi
Prof. S. Passmore
Prof. T. Peter
Prof. D. Polyzois
Mr. G. Prairie
Ms. C. Reitano
Prof. G. Restall
Ms. B. Schott
Prof. A. Schwann
Ms. A. Smith
Mr. T. Smythe
Mr. G. Sobie
Prof. R. Tate
Prof. C. Trott
Prof. D. Walker
Prof. B.-C. Wang
Dean K. Wittenberg
Mr. J. Leclerc,
University Secretary
Dr. S. Coyston,
Recording Secretary

Assessors Present

Mr. E. A-iyeh
Mr. J. Adams

Dr. D. Collins
Dr. F. Deer
Mr. S. Dorge
Prof. R. Lastra
Mr. N. Marnoch
Prof. J. Morrill
Prof. G. Smith
Dr. D. Stewart

Regrets

Prof. S. Alessi-Severini
Prof. John Anderson
Prof. Judith Anderson
Dean S. Baum
Mr. A. Coelho Reis
Recteur G. Csepregi
Prof. R. Currie
Prof. R. Desai
Ms. C. Dizon
Prof. B. Elias
Prof. T. Falkenberg
Prof. G. Fitzell
Prof. M. Gallant
Prof. G. Giesbrecht
Acting Dean X. Gu
Dean G. Hepburn
Prof. P. Hess
Prof. D.
Hiebert-Murphy
Mr. B. Hill
Prof. P. Hultin
Dean A. Iacopino
Dr. D. Jayas
Mr. J. Kearsey
Ms. A. Kilgour
Prof. D. McMillan
Ms. T. Nagra
Mr. H. Piyadasa
Ms. S. Popowich
Dean B. Postl
Prof. M. Rastegar
Dr. H. Sector
Dr. J. Ristock
Dr. M.-J. Romaniuk
Prof. A. Schultz

Prof. B. Shay
Dean R. Urbanowski
Ms. C. Van
De Kerckhove
Mr. B.
Warnakulasooriya
Prof. P. Wener
Ms. A. Wickens

Absent

Mr. J. Bass
Dean J. Black-Branch
Mr. M. Bourrier
Ms. N. Brar
Ms. K. Corbin
Prof. J. Cranston
Dr. J. Doering
Prof. A. Farenhorst
Dr. G. Glavin
Ms. M. Goldberg
Mr. M. Gussakovsky
Ms. D. Hallock
Prof. R. Hechter
Ms. A.
Lievana-MacTavish
Prof. S. Logsetty
Mr. S. Moulton
Ms. D.
Nedohin-Macek
Mr. C. Thomson
Dr. M. Torchia
Mr. M. Trembath

Also Present

Ms. C. Davidson
Prof. D. Fuchs
Ms. P. Gareau
Ms. C. Hill
Prof. I. Pesun
Ms. P. Robertson
Mr. D. Rollins
Ms. S. Utsunomiya
Ms. M. Yoshida

The Chair informed Senate that the Speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Tina Chen, Faculty of Arts.

The Chair indicated that he had received a request from Professor Calder, to add a reading of a statement from Faculty of Arts Senators to the Agenda under item XII Additional Business.

Professor Booth MOVED, seconded by Professor Calder, THAT a statement from Faculty of Arts Senators be added to the Agenda under item XII Additional Business.

CARRIED

I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION

1. Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees [February 13, 2017]

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

II CANDIDATE FOR DEGREE NOTWITHSTANDING A DEFICIENCY

Mr. Marnoch reported that the President and the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) had approved two sets of graduands, on behalf of Senate, following the February 1, 2017 Senate meeting, including 89 graduate and 218 undergraduate graduands. Overall, there was a total of 943 February graduands.

Mr. Marnoch said the Faculty of Social Work was recommending that one student graduate notwithstanding a deficiency. The student had not completed the University Mathematics requirement due to a documented disability.

Professor Chen MOVED, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT the candidate recommended for a degree notwithstanding a deficiency be approved.

CARRIED

III ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVES

1. To the Senate Executive Committee

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Dr. Barnard informed Senate that an election was required, to identify a member of Senate, from among the members elected by faculty/school councils, for the remainder of a term ending on May 31, 2018.

The University Secretary opened nominations.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, Professor Oliver was nominated.

On a motion duly moved and seconded, nominations were closed.

Professor Oliver was declared ELECTED to the Senate Executive for a term ending May 31, 2018.

IV MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE

1. **Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes RE: Asper School of Business, College of Nursing, Department of Plant Science, Faculty of Graduate Studies** Page 5
[January 25, 2017]

Professor Chen MOVED, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes RE: Asper School of Business, College of Nursing, Department of Plant Science, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies [January 25, 2017].

