

**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**

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**Members Present**

Dr. D. Barnard,  
Chair  
Ms. A. Akano  
Prof. G. Anderson  
Prof. J. Anderson  
Mrs. S. Araujo  
Prof. B. Austin-Smith  
Prof. L. Balneaves  
Mr. J. Bass  
Dean J. Beddoes  
Prof. R. Bhullar  
Prof. R. Biscontri  
Dean J. Black-Branch  
Prof. P. Blunden  
Prof. T. Bone  
Prof. O. Botar  
Very Rev. R. Bozyk  
Dean. D. Brown  
Prof. T. Chen  
Prof. D. Churchill  
Prof. S. Clark  
Ms. S. Connelly  
Recteur G. Csepregi  
Prof. M. Czubryt  
Prof. P. Dass  
Dean E. Dawe  
Prof. D. Delay  
Prof. M. Domaratzki  
Prof. W. El-Matary  
Prof. B. Elias  
Prof. A. Farenhorst  
Mr. A. Fischer  
Prof. M. Gabbert  
Prof. D. Gardner  
Ms. S. Gawryluk  
Ms. S. Gottheil  
Dean N. Halden  
Prof. J. Hare  
Dean G. Hepburn  
Prof. J. Honeyford  
Acting Dean G. Jacoby  
Ms. L. Johnson  
Prof. S. Karimi  
Mr. J. Kearsey

Prof. W. Kinsner  
Mr. D. Kushner  
Ms. N. Lam  
Prof. L. Landrum  
Mr. A. Latif  
Prof. S. McClement  
Ms. J. McConnell  
Dean D. Mandzuk  
Ms. C. Mastromonaco  
Mr. A. Menon  
Dean, T. Mondor  
Dean J. Mulvale  
Ms. T. Nagra  
Prof. D. Oliver  
Ms. S. Olson  
Prof. J. Paliwal  
Mrs. K. Pearson  
Prof. T. Peter  
Dean B. Postl  
Mrs. C. Raffard  
Ms. S. Ragheb  
Dean L. Raman-Wilms  
Prof. M. Rastegar  
Prof. G. Restall  
Dr. J. Ristock  
Prof. A. Schultz  
Prof. A. Schwann  
Prof. B. Shay  
Ms. K. Sigurdson  
Prof. M. Smith  
Mr. G. Sobie  
Mr. C. Spencer  
Prof. R. Tate  
Prof. C. Trott  
Dean R. Urbanowski  
Prof. C. Van Winkle  
Ms. M. Villegas  
Prof. D. Walker  
Prof. D. Watt  
Prof. P. Wener  
Dean K. Wittenberg  
Ms. L. Zapshala-Kelln  
Mr. B. Zhang

Mr. J. Leclerc,  
University Secretary  
Dr. S. Coyston,  
Recording Secretary

**Assessors Present**

Dr. J. Doering  
Prof. D.  
Hiebert-Murphy  
Ms. A. Kilgour  
Prof. R. Lastra  
Mr. N. Marnoch  
Prof. D. McNeil  
Prof. B. Milne  
Mr. C. Neumann  
Dr. D. Stewart  
Dr. M. Torchia

**Regrets**

Mr. J. Adams  
Dr. C. Adams  
Prof. A. Alessi-Severini  
Acting Dean C. Ateah  
Prof. F. Burczynski  
Dr. D. Collins  
Ms. L. Demczuk  
Mr. S. Dorge  
Prof. J. Gilchrist  
Prof. R. Hechter  
Prof. P. Hess  
Dr. D. Jayas  
Dr. L. Lavallée  
Prof. D. MacPherson  
Prof. K. Main  
Ms. K. Metcalfe  
Ms. D.  
Nedohin-Macek  
Mr. T. Neil  
Ms. C. Reitano  
Dr. M.-J. Romaniuk  
Prof. C. Schmidt  
Dr. H. Sector  
Dean J. Taylor  
Mr. I. Veloso

Mr. J. Wilson

**Absent**

Ms. A. Ameis  
Prof. C. Anderson  
Dean S. Baum  
Ms. S. Blanchard  
Dr. J. Blatz  
Prof. N. Cicek  
Prof. J. Cranston  
Ms. E. Cummings  
Prof. R. Desai  
Mr. L. Dojack  
Mr. R. Duarte  
Fernandez  
Mr. N. Eissa  
Mr. C. Friesen  
Dr. G. Glavin  
Mr. M. Gundhu  
Prof. B. Hallman  
Mr. M. Haroon  
Dean A. Iacopino  
Ms. H. Jalbani  
Ms. M.-A. Kandrack  
Prof. E. Khafipour  
Ms. E. Kiely-Smith  
Prof. S. Logsetty  
Prof. B. Mark  
Prof. S. Passmore  
Prof. S. Popowich  
Mr. S. Saad  
Mr. M. Shaw  
Ms. A. Smith

**Also Present**

Prof. M. Edwards  
Ms. H. Fallding  
Ms. P. Gareau  
Prof. A. Muller  
Ms. S. Utsunomiya  
Ms. M. Watson  
Ms. M. Yoshida

The Chair informed Senate that the Speaker of the Senate Executive Committee was Professor Peter Blunden, Faculty of Science.

