

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



**May 8, 2002  
3:30 - 4:30 PM  
Senate Chambers - Prince George Campus**

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The Senate meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

Present: C. Jago (Chair), D. Poff, J. Swainger, T. Whitcombe, C. Hawkins, D. Procter, S. Goring, N. Abji, F. Abdulla, B. Malcolm, R. Fisher, K. Kielly (Acting Registrar), K. Josephson (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: M. Blouw, L. King, B. Morrison, S. Beaumont, M. Mandy, P. Weiss, R. Broadbent, R. Berthiaume, B. McGill, S. Cochran, A. Nussbaumer, D. Macknak

**1.0 Approval of the Agenda**

**S-2002 05.01**

Malcolm/Procter

That the agenda for the May 8, 2002 meeting of Senate be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

**2.0 Approval of Public Minutes**

**S-2002 05.02**

Swainger/Malcolm

That the Public Minutes of April 3, 2002 be approved as proposed.

CARRIED

**3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate**

**3.1 HHSC 101-3 & HHSC 102-3**

R. Fisher spoke to a question raised by Senator Mandy at the April 3 Senate meeting with respect to courses in Health Sciences and why they were being offered separately.

He advised that there are four new courses being offered in the Bachelor of Health Sciences, two courses at the introductory level and two courses at the upper level and these deal only with the introductory level courses. It was decided that these courses be offered separately to allow students to take as electives in other degree programs. He would like to see these two courses approved separate from the Health Science Degree.

**3.2 SCSB Annual Report**

The revised report was included in the package of Senate materials for information.

**4.0 President's Report**

C. Jago advised that he has been officially informed by the Ministry of Advanced Education that the UNBC Act will be repealed on July 15, 2002. The UNBC Act states that when the University reaches enrolment of 2500 full time equivalent (FTE) students and maintains that enrolment for two years, the UNBC Act will be repealed.

A meeting will be held in July to review the proposed changes to the composition of Senate and the August meeting will be cancelled. The September Senate meeting will be postponed to September 25 to accommodate conducting elections of the additional eight to ten faculty representatives to Senate as well as an additional five or six student representatives. The Alumni Association will also be approached to arrange for the election of Senators at Large who are to be from the members of Convocation.

C. Jago highlighted several changes resulting from the repeal of the UNBC Act in response to questions.

- Senate membership will increase to 45-50 members.
- Lay Senators will continue to be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. A letter has been sent to the Office of the Premier to ensure that current representation is maintained.
- A representative from Wilp Wilpxo'oskwhl Nisga'a (WWN) will be included.
- There would be no change to the function of the committees other than more Senators. The Committees will continue to report to Senate and forward recommendations.
- The Committee By-Laws will be reviewed this summer to reflect the new structure and to present motions relating to composition and By-Laws of Senate.
- The UNBC Act contains a provision for the Northern Allowance to acknowledge particular issues of the North. This allowance will change from a 35% premium of standard FTE funding to a 20% premium. The agreement with the Ministry of Advanced Education provides the Northern Allowance at 20% for the next three years with a provision for negotiations and renewal.

## **5.0 Report of the Vice-President (Academic) & Provost**

D. Poff provided an update on the planning of the Northern Medical Program advising that initial funding approval has been received to fill three positions; one administrative who will also be a medical faculty person in an academic discipline, a full-time coordinator and one clinical faculty member. We are becoming more and more partnered with University of British Columbia (UBC) while continuing partnerships with University of Victoria (UVIC) as well. UBC is offering assistance in planning the Medical building.

C. Jago advised that we have met with the architect on two or three occasions and hired a shared consultant. A design charette is scheduled in Vancouver on May 16 to proceed quickly to the schematic design stage. The information will be shared with the broader University community in June.

D. Poff outlined some of the state of the art technology which promotes live interactive teaching that will be available.

C. Jago indicated that an estimated ground breaking date is not known at this time.

## **6.0 Question Period**

When asked about the status of the new lab building, C. Jago advised that CTS will be admitted to the building shortly to begin cabling, start up for labs will be early in July, and the projected date of the office move is the beginning of August. The end of August is the targeted completion date.

## **7.0 Committee Reports**

### **7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning - None**

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

### **7.3 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries**

#### **Auxiliary to the Prince George Regional Hospital Scholarship & Bursary**

##### **S-2002 05.03**

Whitcombe/Hawkins

That the Terms and Conditions for the Auxiliary to the Prince George Regional Hospital Scholarship and Bursary be approved.

Effective Date: Established 2002

CARRIED

#### **The Mathematics Undergraduate Prize and The Computer Science Undergraduate Prize**

##### **S-2002 05.04**

Whitcombe/Malcolm

That the Terms and Conditions for The Mathematics Undergraduate Prize and The Computer Science Undergraduate Prize be approved.

Effective Date: Endowed 2002

CARRIED

#### **Anita Caswell Memorial Bursary**

##### **S-2002 05.05**

Whitcombe/Procter

That the Terms and Conditions for the Anita Caswell Memorial Bursary be approved.

Effective Date: Established 2002

CARRIED

### **7.4 Senate Committee on Organization & Rules - None**

### **8.0 Other Business**

#### **8.1 Report of the Acting Registrar Convocation Update - Verbal**

K. Kielly advised that a total of 619 students have applied for Graduation of which 526 are eligible and additional information is needed from 45. This represents a 13% decrease from last year. Presently, 383, or 72%, have confirmed attendance at the 2002 Convocation Ceremony. This year's expected total, including guests, is just under 3000.

### **9.0 Information Only**

### **10.0 In-Camera Session**

#### **S-2002 05.05a**

Whitcombe

That the Senate meeting move into In-Camera Session.

CARRIED

### **11.0 Adjournment**

#### **S-2002 05.08**

Whitcombe/Procter

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 4:00 p.m.