CARRIED

V MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A** Page 6
[January 24, 2017]
2. **Annual report of the University Disciplinary Committee** Page 18
[December 1, 2016]

Professor Fuchs said the *Annual Report of the University Disciplinary Committee* did not take into account recent changes to the *Student Discipline Bylaw* and related procedures, which took effect September 2016. In particular, it did not reflect some categories of academic misconduct, as defined in those documents.

Professor Fuchs said that, different than previous Annual Reports, the current report includes information on the number of students involved in incidents of academic dishonesty and inappropriate behaviour, in addition to the number of incidents of these things, and a calculation of the five-year average for the total number of incidents of academic dishonesty and inappropriate behaviour.

Professor Fuchs said there were 581 reported incidents of academic dishonesty, involving 548 students, and 196 reported incidents of inappropriate behaviour, involving 160 students. The percentage of the total number of students involved in recorded discipline incidents in 2015-2016 (2.6 percent) was unchanged from the previous year, although the number of incidents in some categories had changed. Increased incidents in some categories were attributed to improved vigilance and changes to regulations. Professor Fuchs said no major concerns were identified.

3. **Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions** Page 141
RE: 2017-2018 Undergraduate Admission Targets

Ms. Gottheil said Student Affairs reports annually to Senate and to the Board of Governors on undergraduate admission targets for the next Fall's admission cycle. Referring committee members to the Report included with the Agenda, she said there were no changes to the admission targets for the next year. The "Summary of Undergraduate Admission Targets" had been revised, however, to

reflect that the After-Degree Bachelor of Education (Weekend), which was a structure for offering the B.Ed. program to part-time students on weekends, is no longer an option. There had not been an intake of students into this option for several years.

**4. Final Report of the Convocation Review Panel
[December 1, 2016]**

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Referring to a recommendation that deans and department heads ensure that faculty members participate as part of the platform party at convocation, Professor Austin-Smith observed that many members of the Faculty of Arts would participate were it not for the fact that the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences conflicts with Spring Convocation ceremonies, in many years. Mr. Leclerc said the issue had been raised at Senate Executive and during the course of the review. He said he would encourage faculty who were not able to participate at the Spring Convocation to attend the October Convocation.

Mr. Leclerc said he would also encourage deans and department heads to encourage staff in their units to volunteer as ushers and in other capacities at Convocation, as a large number of people were required to support the event. He said it is an important and rewarding way to support students as they complete their programs.

VI REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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President Barnard said there had been a celebration of the 140th anniversary of the University on the previous day. There was good participation, including faculties and students. The day had begun with a sunrise ceremony at the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, which was followed by a breakfast in University Centre. The formal part of ceremony had taken place in the afternoon. President Barnard said it was gratifying to hear speakers talk about their personal and family experiences and strong ties with the University of Manitoba. The University community, itself, had a strong sense of the many ways that the institution is important to the province, both socially and economically. It was encouraging and gratifying to hear others speak about the impact of the University on their own lives and families.

President Barnard reported that both the University and the university presidents as a group had had good conversations with the Minister of Education and Training, Mr. Wishart, ahead of the upcoming provincial budget. Representatives of the University had also met with the Minister of Finance, Mr. Friesen. President Barnard said the province's message concerning support for education had been encouraging. Given the government's overall financial agenda and based on language used in the meetings, President Barnard said the University should have modest expectations concerning the provincial budget.

President Barnard said that he and Dr. Ristock, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), were meeting with faculties and academic units. They had met with four units to date and looked forward to meeting with other units in the coming weeks.

President Barnard congratulated Dean Benarroch who had recently been appointed as Provost and Vice-President (Academic) at Ryerson University. There was a round of applause for Dean Benarroch.

VII QUESTION PERIOD

Senators are reminded 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.

VIII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Ms. McConnell MOVED, seconded by Acting Dean Mondor, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on February 1, 2017 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

IX BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none

X REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

1. Report of the Senate Executive Committee

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Professor Chen reported that Senate Executive had met on February 15, 2017. The committee had appointed Professor Sharon Alward to serve as the Chair, Senate Committee on Appeals, for a term ending May 31, 2018. The committee had also appointed Professor Martin Scanlon to serve as a Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Appeals, for a term ending on May 31, 2017.

Professor Chen recalled that, at a Special Meeting on November 10, 2016, Senate had approved a recommendation empowering Senate to make any further revisions to the Academic Schedule required to complete the Fall and Winter Terms following the UMFA labour action last Term. She reported that, in an electronic poll conducted on February 6 – 7th, the Senate Executive had approved the following motion on behalf of Senate:

THAT Senate Executive approve a recommendation to revise the Modified 2017 Winter Term, to add one day to the April 2017 Final Examination Schedule, to occur over April 22 - 30, 2017, inclusive.

Other comments of the committee accompany the reports on which they were made.

2. Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee

Ms. Ducas said the committee was considering a proposal to establish a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program, in the College of Pharmacy, and curriculum and course changes proposed by the Department of Statistics, Faculty of

Science. The committee had completed its review of undergraduate course changes beyond nine credit hours in the Desautels Faculty of Music and a proposal to establish a Master of Human Rights program.

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

1. **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B** Page 169
[January 24, 2017]

Professor Hallman MOVED, seconded by Dean Wittenberg, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated January 24, 2017].

CARRIED

2. **Proposal for a Master of Science in Prosthodontics,
College of Dentistry**

- a) **Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on** Page 174
Program and Curriculum Changes

Acting Dean Mondor said the Department of Restorative Dentistry, College of Dentistry, was proposing to establish a Master of Science in Prosthodontics program. The academic merits of the program had been reviewed by external reviewers and had been reviewed and endorsed by the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on Program and Curriculum Changes. Establishment of the program would allow faculty members in the Department to engage in research and to work with graduate students. The program would also address a critical need within the province and nationally for training prosthodontics.

- b) **Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 183

Ms. Ducas said that, if it were implemented, the proposed M.Sc. in Prosthodontics would be one of only three such programs in the country. It would respond to a shortage of prosthodontists in Manitoba and other parts of the country, as well as in academia. Two students would be admitted to the program annually. There would be maximum enrolment of six students in the program, across three years.

Ms. Ducas said the College of Dentistry had assured the SPPC that no new resources would be required to offer the program. The total cost of delivering the program would be \$590,000 in Year 4. The program, including salaries and benefits, would be supported by 100 percent of tuition revenue and by revenue from the graduate prosthodontic clinic and from existing trust funds.

Ms. Ducas said there had been considerable discussion of the tuition fees for the program. The committee observed that, if it was approved, the program might be implemented with different tuition fees than identified in the proposal, to ensure that the tuition ultimately established would cover

the cost of the program. The committee was also assured that there would be sufficient demand for the program to guarantee full enrolment each year, based on the number of applications that were received each year for a dental implant fellowship currently offered by the Department.

Ms. Ducas said that, on the basis of the SPPC's criteria for assigning priority to new programs/initiatives, the committee had recommended that the proposal for an M.Sc. in Prosthodontics be assigned a medium priority level.

Acting Dean Mondor MOVED, seconded by Professor Gilchrist, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve a proposal for a Master of Science in Prosthodontics, College of Dentistry.

CARRIED

3. Articulation Agreement Renewal: University of Manitoba, Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) – Red River College, Diploma in Business Administration Page 275

Dean Benarroch said the Asper School of Business was proposing to increase the number of spaces available in the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) program for students admitted under an Articulation Agreement with Red River College (RRC), by making use of unused spaces reserved for applicants from other colleges and universities under separate Articulation Agreements. He said that, in the past five to ten years, no more than three of the thirty spaces, in total, that were reserved for applicants from the Université de Saint-Boniface (10), the University College of the North (10), and Assiniboine Community College (10), had been filled in any given year, leaving twenty-seven unused spaces.

Dean Benarroch said demand for spaces, from graduates of the Diploma in Business Administration at RRC had increased significantly in the last two years, after the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA) instituted a requirement for a four-year degree, for admission to the CPA certification program. In each of these years, it had been necessary for the Asper School of Business to seek the President's permission to admit additional applicants from RRC. The revised Articulation Agreement, which would allow up to fifty students from RRC to be admitted each year, would remove the need to make such a request in future.

Dean Benarroch said that, under the revised Articulation Agreement, twenty of the spaces allocated to RRC graduates, in any given year, would be reserved for applicants who had completed the Diploma in Business Administration with an Accounting Major. The revised Articulation Agreement would also require that applicants considered under it present with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.0. These applicants would also have to achieve the the cut off established in any year for Track 1 applicants, which was a Cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.32 in the Fall 2016.

Dean Benarroch said RRC had requested an amendment to the Articulation Agreement, to clarify that, for the first year of the renewed agreement (i.e.

2018/2019), the first twenty spaces for applicants from RRC would be considered under the admission requirements established for the existing agreement, in order to be fair to students who had already begun the Dip. in Business Administration at RRC and who would apply for admission to the B.Comm.(Hons.) in 2018. Specifically, he proposed that the following statement be added to Section 17 of the Articulation Agreement form: "For the September 2018 intake, the first twenty spaces allocated to Red River College applicants will be grandfathered as per the previous agreement between RRC and Asper School joint program."

a) **Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes** Page 283

Professor Smith said the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes (SCCCC) had endorsed the proposal.

b) **Report of the Senate Committee on Admissions** Page 285

Ms. Gottheil said SCADM strongly supported the proposal.

