

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



**April 21, 2004  
3:30 – 5:30 PM  
Room 7/172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus**

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**Present:** S. Beeler, R. Berthiaume (teleconference), T. Binnema, M. Blouw, C. Brown, D. Ditto, J. DeGrace, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, E. Jensen (teleconference), E. Kinghorn (teleconference), M. Mandy, W. McGill, B. Milakovic, W. Morrison, B. Muir, K. Penner, D. Procter, J. Randall (Acting Chair), J. Sims, D. Small, H. Smith, J. Swainger, T. Whitcombe, S. Wilson, A. Truant (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** B. Anderson, L. Coates, S. Cochran, A. Espiritu, A. Fredeen, S. Gill, C. Hawkins, C. Jago (Chair), J. Kennedy-Pannett, D. Macknak, B. Malcolm, R. Matheson, P. Montgomery, K. Naziripour, A. Nussbaumer, D. Nyce, K. Otter, D. Poff (Vice-Chair), F. Rahemtulla, B. Simard, D. Snadden, R. Tait,

**Guests:** J. Holler

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The meeting commenced at 3:35pm.  
Dean Randall, the Acting Chair, welcomed the new graduate student Senator, Dana Small, to her first meeting of the Senate.

**Declaration of Vacancy on Senate**

Dean Randall advised that this would be the last meeting for undergraduate student Senator, Laura Coates, who would be graduating and going on to graduate studies at another post-secondary institution.

**1.0 S-200404.01**

**Approval of the Agenda**

Hemingway/Procter

That the Agenda for the April 21, 2004 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

**2.1 S-200404.02**

**Minutes of the March 23, 2004 Special Public Session**

Whitcombe/Swainger

That the Minutes of the Special Senate meeting of March 23, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**2.2 S-200404.03**

**Minutes of the March 10, 2004 Public Session**

Hemingway/Wilson

That the Minutes of the March 10, 2004 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate - None**

**4.0 President's Report - None**

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

**6.0 Question Period**

With the postponement of the construction of the Research and Development Park building, which was stalled to house classroom space, Senator Swainger questioned if additional classrooms would be made available in the near future. M. Blouw responded that additional classrooms would be incorporated into both the laboratory expansion and the medical building currently under construction, and that as part of the capital plan a Teaching and Learning building was to be constructed.

Senator Mandy was concerned that classrooms were being taken away before new ones were allocated.

**7.0 Committee Reports:**

**7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning**

On behalf of the Chair of this Committee, Senator Whitcombe moved the following motions.

**S-200404.04**

**Renewal of Student Exchange Agreement between Massey University, New Zealand and UNBC**

Whitcombe/Morrison

That the renewal of the Student Exchange Agreement between Massey University, New Zealand and the University of Northern British Columbia be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: 2004

CARRIED

Senator Whitcombe advised that this agreement had been in place for approximately eight or nine years.

*Action: In future, when renewals are brought to Senate, the information should include the activity (number of students who had taken advantage of these exchange agreements from both institutions) for information.*

**S-200404.05**

**UNBC's Participation in the Canadian Circumpolar Mobility Program**

Whitcombe/Morrison

That the University of Northern British Columbia's participation in the Canadian Circumpolar Mobility Program be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: 2004

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

**S-200404.06**

**Change to Academic Regulation 38 – Examinations**

Whitcombe/Morrison

That the revisions to Academic Regulation 38 – Examinations be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Upon Approval

The following were highlights from the discussion:

- . The Registrar, J. DeGrace, advised that this change was brought to Senate last Fall, but was sent back to SCAPP for further review
- . The Northern Undergraduate Student Society provided input, which was incorporated into these changes on page #2
- . One of the concerns was the wording “to prohibit finals that are more than 50% without the express permission of the dean.” It was felt that this specification was unnecessary and would encumber the faculty’s decision to set marks for various examinations
- . Dean McGill advised that these changes were recommended to curb instances where there were 100% final examinations. There was no good pedagogical reason to assign 100% to one event that lasted only three hours. Some of these were required courses, as opposed to electives, and created unnecessary stress for students. Students did not receive feedback on how they were doing in the course prior to the add/drop dates as was required.

**The “Question” was called and voting proceeded**

20 IN FAVOUR

4 OPPOSED

**An Executive Summary to the Women’s Studies Motions was included for information.**

**Motions #7 & #8 were dealt with simultaneously.**

**S-200404.07**

**New Course Approval – WMST 302-3**

Whitcombe/Morrison

That the new course WMST 302-3, Women and the Contemporary World, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Winter 2005

CARRIED

**S-200404.08**

**Course Deletion – WMST 212-3**

Whitcombe/Morrison

That the course, WMST 212-3, Women’s Issues in Contemporary Society, be deleted.

