

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



May 14, 2003

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Room 7/172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus

Present: S. Beaumont, S. Beeler, R. Berthiaume (teleconference), C. Brown (teleconference), J. DeGrace, D. Ditto, A. Fredeen, S. Goring, C. Hawkins, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, Y. Hussein, C. Jago (Chair), E. Jensen, M. Mandy, R. Matheson (teleconference), B. McGill, P. Montgomery, B. Morrison, A. Nussbaumer, K. Otter, K. Penner, D. Poff, D. Procter, F. Rahemtulla, B. Simard (teleconference), A. Summers, B. Tait, A. Truant (Recording Secretary), T. Whitcombe, S. Wilson.

Regrets: F. Abdulla, B. Anderson, T. Binnema, J. Birchall, M. Blouw, L. Coates, S. Cochran, L. King, E. Kinghorn, D. Macknak, P. Madak, B. Malcolm, D. Nyce, R. Singh, E. Stephens, J. Swainger.

The meeting commenced at 3:35pm.

1.0 S-200305.01

Approval of the Agenda

Whitcombe/Hemingway

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

CARRIED

2.0 S-200305.02

Approval of Minutes - of the April 23, 2003 Public Session

Whitcombe/A. Hussein

That the Minutes of the April 23, 2003 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate

3.1 Students Concerns Regarding Vacating of Residences

C. Jago reported that the policy in place for students to vacate the residences within 24 hours after their final exam was standard practice. Senator Y. Hussein requested that this policy be revisited to allow students a longer period (a few days to one week) after their final exams to pack their belongings and vacate the premises, so as not to take away from their study time before exams.

Action: This request would be forwarded to the Senate Committee on Student Services so that the existing policy may be reviewed for both the Fall & Winter Semesters, and a report from that Committee be brought back to Senate.

4.0 President's Report

The President was pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. David Snadden to the joint position of Associate VP Medicine at UNBC and Assistant Dean responsible for the Northern Medical Program at UBC. Dr. Snadden would assume his position at UNBC on July 1, 2003.

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

The Vice-President (Academic) and Provost provided an update on the hirings for the Northern Medical Program. There would be six academic positions to be filled, with a start date of January 2004. A draft advertisement was now being reviewed by the Dean of Medicine at UBC. The VP asked that Senators share this information with qualified individuals.

6.0 Question Period

6.1 Motion For Discussion – From the Regional Advisory Council Meeting of February 4, 2003 (no material)

“The Regional Advisory Council requests that Mr. Rocque Berthiaume put forward the idea of balanced representation of students and faculty from the regions on the Senate”.

The Chair advised that the Provincial Government had put before the Legislature a recommendation that Lay Senators no longer be appointed to Senates by the Provincial Government. Currently, UNBC has four Lay Senators representing the four Regional Colleges as well as a Lay Senator representing the Aboriginal communities. Once this legislation was approved, UNBC would seek the guidance of the Senate Committee on Organization and Rules to determine how best to proceed. The following two issues would be referred to SCOR:

1. should the University continue to appoint Lay Senators, and
2. what would constitute balanced regional representation on Senate.

Action: Senator Berthiaume agreed to have these issues proceed to SCOR. Senate to be kept informed.

6.2 Fees for the Spring/Summer Intersessions

Senator Goring brought forward concerns from students that the costs of these sessions did not include the same level of services provided during other semesters. Some of these included food and transport, and as well the Intersessions were shorter. Senator Goring asked that consideration be given to reducing the costs.

Action: The Chair would refer this matter to the Senate Committee on Student Services to look at what the students were getting for their fees for the Intersessions. The shorter semester was also to be given consideration when reviewing the fee structure. A report to be brought back to a future meeting of Senate.

