

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



June 9, 2004

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Room 7/172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus

Present: S. Beeler, R. Berthiaume (teleconference), M. Blouw, C. Brown (teleconference), S. Cochran, D. Ditto, J. DeGrace, A. Espiritu, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, C. Jago (Chair), E. Jensen, M. Mandy, B. Milakovic, J. Murphy (for A. Nussbaumer), D. Nyce (teleconference), K. Penner, D. Poff (Acting Chair), D. Procter, F. Rahemtulla, J. Randall, B. Simard (teleconference), J. Sims, H. Smith, D. Snadden, T. Whitcombe, A. Truant (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: B. Anderson, T. Binnema, A. Fredeen, C. Hawkins, J. Kennedy-Pannett, E. Kinghorn, D. Macknak, B. Malcolm, R. Matheson, W. McGill, P. Montgomery, W. Morrison, B. Muir, K. Naziripour, A. Nussbaumer, K. Otter, D. Small, J. Swainger, R. Tait, S. Wilson

The meeting commenced at 3:35pm.

1.0 S-200406.01

Approval of the Agenda

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the Agenda for the June 9, 2004 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

2.0 S-200406.02

Approval of the Minutes of the May 12, 2004 Public Session

Whitcombe/Beeler

That the Minutes of the Public Session of Senate of May 12, 2004 be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate

3.1 UNBC Annual 3-Year Institutional Service Plan 2004-2006 – circulated for information

4.0 President's Report

4.1 Presentation to the North Central Municipal Association - for information

This meeting took place in Fort Nelson and was a result of work undertaken with the Presidents of the three Northern Colleges regarding labour needs and economic development.

4.2 Presentation to the Prince George Chamber of Commerce - for information

This was a “wake-up” call to the City of Prince George that circumstances were changing, and that the University would be operating in a different environment (since the announcement of the two new interior universities) and that we had to work together to remain competitive. The presentation was sponsored by two companies established by UNBC graduates – one being Senator Darren Ditto, and the Chair conveyed his thanks to him.

Senator Berthiaume stated that he liked the forthrightness of the presentation, especially the reference to the new universities and the need for recruitment of both students and faculty, and wondered if there was a plan to deal with the issues raised. The Chair added that they were raised at President's Council and would be addressed over the next few months.

Action: The Chair hopes to have at least a positioning paper ready for circulation to the Board of Governors and the Senate by November.

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

The Vice-President Academic & Provost, D. Poff, provided the following report:

- . As this was her last Senate meeting Dr. Poff wished to tell Senators how much she enjoyed working with them over the years
- . Before the end of her term, she would be submitting an application to the Ministry on behalf of the University for exempt status for Masters degrees. This would exempt UNBC from the full proposal review in front of the Degree Quality Assessment Board – our ten year anniversary of offering Masters level degrees will be September 2004
- . Attended the congress on Social Sciences & Humanities, which included a meeting of a group called “Focus” – the last three letters being Canada & the US. It is the group combing the National Council on Ethics & Human Research with their American counterparts. The theme of the Conference was “Institutional Conflict and Interest Policies”. She has material from this which she would be happy to share.

On behalf of Senate, the Chair expressed his gratitude to Dr. Poff for her many years of attending Senate meetings and for her wonderful service. She had been on Senate longer than anybody else at the institution. Dr. Poff was applauded by the Senators.

6.0 Question Period - None

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Senate Committee on Regional Policy & Inter-Institutional Relations

S-200406.03

Affiliation Agreement between University of British Columbia and University of Northern British Columbia for the Northern Medical Program

Randall/Blouw

That the Affiliation Agreement between the University of British Columbia and the University of Northern British Columbia for the Northern Medical Program be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: May 18, 2004

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

Dr. D. Snadden, the Associate Vice-President, Medicine, spoke to this issue as follows:

- . the Affiliation Agreement was a very important agreement between UBC and UNBC which would allow the Northern Medical Program to function
- . this agreement was an accreditation requirement, and some of the elements within it were from the accreditation requirements of the North American accrediting body
- . he believes it was the first time UBC had to work on an Affiliation Agreement of this kind
- . it was a long, hard process working out the language
- . the agreement presented to Senate was quite different from the first one we were presented with

