

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



**June 11, 2003
3:30 - 4:30 PM
Room 7/172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus**

Present: S. Beeler, R. Berthiaume, S. Cochran, J. DeGrace, D. Ditto, S. Goring, C. Hawkins, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, C. Jago (Chair), E. Jensen, L. King, E. Kinghorn (teleconference), P. Madak, B. Malcolm, M. Mandy, R. Matheson (teleconference), B. McGill, D. Nyce, K. Otter, K. Penner, D. Poff, D. Procter, F. Rahemtulla, B. Simard (teleconference), J. Swainger, R. Tait, A. Truant (Recording Secretary), T. Whitcombe.

Regrets: B. Anderson, S. Beaumont, T. Binnema, M. Blouw, C. Brown, L. Coates, A. Fredeen, D. Macknak, P. Montgomery, W. Morrison, A. Nussbaumer, R. Singh, E. Stephens, S. Wilson.

The meeting commenced at 3:30 pm.

1.0 S-200306.01

Approval of the Agenda

Goring/Tait

That the Agenda for the June 11, 2003 Public Session of Senate be approved with the following addition under "Business Arising":

- . Ecosystem Science & Management Program.

CARRIED

2.0 S-200306.02

Approval of Minutes - of the May 14, 2003 Public Session

Tait/Beeler

That the Minutes of the May 14, 2003 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate

3.1 Ecosystem Science & Management Program

For clarification purposes, Senator Otter noted that at the Senate meeting of December 18, 2002 SCAPP motion #SCAPP20021106.25, which had been brought forward for information, stated "That the combined unit: Biology, Environmental Arts and Forestry be named "Ecosystem Science and Management Program" as proposed. The effective date noted was September 2004, but should have been September 2003. The correction has been recorded for the records.

4.0 President's Report - None

5.0 Report of the Vice-President (Academic) and Provost

Dr. D. Poff reported that the Degree Program Review Committee (DPRC) would no longer be in effect commencing the following day. The "Quality Assurance Board" would be taking over the role of accreditation for new degrees for the province. UNBC would become a self-accrediting institution with respect to undergraduate degrees. Any new proposal for an undergraduate degree would be posted on the Ministry website for thirty days for comments by our peers at other institutions, so that their

feedback could be incorporated into the proposal. The Minister would continue to approve the degrees, but we would not be going through a formal review process.

In the Fall of 2004, the same status would be gained with respect to Masters degrees and in the Fall of 2006 we would gain that status with regard to doctoral degrees, the rationale being that once a public institution had been offering degrees for ten years, it would become self-accrediting in respect of that degree type. In response to Senator Beeler's question, Dr. Poff advised that changes would take place on the tenth anniversary of our offering degrees. The new procedures had not been fully worked out yet.

Under the current system, the sequence for approval for a new degree was as follows:

- . the proposal went to Senate
- . if approved, it was forwarded to the DPRC
- . if approved there it was submitted to the UNBC Board of Governors for final approval.

Under the new system, the sequence would remain unchanged and the proposal would be submitted to the Ministry for approval after being submitted to Senate to show that there was institutional support.

6.0 Question Period

6.1 Implementation of the Environmental Engineering Degree

Senator Mandy stated that the degree had been conceived on the basis that existing courses would be used, but it seemed that spaces were being taken away from non-Environmental Engineering degree students in order to give the Engineering students priority access.

In response, Dean McGill noted that the Environmental Engineering Program accepted students by cohort. These students spend two years at UNBC and then attend UBC. The Program that they were in was a highly structured Program and, as a consequence, there was very little flexibility with regard to sections into which they could be fit to obtain the courses they must have while at UNBC. Consequently, spaces were reserved for them in the various courses they required.

Senator Mandy recommended that, for next Fall, the instructors in the courses involved be notified of the proposed intake to deal with questions that arose from potential students.

Senator Hussein also stated his concerns regarding this issue, and in particular the fact that certain sections had been reserved so that non-Environmental Engineering students could not have the choice of the sections they wished. Dean McGill responded that the decision would be made reasonably soon to free the reserved spaces to other students, to accommodate "wait lists".

Action: The concerns were noted and the Dean asked to provide a report at the next meeting of Senate on how this situation was handled.

6.2 Question for SCAPP

Senator Goring noted that students from Professional Programs such as Forestry and Environmental Planning were required to take an "Ethics" course, but students from the Biology Program were not. He would like to see this addressed by SCAPP seeing that Biology as a field itself (genetic applications) was undergoing quite a bit of change. In his classes, ethical questions had been raised, but there was no proper forum to deal with them. He had discussed the issue with the various Program Chairs.