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning

S-200305.03

Change the Major in Political Science

Poff/Procter

That the Major in Political Science be changed as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

CARRIED

To Senate for Information

SCAPP20030409.03

Course Prerequisite Change - Delete NREM 204 as a Prerequisite for BIOL 413

That NREM 204, Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries, be removed as a prerequisite for BIOL 413, Wildlife Management,

From:

Prerequisites: BIOL 410-3, BIOL 412-3 and NREM 204-3

To:

Prerequisites: BIOL 410-3 and BIOL 412-3

Recommended: NREM 204-3

Effective Date: Fall 2003

SCAPP 20030409.03

Course Pre-requisite Change – Deletion of NREM 204 as a Prerequisite for BIOL 414

That NREM 204, Introduction to Wildlife and Fisheries, be removed as a prerequisite for BIOL 414, Fisheries Management

From:

Prerequisites: BIOL 406-3 and NREM 204-3

To:

Prerequisites: BIOL 406-3

Recommended: NREM 204-3

Effective Date: Fall 2003

SCAPP 20030409.05

Course Pre-requisite Change – HIST 407-3

That the pre-requisites for HIST 407-3, Local History/Methodology be changed

From:

HIST 220-3 or permission of the instructor

To:

HIST 200-3 or permission of the instructor

Effective Date: Fall 2003

SCAPP 20030409.04

Course Addition – Add FSTY 205 as an Alternative to GEOG 210

That FSTY 205, Forest Soils, be added as an alternative to GEOG 210, Geomorphology, in the Natural Resources Management major in Wildlife and Fisheries,

From:

200 Level Program requirement: GEOG 210-3

To:

200 Level Program requirement: GEOG 210-3 or FSTY 205-3.

Effective Date: Fall 2003

7.2 Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies

S-200305.04 (no material)

Motion Taken from the Table

Tait/Mandy

That Motion S-200304 23.09, from the Senate meeting of April 23, 2003, be *Taken from the Table*.

CARRIED

Clarification from the Librarian was provided.

S-200304 23.09

New Course Approval - HHSC 795

Morrison/Procter

That the new course HHSC 795, Disability Management Practicum, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Spring/Summer Semester 2003

CARRIED

S-200305.05(no material)

Motion Taken from the Table

Tait/Mandy

That Motion S-200304 23.10, from the Senate meeting of April 23, 2003, be *Taken from the Table*.

CARRIED

Clarification from the Librarian was provided.

S-200304 23.10

New Course Approval - HHSC 797

Tait/Procter

That the new course HHSC 797, Disability Management Project, be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Spring/Summer Semester 2003

CARRIED

7.3 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries

Motion #S-200305.06 to Motion #S-200305.09 were dealt with as an Omnibus Motion.

S-200305.06

BC Council of Garden Clubs Bursary

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the terms and conditions for the BC Council of Garden Clubs Bursary be approved.

Effective Date: April 2003

CARRIED

S-200305.07

Prince George District Teachers' Association Scholarship

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the terms and conditions for the Prince George District Teachers' Association Scholarship be approved.

Effective Date: April 2003

CARRIED

S-200305.08

Great-West Life Graduate Scholarship

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the terms and conditions for the Great-West Life Graduate Scholarship in Disability Management be approved.

Effective Date: April 2003

CARRIED

S-200305.09

Initiatives Prince George Bursary

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the name of the Tourism Prince George Bursary be changed to the Initiatives Prince George Bursary.

Effective Date: April 2003

CARRIED

7.4 Senate Committee of Organization and Rules

S-200305.10

Selection Procedures for VP Academic & Provost

Hawkins/Tait

That the proposed revision of the composition of the Search Committee for the Vice-President (Academic), to include the Dean of Graduate Studies and one Regional student, be approved.

Effective Date: Immediately

CARRIED

The Chair added that when these were originally drawn up there was no Dean of Graduate Studies. As this position was added, it seemed appropriate to add another student representative, and to make it a “regional student representative”.

Senator A. Hussein questioned having the President as Chair on this Committee. The President responded that as Chair, he was bound by law to bring the recommendations from the Committee forward to the Board of Governors. He was free to recommend contrary to the Committee, but the final decision rested with the Board and not the Committee.

To Senate for Information

SCOR0200305.05

Membership of the Senate Committee on Academic Appeals (SCAA)

That the membership of the Senate Committee on Academic Appeals (SCAA) be amended as proposed.

Effective Date: Immediately

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar – Convocation Update

The Registrar reported that approximately 656 students were expected to graduate on May 30th, and of those, 58 would be Graduate level students. To date, applications were up overall 10% and registrations (while it was still too early to gauge properly) were up, year over year, just over 1%. Applications cover new students and registrations were made up of both new and returning students.

9.0 Information

10.0 S-200305.11

In/Camera Session

Tait/Mandy

That the Senate meeting move In/Camera.

CARRIED

11.0 **S-200305.13**

Adjournment

Hawkins/Mandy

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

The meeting ended at 4:00pm.