Dean Benarroch MOVED, THAT Senate approve the articulation agreement between the University of Manitoba, I.H. Asper School of Business, and Red River College, concerning advanced standing for graduates of the Diploma in Business Administration in the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree, as amended, for a five-year term effective September 1, 2017.

CARRIED, as amended.

4. **Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes RE: Closure of the Bachelor of Human Ecology (General) Degree, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences** Page 286

Professor Smith reminded Senate that admissions to the Bachelor of Human Ecology (General) degree program had been suspended since May 2013. He said the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences was now recommending the closure of the program on the basis that there were no positions for human ecologists or home economists provincially or nationally. The Faculty of Education had committed to providing a pathway for students to complete a teachable major in Human Ecology. Professor Smith said one student, who was not currently registered, had yet to complete the program. Should the student return, it would be possible for the student to use courses already completed toward a Bachelor of Human Ecology in Family Social Sciences.

Professor Morrill said she had no concerns about the proposal, which followed thorough consultations, including into how students might be affected, and included a well-documented process. She raised a concern that the earlier process to suspend admissions to the program did not involve the same level of consultation and documentation. She asked about processes followed at other institutions in the province, to suspend admissions to a program.

Dr. Collins said the process for program closures is determined by the province. He said he could not speak to the processes in place at other institutions for suspending admissions to a program. He said he could look into the question.

Dr. Keselman recalled that when the initial recommendation to suspend admissions to the B.H.Ecol.(Gen.) was brought forward it was based on many years of enrolment in the program. She said it was not the suspension of admissions that had led to low enrolment and the proposal to close the program.

Professor Smith MOVED, on behalf of the Committee, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Curriculum and Course Changes regarding the Closure of the Bachelor of Human Ecology (General) Degree, Rady, Faculty of Health Sciences.

CARRIED

5. Proposal for Merger of the Department of Food Science and the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences

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Dean Wittenberg said the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences had originated within the Faculty of Agriculture and Home Economics many years ago. In 1970, when the Faculty of Home Economics (subsequently the Faculty of Human Ecology) was established, the nutritional scientists had moved from a joint department to create the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences. In 2014, that group had returned as a Department, to the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences. Since then, they had considered whether it would be prudent for that Department to come together as one unit with the Department of Food Science, taking into account synergies in undergraduate and graduate training programs and infrastructure development and support for research.

Dean Wittenberg said the Department Councils of Food Science and Human Nutritional Sciences and, subsequently, the Faculty Council of Agricultural and Food Sciences had agreed that the merger of the two departments would be in the best interest of all involved. As a result, the Faculty was proposing the merger of the departments, to establish the Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences.

Dean Wittenberg MOVED, seconded by Professor Carlberg, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve a proposal to merge the Department of Food Science and the Department of Human Nutritional Sciences to form the Department of Food and Human Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, effective July 1, 2017.

CARRIED

XII ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Professor Calder made a statement on behalf of Faculty of Arts Senators, to communicate to Senate the Faculty of Arts' concerns about the 2017-2018 University budget and, specifically, to request that there be no further reductions to the Faculty's

baseline budget and that resources be provided to redress reductions made in previous years. She briefly reviewed the impact of past budget reductions, including a reduction of twenty-six full-time tenured faculty positions and fewer resources for Sessional Instructors; a decline in the number of course offerings, which threatened the viability of some programs and had led to increased enrolments in sections that were offered, unmet student demand in some courses, and a reduction in students' choice of electives; and reduced capacity for the faculty to provide student supports or marking assistance. Professor Calder briefly described how a reduction in resources in recent years had adversely affected departments in various ways, including student experience and faculty and staff morale.

Professor Calder said that, in a majority (79 percent) of academic program and accreditation reviews completed in the last five years, external reviewers, who were aware of the Faculty's budget constraints, had either commented that further reductions to full-time teaching positions could potentially jeopardize the standing and quality of a program or had identified the need for additional faculty, to ensure the continued delivery of a program.

Professor Calder observed that recent budget reductions had occurred at a time of relatively generous provincial funding. Given the current government's indications of austerity, she said University administration should make it a priority to avoid further cuts to faculties. She raised the possibility that this might be accomplished by reallocating funds targeted to new initiatives prioritized under the Strategic Plan to existing programs.

Professor Calder requested that Senate be apprised of the policies upon which the University's 2017-2018 budget proposal was developed before it was presented to the Board of Governors. She reminded Senators that section 34 (1) (s) of *The University of Manitoba Act* empowers Senate to make recommendations to the Board concerning budgetary policies.

President Barnard said that he appreciated the statement and the recommendation included in it. He said, given that the statement had not been anticipated by many on Senate and that few would, therefore, be prepared for a debate, Senate would receive the statement as given and return to the matter on another occasion.

XIII ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 10, together with the agenda, pages 1 to 307, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on March 1, 2017.