

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN BRITISH COLUMBIA
SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES**



June 12, 2002

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Senate Chambers - Prince George Campus

Present: C. Jago (Chair), D. Poff, J. Swainger, T. Whitcombe, B. Morrison, D. Procter, S. Goring, F. Abdulla, R. Broadbent, B. Malcolm, R. Berthiaume, R. Fisher, M. Blouw, K. Kielly (Acting Registrar), K. Josephson (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: C. Hawkins, S. Beaumont, M. Mandy, B. Anderson, B. McGill, A. Nussbaumer, D. Macknak, S. Cochran, L. King

The meeting commenced at 3:40 p.m.

1.0 Approval of the Agenda

S-2002 06.01

Whitcombe/Procter

That the agenda for the June 12, 2002 meeting of Senate be approved as revised with the addition under Other Business of the annual report from the College of the Arts, Social and Health Sciences.

CARRIED

2.0 Approval of Public Minutes

S-2002 06.02

Whitcombe/Procter

That the Public Minutes of May 8, 2002 be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

It was noted that a seconder is not required for the motion to move into or out of camera sessions.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate - None

4.0 President's Report

- C. Jago offered his thanks to the Senators for attending the May Convocation which was a particularly successful convocation. Attendance by members of the Board, members of Senate and members of Faculty is always appreciated.
- A reminder that the July Senate meeting will be the last meeting of the UNBC Senate under the UNBC Act. A quiet toast acknowledging the termination of Senate under the UNBC Act will take place at this last meeting. We will be bringing forward motions relating to the composition of the Senate under the University Act and changes to the Senate By-Laws resulting from the change from the UNBC Act to the University Act. All business of Senate will be consolidated into the July Senate meeting in order to cancel the August and delay the September Senate meetings.
- The UNBC Act will be repealed on July 15, 2002 and a reception is being arranged for July 16, 2002. Some founders of the University will be invited, and it is hoped that Bruce Strachan, the Minister when the UNBC Act was introduced, will be available to cut the cake.

5.0 Report of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost - None

6.0 Question Period - None

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning

Student Exchange Agreement – Hebei University (China) and UNBC

S-2002 06.03

Poff/Whitcombe

That the student exchange agreement between Hebei University (China) and the University of Northern British Columbia be approved.

Effective Date: Fall 2002

CARRIED

Student Exchange Agreement – College of New Caledonia, Northern Lights College and UNBC

S-2002 06.04

Poff/Malcolm

That the agreement between the College of New Caledonia, Northern Lights College and the University of Northern British Columbia to accept international/domestic students for whom English is not their first language be approved. This agreement will be in effect for one year and will be subject to review within the Strategic Academic Planning process.

Effective Date: Fall 2002

CARRIED

Omnibus motions have been used throughout these minutes

Motions S-2002 06.05 to S-2002 06.08

New Course Approval – FNST 408-3

S-2002 06.05

Poff/Fisher

That FNST 408-3, First Nations Clothing and Adornment, be approved.

Effective Date: September 2002

CARRIED

New Course Approval – FNST 409-3

S-2002 06.06

Poff/Fisher

That FNST 409-3, Indigenous Perspectives on Reincarnation and Rebirth, be approved.

Effective Date: September 2002

CARRIED

New Course Approval – FNST 410-3 to 6

S-2002 06.07

Poff/Fisher

That FNST 410-3 to 6, Advanced Topics in First Nations Art & Material Culture, be approved.

Effective Date: September 2002

CARRIED

New Course Approval – FNST 411-3 to 6

S-2002 06.08

Poff/Fisher

That FNST 411-3 to 6, Advanced Topics in Indigenous Religion and Philosophy, be approved.

Effective Date: September 2002

CARRIED

New Course Approval – WMST 314-3

S-2002 06.09

Poff/Fisher

That WMST 314-3, First Nations' Women's Writings, be approved.

Effective Date: September 2002

CARRIED

Motions S-2002 06.10 to S-2002 06.13

Change Degree Requirement for a Major in History

S-2002 06.10

Poff/Fisher

That the Upper Division Requirement for a Major in History be changed from nine credit hours of History at the 300 or 400 level to fifteen credit hours of History at the 300 or 400 level.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

CARRIED

Change Degree Requirements for Major in History

S-2002 06.11

Poff/Fisher

That the requirements for a Major in History be changed from: a degree in History requires students to take 16 History courses (48 credit hours), at least 24 credit hours of which must be upper division courses to: a degree in History requires students to take 18 History courses (54 credit hours), at least 30 credit hours of which must be upper division courses.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

CARRIED

Change Degree Requirements for a Minor in History

S-2002 06.12

Poff/Fisher

That the requirements for a Minor in History be changed from 18 credit hours to 21 credit hours.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

Discussion: Senator Goring sought clarification on the number of credits required for a minor.

Senator Whitcombe spoke to the discrepancies in totals, clarifying they are accurate according to the calendar.