**I MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED IN CLOSED SESSION - none**

**II ELECTION OF SENATE REPRESENTATIVE**

**1. To the Senate Executive Committee Page 3**

The Chair said one Senator was to be elected from among members of Senate elected by faculty or school councils for the remainder of a term ending May 31, 2018.

The University Secretary opened nominations.

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

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

Professor Biscontri was declared **ELECTED** to the Senate Executive Committee for a year term ending May 31, 2018.

**III MATTERS RECOMMENDED FOR CONCURRENCE WITHOUT DEBATE**

**1. Proposed Academic Schedule, 2018 - 2019 Page 4**

**2. Report of the Executive Committee of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes RE: Department of Biosystems Engineering [November 21, 2017] Page 20**

Professor Blunden MOVED, on behalf of the Senate Executive Committee, THAT Senate approve:

- the Academic Schedule, 2018-2019
- the Report of the Executive Committee of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes RE: Department of Biosystems Engineering [November 21, 2017].

**CARRIED**

**IV MATTERS FORWARDED FOR INFORMATION**

**1. Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part A [November 14, 2017] Page 21**

**2. Notification of Establishment of Program and Policy Evaluation Research Group Page 29**

**3. Items Approved by the Board of Governors [November 21, 2017] Page 34**

## **V REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Barnard welcomed Senators back following the holiday break and offered his personal reflections, at the start of a New Year. He observed that each unit of time that passes, whether it is a second, or time in this meeting, or a year or decade, is filled with unique experiences, but some are experienced as being more disruptive and perhaps uncomfortable than are some others. Certainly, many had experienced 2017 in this way. The year had been unusual in many ways, including on global, national, and provincial scales; it had included things that were good and bad, some that came close to terrifying, and some that disappointed and some that pleased. In the context of the University of Manitoba, too, many things had happened that could be assessed as either positive or negative. There had been government interventions and decisions that had disappointed, and many had been disappointed in the delayed response to the fundamental science review. Among the positive things was the capital campaign, which had provided funding for many opportunities and priorities on campus.

President Barnard said it could be a challenge, in the midst of the many things that were happening, to focus on the large project that the University was engaged in. Many Senators would have heard him refer to this as building bigger futures for the University's students, their families, and the communities where they would live and work. President Barnard said it often struck him that, in the mundane day-to-day realities and in the different perspectives individuals sometimes had on these realities, it was important to remember the University's shared commitment to the larger project of education, research, service, and to engaging intellectually in a way that left room for others, quoting Mr. Claude Généreux, Executive Vice-President, Power Corporation of Canada, who observed that universities were places where people could engage intellectually in ways that left room for others.

President Barnard welcomed Senators back to work on the project and wished them the best, professionally and personally, in the year ahead.

## **VI 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.

## **VII CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2017**

**Dean Wittenberg MOVED, seconded by Ms. McConnell, THAT the minutes of the Senate meeting held on December 6, 2017 be approved as circulated.**

**CARRIED**

## **VIII BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES - none**

**IX      REPORTS OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
AND THE SENATE PLANNING AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

1.      **Report of the Senate Executive Committee** Page 35

Professor Blunden said the Senate Executive had met on December 13, 2017. The comments of the committee accompany the reports on which they were made.

Professor Blunden informed Senate that Mr. Kushner had volunteered to serve on the Implementation Working Group for the Cooper Commission Report as a representative of Senate Executive. He referred Senators to the membership list for the Working Groups attached to the Report.

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

The Chair said Professor Main was not able to attend the meeting. He indicated that a Report would be provided at the next meeting.

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

1.      **Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B  
[November 14, 2017]** Page 37

**Dean Mondor MOVED, seconded by Professor Austin-Smith, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Awards – Part B [dated November 14, 2017].**

**CARRIED**

2.      **Graduate Course Changes Beyond Nine Credit Hours  
RE: Department of Civil Engineering**

- a)      **Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of  
Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes** Page 40

Dean Mondor said the Department of Civil Engineering was proposing the introduction of four courses (12 credit hours). The content of the courses was previously taught under special topics courses. Introducing the courses as regular offerings would allow the them to be reflected on students' transcripts.

- b)      **Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 43

The Chair referred Senators the Report for the committee's observations.