Senator Otter responded that there were some courses in Biology where ethical considerations were addressed as part of the class, and the practice had been to build pertinent sections into existing courses instead of having separate courses.

Action: The Program would be asked to provide a written report to Senate. The response may be

similar to Senator Otter's, but it would be on record.

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning

A Summary of Curriculum Changes to the FNST Program was included.

Senator King advised that the Gitksan "Body" referred to in the summary was incorrect.

Action: Senator King provided the correct information. The society with whom UNBC has the protocol agreement being: "Siwiixo'osxwun Wilnatahl Gitksan Society".

Motions of a similar nature were presented together. Motions #3-10.

S-200306.03

New Course Approval – FNST 143-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 143-3, Gitksanimx: Level 1, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.04

New Course Approval – FNST 144-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 144-3, Gitksanimx: Level 2, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.05

New Course Approval – FNST 173-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 173-3, Gitksan Culture: Level 1, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.06

New Course Approval – FNST 174-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 174-3, Gitksan Culture: Level 2, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.07

New Course Approval – FNST 243-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 243-3, Gitksanimx: Level 3, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.08

New Course Approval – FNST 244-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 244-3, Gitksanimx: Level 4, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.09

New Course Approval – FNST 273-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 273-3, Gitksan Culture: Level 3, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.10

New Course Approval – FNST 274-3

Poff/Nyce

That the new course, FNST 274-3, Gitksan Culture: Level 4, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Motions #11 & 12.

S-200306.11

New Course Approval – FNST 306-3

Poff/Goring

That the new course, FNST 306-3, Indigenous Women: Perspectives, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.12

New Course Approval – FNST 412-3

Poff/Goring

That the new course, FNST 412-3, Political Economy and First Nations Women, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

A Summary of Curriculum Changes to the WMST Program was included.

Motions #13-17.

S-200306.13

New Course Approval – WMST 220-3

Poff/Hawkins

That the new course, WMST 220-3, Gender and Literary Theory, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.14

New Course Approval – WMST 221-3

Poff/Hawkins

That the new course, WMST 221-3, Women and Literature: A Survey, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.15

New Course Approval – WMST 270-3

Poff/Hawkins

That the new course, WMST 270-3, An Introduction to the History of Gender, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.16

New Course Approval – WMST 420-3

Poff/Hawkins

That the new course, WMST 420-3, Contemporary Women's Literature, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.17

New Course Approval – HIST 311-3

Poff/Hawkins

That the new course, HIST 311-3, History of Feminism, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.18

New Degree Proposal - Joint Major in English & Women's Studies

Poff/King

That the new degree proposal, Joint Major in English and Women's Studies, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.19

New Degree Proposal - Joint Major in History & Women's Studies

Poff/Swainger

That the new degree proposal, Joint Major in History and Women's Studies, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.20

New Degree Proposal - Joint Major in First Nations Studies and Women's Studies

Poff/Nyce

That the new degree proposal, Joint Major in First Nations and Women's Studies, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.21

New Degree Proposal - Joint Major in Political Science & Women's Studies

Poff/Procter

That the new degree proposal, Joint Major in Political Science & Women's Studies, be approved as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.22

Change to the Major in Women's Studies Program Requirements

Poff/Hawkins

That the Major in Women's Studies Program requirements be changed as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

To Senate for Information
Memorandum and Summary of Changes to the Anthropology Program were included.

SCAPP-20030507.10

Calendar Description Change – ANTH 311-3

That the calendar description for ANTH 311-3, Nutritional Anthropology, be changed as presented.
Effective Date: May 2003

SCAPP-20030507.10

Calendar Description Change – ANTH 335-3

That the calendar description for ANTH 335-3, Archaeological Heritage Management, be changed as presented.
Effective Date: May 2003

SCAPP-20030507.10

Calendar Description Change – ANTH 425-3

That the calendar description for ANTH 425-3, Introduction to Zooarchaeology, be changed as presented.
Effective Date: May 2003

SCAPP-20030507.10

Calendar Description Change – ANTH 430-3

That the calendar description for ANTH 430-3, Stone Tools in Archaeology, be changed as presented.
Effective Date: May 2003

SCAPP-20030507.11

Course Pre-Requisite Change – ENGL 470-3

That the pre-requisite requirements for ENGL 470-3, Creative Writing – Poetry, be changed as presented.
Effective Date: September 2003