Effective Date: Winter 2005

CARRIED

**S-200404.09**

**Change in Requirements for a Minor in Women’s Studies**

**MOTION WITHDRAWN - by Senator Swainger on behalf of the Women’s Studies Program, for further review**

That the changes to the requirements for a Minor in Women’s Studies, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

**Motions #10 & #11 were dealt with simultaneously.**

**S-200404.10**

**Change to Degree Requirements – Application for Exemption from NREM 100-2 for the Forestry Degree**

Whitcombe/Procter

That information about application for exemption from NREM 100-2, Natural Resources Management 1, be added to the Forestry degree requirements list, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

CARRIED

**S-200404.11**

**Change to Degree Requirements – Application for Exemption from NREM 100-2 for the Wildlife and Fisheries Degree**

Whitcombe/Procter

That information about application for exemption from NREM 100-2, Natural Resources Management 1, be added to the Wildlife and Fisheries degree requirements list, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

CARRIED

**S-200404.12**

**Course Prefix & Name Change – FSTY 333-3**

Whitcombe/McGill

That the course prefix and name change from FSTY 333-3, Field Camp, to NREM 333-3, Field Applications in Resource Management, be approved.

Effective Date: Winter 2004

CARRIED

**Motions #13-17 were dealt with as an Omnibus motion.**

**S-200404.13**

**Change General Requirements – Joint Major in Computer Science/Mathematics**

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the changes to the General Science requirements for the Joint Major in Computer Science/Mathematics, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

CARRIED

**S-200404.14**

**Calendar Description Change – Computer Science Major**

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the change to the Calendar Program page description for the Computer Science Major, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

CARRIED

**S-200404.15**

**Calendar Description Changes – Mathematics Major, Mathematics Minor & Applied Mathematics Minor**

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the changes to the clauses in the Calendar program page descriptions for the Mathematics Major, Mathematics Minor and Applied Mathematics Minor, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

CARRIED

**S-200404.16**

**Calendar Description Changes – Joint Majors in the Bachelor of Science Degree**

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the changes to the Calendar Program page descriptions for the following Joint Majors, be approved as proposed.

- . BSc Joint Major in Chemistry/Computer Science
- . BSc Joint Major in Chemistry/Mathematics
- . BSc Joint Major in Computer Science/Mathematics
- . BSc Joint Major in Computer Science/Physics
- . BSc Joint Major in Mathematics/Physics

Effective Date: Fall 2004

CARRIED

**S-200404.17**

**Change in General Science Requirements for the Mathematics Major**

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the change in the General Science requirements for the Mathematics Major be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

CARRIED

**To Senate for Information**

**SCAPP20040303.10**

**Course Description Change – NREM 100-2**

That the course description for NREM 100-2, Natural Resources Management 1, be changed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

**SCAPP20040303.17**

**Course Description Change – MATH 150-3**

That the course description for MATH 150-3, Finite Mathematics for Business & Economics, be changed.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

**SCAPP20040303.17**

**Course Description Change – MATH 342-3**

That the course description for MATH 342-3, Biostatistics, be changed.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

**7.2 Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies - None**

**7.3 Senate Committee on Scholarships & Bursaries – None**

**7.4 Senate Committee on Organization and Rules**

## To Senate for Information

### SCOR200403.31.3

#### **Membership Changes to the Senate/Senate Committees (no material)**

The following recommendations from the SCOR Sub-Committee on Rules and Nominations (SSCRN) for candidates to serve on Senate/Senate Committees were approved by the Senate Committee on Organization and Rules (SCOR):

#### **Senate**

Dana Small                      Graduate Student Representative

#### **Senate Committee on the Library (SCL)**

Dana Small                      Student Senator

#### **Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning (SCAPP)**

Gavin Brockett                Regional Faculty Member

Arthur Fredeen                Faculty Senator

Dana Small                      Student Senator

#### **Senate Committee on Academic Appeals (SCAA)**

Ian Hartley                      Faculty Representative.

## **8.0 Other Business**

### **8.1 Report of the Registrar - None**

### **8.2 Expiry Dates for Faculty Senators**

*Action: Senator Mandy requested that a list of the Faculty vacancies on Senate for January 2005 be included on the next Senate Agenda so that all Faculty are made aware of the positions coming available.*

### **8.3 Status of the Special Convocation re: Inclusion of Graduate Students**

Senator Swainger asked if a decision had been reached regarding the inclusion of Graduate students at the Special Convocation in August. The Registrar, John DeGrace, confirmed that the Special Convocation would be specifically for the conferring of honorary Doctor of Laws degrees.

## **9.0 Information - None**

## **10.00 S-200404.18**

### **Adjournment**

Whitcombe/Wilson

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

The meeting ended at 4:05pm.