CARRIED

Change Degree Requirements for a Minor in History

S-2002 06.13

Poff/Fisher

That the requirements for a Minor in History be changed from 9 credit hours of 300 or 400 level History courses to 12 credit hours of 300 or 400 level History courses.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

CARRIED

To Senate for Information
Course Prerequisite Change – HIST 498-3
SCAPP 20020501.12

That the prerequisite for HIST 498-3, Special Topics in History (International) be changed from, two history courses or permission of the instructor to, HIST 150-3 & HIST 241-3 or permission of the instructor.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

Course Subject Requirement Change – Major in History
SCAPP 20020501.13

That the subject requirement for a Major in History be changed from 48 credit hours to 54 credit hours.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

Course Number Change – HIST 400-3
SCAPP 20020501.17

That the course number for HIST 400-3, Aboriginal People in Canada be changed to HIST 390-3, Aboriginal People in Canada, and also to add: Precluded: Former HIST 400-3.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

Course Number Change – HIST 420-3
SCAPP 20020501.18

That the course number for HIST 420-3, Aboriginal People in the United States, be changed to HIST 391-3, Aboriginal People in the United States and also to add: Precluded: Former HIST 420-3.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

Calendar Change
SCAPP 2002 0501.10

That undergraduate students registering in the Spring and/or Summer intersession be restricted to a maximum of nine credit hours per intersession except by special permission of the Dean.

Effective Date: Fall 2002

7.2 Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies - None

7.3 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries

Proposed Allocations for the General Fund
S-2002 06.14

Blouw/Fisher

That the proposed allocations for the General Funds be accepted.

Effective Date: May 2002

CARRIED

7.4 Senate Committee on Organization & Rules - None

8.0 Other Business

Annual Report of the College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences (CASHS)

Dean Fisher spoke to his last report as the Dean of the College of Arts, Social and Health Sciences providing the following summary:

- The fourteen existing programs continue to improve with major curriculum revisions in certain areas.
- Two new degree programs have been established, the Bachelor of Education and the Masters of Disability Management.

- Paul Madak has made a remarkable contribution in bringing this degree to fruition which has been funded sufficient to enable the start with a cohort of 30 students in the first year and to expand in subsequent years. Dean Fisher indicated that it is fundamentally important to educate teachers in the North as a contribution to education by UNBC.
- Dr. Henry Harder has been appointed as the Chair of Disability Management and to implement the Masters of Disability Management Degree. The University was recently the recipient of a National Award of Excellence by the National Institute for Disability Management and Research for the development of this degree.
- Bachelor of Health Sciences is still being worked on by Dr. Ken Prkachin in conjunction with the College of Science and Management and hopefully the degree will be approved in the fall.
- CASHS continues to be involved in the development of the Northern Medical Program.
- The Social Work Program continues to expand offerings in the regions with tenure track faculty members in each of the three regions.
- Dean Fisher identified his major area of concern, both as Dean and as Acting Chair, as the Nursing Program. Although there have been some achievements over the year, there is still the issue of hiring and retaining qualified faculty and the problem of finding a permanent Chair for the program.
- The college has maintained its level of commitment to regional delivery, graduate students and graduate teaching, continues to develop and maintain research programs and continues to contribute to the intellectual and cultural life of UNBC.
- Dean Fisher stated that all of the considerable achievements in the College over the past five years are due to all of its people. The growing success of existing programs and the new initiatives that the College has taken would not be possible if the people in CASHS did not believe in this University and to making it responsive to its communities.
- R. Berthiaume acknowledged the work of Dean Fisher, noting particularly his book Contact and Conflict, which provided the foundation for much of the work done in the NorthWest. He indicated his appreciation for Dean Fisher's commitment to the NorthWest and its history through his teaching on the Coast and wished him all the best on behalf of the NorthWest.
- On behalf of the University, C. Jago stated that Dean Fisher has made an exceptional contribution to the University as one of the earliest faculty members appointed, one of the founding Chairs, Faculty Dean and College Dean. He was a founding member of the Board of Governors as an elected Faculty Member to the Board of Governors and has had an opportunity to influence the University's development from the earliest time. C. Jago expressed appreciation to Dean Fisher for all of the work and leadership provided with respect to the new initiatives taken in the CASHS over the last couple of years, particularly the Bachelor of Education Program and the Northern Medical Program. A common theme runs through all of these initiatives and that is that we are developing programs that will be regionalized and will benefit all of Northern British Columbia. Dean Fisher, foremost among us, has been sensitive to the regional role of this University and his contribution is greatly appreciated and we're sad to see him leave but wish him the best in his future career in Saskatchewan.

8.1 Report of the Acting Registrar

- K. Kielly provided an update indicating that on May 8, 526 names were brought forward for the graduating class of 2002 with proviso for a number of other students to be added to the list with incoming information.
- The list did increase by 35 resulting in the total graduating class of 2002 of 561.
- There is a 20% increase in the number of applications for this fall. Registrations are about the equivalent to this time last year at this point.
- Asked why such a discrepancy between applications and acceptance, the Registrar indicated that competition for courses and the waitlist situation is playing a role in terms of secured seats, but students are actively and continually engaging in registration.

9.0 Information Only – None

10.0 In-Camera Session

S-2002 06.15

Whitcombe

That the Senate meeting move into In-Camera Session.

CARRIED

11.0 Adjournment

S-2002 06.18

Fisher

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.