**Dean Mondor MOVED, seconded by Dean Beddoes, THAT Senate approve graduate course changes beyond nine credit hours for the Department of Civil Engineering, effective September 1, 2018.**

**CARRIED**

3. **Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on Program and Curriculum Changes RE: Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences** Page 44

Dean Mondor said the Applied Health Sciences program was proposing two changes to the Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences. One was to revise the admission requirements to allow graduates of course-based Master's degrees to be considered for admission, and the second was to require students admitted with a course-based Master's degree to complete a 6 credit hour course, AHS 7010 - Introductory Research Project in Applied Health Sciences, to provide them with additional support for conducting Ph.D. research.

**Dean Mondor MOVED, seconded by Dean Postl, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Faculty Council of Graduate Studies on Program and Curriculum Changes concerning the Ph.D. in Applied Health Sciences, effective September 1, 2018.**

**CARRIED**

4. **Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations** Page 47

Professor Edwards referred Senators to the Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations, which outlined nominations to fill vacancies on five committees.

There were no further nominations.

**Professor Edwards MOVED, on behalf of the committee, THAT Senate approve the Report of the Senate Committee on Nominations [dated December 12, 2017].**

**CARRIED**

**XI ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

The Chair recalled that, at the April 2017 meeting, Senate had considered the initial proposal for a Master of Human Rights program, as summarized in the Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Course and Curriculum Changes included with the agenda. At that meeting, Senate had identified several concerns with the proposal and, following a lengthy discussion, had taken a decision to postpone consideration of the proposal indefinitely. The Chair informed Senate that, in the intervening months, the proposal had been revised to address Senate's concerns, including to locate the interdisciplinary program within the Faculty of Law. The revised proposal had been reviewed and endorsed by the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee, in November, and by the Senate Executive committee, in December.

The Chair informed Senate that Dean Black-Branch, Faculty of Law, had communicated his intent to make a motion that Senate resume consideration of the proposal.

**Dean Black-Branch MOVED, seconded by Professor Schultz, THAT Senate resume consideration of the Master of Human Rights program following postponement of that discussion at the meeting on April 5, 2017.**

**CARRIED**

1. **Proposal for a Master of Human Rights, Faculty of Law**

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Dean Black-Branch referred Senators to his memo to Dr. Barnard, dated December 1, 2017, which highlighted how the revised proposal for a Master of Human Rights degree addressed concerns raised at Senate in April. In order to respond to concerns about governance, he said the program, which would continue to be an interdisciplinary Master's degree, would be based in the Faculty of Law, which would have administrative responsibility for the program. Financial concerns were addressed, in part, by housing the program in Robson Hall, which would eliminate the need for costly renovations that would have been required to locate the program in the Tier Building. The cost of renovations that would be needed in Robson Hall would be funded by the Faculty of Law. Additionally, funding for an endowed Chair had been confirmed and an announcement of the gift had been made. Funds (\$500,000) had also been contributed to an endowment fund for graduate fellowships and bursaries and the province would match fifty percent of the amount disbursed to students through the Manitoba Scholarship and Bursaries Initiative.

a) **Report of the Senate Planning and Priorities Committee** Page 181

The Chair referred Senators to the committee's observations in the Report.

b) **Report of the Executive Committee of the Faculty of Graduate Studies on Program and Curriculum Changes** Page 184

Dean Mondor said an external review of the program proposal completed by Dr. Howard-Hassmann, Wilfred Laurier University, and Dr. Packer, University of Ottawa, was highly complementary. The reviewers had remarked on the trailblazing nature of the program and had identified that there were strong contributing faculty members and institutional resources to support the program. Reviewers had also suggested there would be high demand for graduates of the program.

Dean Mondor said, although the administrative home had changed to the Faculty of Law, the integrity of the academic program had been preserved. On this basis, the Faculty of Graduate Studies remained supportive of the implementation of the program. The Faculty Council of Graduate Studies had unanimously endorsed the proposal at its meeting on June 24, 2016.

**Dean Mondor MOVED, seconded by Professor Farenhorst, THAT Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve a proposal for a Master of Human Rights degree (dated November 14, 2017), with the *proviso* that the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) not implement the program until satisfied that there would be sufficient space and sufficient funding to support the ongoing operation of the program.**

Professor Austin-Smith said that, when the list of electives courses (Appendix A) had been established, the only English course that had

been included was ENGL 7860 Topics in Cultural Studies, when the topic was “An Introduction to Genocide Studies.” She proposed that, when the list is next modified, it might be amended to include ENGL 7XXX to allow for a variety of people teaching at the graduate level in the Department of English, Theatre, Film & Media, who engage in human rights-related teaching activities to be involved in teaching in the program.

**CARRIED**

**XII ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 p.m.

These minutes, pages 1 to 8, together with the agenda, pages 1 to 198, comprise the minutes of the meeting of Senate held on January 3, 2018.