SCAPP-20030507.11

Course Pre-Requisite Change – ENGL 471-3

That the pre-requisite requirements for ENGL 471-3, Creative Writing – Fiction and Creative Non-Fiction, be changed as presented.
Effective Date: September 2003

SCAPP-20030507.11

Course Pre-Requisite Change – ENGL 472-3

That the pre-requisite requirements for ENGL 472-3, Creative Writing – Drama and Script-Writing, be changed as presented.
Effective Date: September 2003

SCAPP-20030507.04

Add Precluded Course – WMST 310-3

That “Precluded” be added to WMST 310-3, Indigenous Women: Perspectives, as presented.
Effective Date: September 2003

SCAPP-20030507.04

Add Precluded Course – WMST 402-3

That “Precluded” be added to WMST 402-3, Political Economy and First Nations Women, as presented.

Effective Date: September 2003

SCAPP-20030507.05

Course Name and Description Change – WMST 311-3

That the name of WMST 311-3, be changed from History of Feminist Theories to History of Feminism, and the course description be changed as presented.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

7.2 Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies

To Senate for Information

Memorandum and Summary of Changes to the Anthropology Program were included.

SCRGS070503.03

Calendar Description Change – ANTH 625-3

That the calendar description for ANTH 625-3, Introduction to Zooarchaeology, be changed as presented.

Effective Date: May 2003

SCRGS070503.04

Calendar Description Change – ANTH 630-3

That the calendar description for ANTH 630-3, Atone Tools in Archaeology, be changed as presented.

Effective Date: May 2003

7.3 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries

S-200306.23

FMC of Canada Limited Environmental Engineering Scholarship

King/Madak

That the Terms and Conditions for the FMC of Canada Limited Environmental Engineering Scholarship be approved.

Effective Date: Established 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200306.24

Cariboo Woodlot Education Society Bursary

King/Madak

That the Terms and Conditions for the Cariboo Woodlot Education Society Bursary be approved.

Effective Date: Established 2003

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

7.4 Senate Committee of Organization and Rules

To Senate for Information

SCOR 200305.28.04

Senate Committee on Student Services Membership Change

Of the three Faculty Members who put their names forward to serve on the Senate Committee on Student Services, Dr. Henry Harder was selected, by vote (ballots distributed), by the Senate Committee on Organization & Rules (SCOR) to fill the one Faculty Member vacancy.

SCOR 200305.28.06

Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies Membership Change

Of the eight Faculty Members who put their names forward to serve on the Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies, Dr. Debra Straussfogel was selected, by vote (ballots distributed), by the Senate Committee on Organization & Rules (SCOR) to fill the one Faculty Member vacancy.

SCOR 200305.28.07

Senate Committee on Student Discipline Appeals Membership Change

Senator J. Swainger was approved by the Senate Committee on Organization & Rules (SCOR) to fill the position of Faculty Senator on the Senate Committee on Student Discipline Appeals (SCSDA).

SCOR 200305.28.05

Senate Committee on Student Services Membership Change

That the membership of the Senate Committee on Student Services (SCSS) be amended as follows:

From:

Chair and Vice-Chair – A student elected by and from the members of the Committee will be elected as the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee.

To:

The Director of Student Services be the Chair, with voting privileges, and a student, elected by and from the members of the Committee be the Vice-Chair.

Effective Date: Immediately

Results of Election for Faculty Senator Position on Senate (no material)

Senator W. Morrison was re-elected to the position of Faculty Senator on Senate. His Term of Office would expire on January 31, 2006 or until a successor was appointed.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar

8.1.1 The Registrar, J. DeGrace, distributed an updated list of the 2003 UNBC graduating students. The list was returned for shredding as it contained student ID numbers.

8.1.2 Convocation Update
The Registrar offered a brief review of Convocation 2003 activities.

8.1.3 The Registrar distributed the most recent “UNBC Applications/Applicants Comparison Reporting” information.
The Chair advised that the statistics showed applications up by just under 10%, and noted that registration was also being tracked. As this information would not be reported publicly until the latter part of September, the Chair reminded the members of Senate that it should be treated as confidential.

9.0 Information - None

10.0 **S-200306.25**
In/Camera Session
Mandy/Madak
That the Senate meeting move into In/Camera.
CARRIED

11.0 **S-200306.28**
Adjournment
King/Whitcombe
That the Senate meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting ended at 4:00pm.