- . we tried to ensure within this agreement that the rights of UNBC faculty, working within the Northern Medical Program, were protected
- . the major difficulties were around Intellectual Property rights – there were the significant challenges within a medical curriculum regarding the ownership of the rights, and the ownership and control of the curriculum resting with the Faculty of Medicine was an accreditation requirement
- . it was important to protect any original work carried out by UNBC faculty, and he believed that this was achieved in the agreement
- . another concern was the Tenure and Promotion process – UNBC faculty would go through the same tenure process, plus there would be some additional information provided by UBC. Decisions would still rest at UNBC
- . D. Snadden commended this agreement to Senate as it was. He advised that the schedules could change somewhat, but that the rest would only evolve marginally.

C. Jago's comments:

- . part of the balancing act within this agreement was the recognition of the Dean of Medicine over the Medical Program, which is a UBC Program, which leads to a UBC degree. The absolute authority of the Dean of Medicine over the Program was an accreditation requirement. Balancing with that were the interests of the partner institutions
- . there was a structure of committees around financial, personnel and property issues that required consensus among the three institutions.
- . there was a higher committee called the Inter University Planning Committee that could be brought in to deal with dispute resolution and hopefully more often to advocate and work on behalf of the further development of the expanded medical program
- . there was a careful balancing of institutional interests around a recognition of the area of authority with one of the Deans, who required that authority for the program to operate under accreditation requirements
- . C. Jago wanted to draw attention to that committee structure and the resolution processes which were built into the agreement, and which he believes will protect the interests of this University.

D. Poff's comments:

- . she was particularly concerned with earlier versions of the agreement, but was comfortable with the agreement as it stood. Earlier versions could have potentially compromised the UNBC faculty, who had their primary appointments at UNBC in terms of any creative Intellectual Property they might have wanted to include in case studies or articles
- . clarification was obtained that UBC was not interested at all in taking faculty members' intellectual content and not allowing them to use it. The issue was solely an accreditation issue
- . the language of this agreement protects the faculty and would not constrain their creativity
- . the other issue that was of great importance was that faculty members would be protected to ensure they had the same type of process with respect to tenure and promotion as any other faculty member with a primary appointment at UNBC
- . D. Poff felt that all the parties involved could have a fair degree of assurance about this document.

There were no comments from S. Cochran.

M. Blouw had no comments, but was happy to answer any questions regarding Intellectual Property.

C. Jago added that this was a bi-lateral agreement between UBC and UNBC which was identical to the bi-lateral agreement between UBC and UVIC. There was one Affiliation Agreement which took the form of two bi-lateral agreements.

<p><i>Action: D. Snadden asked that any editorial errors be brought to his attention.</i></p>
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The following questions were raised:

- . Senator Whitcombe questioned the last paragraph of article #27. D. Poff advised that a number of sentences were added to article #28 that mediated the impact. M. Blouw added that the key was the separation of the original work from the curriculum and contents, and that the last two lines of article #28 had been added for clarification. D. Poff also pointed to the first line of article #28 for further clarification
- . With regard to Tenure and Promotion for faculty at UNBC, Senator Hussein asked who would be conducting the annual evaluations. C. Jago confirmed that they would be done through the Associate VP, Medicine, at UNBC. D. Snadden added that there were details of the process still to be worked out.
- . With regard to the students, Senator Hussein asked if they would have any avenues for academic appeals. C. Jago confirmed that they would go through the appeal process at UBC. Students would be acting under the academic requirements of the Senate of UBC.
- . C. Jago added that there were a gratifying number of students who made the Northern Medical Program their first choice within the expanded medical program.
- . D. Snadden confirmed there were currently twenty one firm acceptances and we were waiting to hear from three students, with a closing date of Friday, June 11th.
- . In response to Senator Berthiaume's question, C. Jago noted that it was important for us to establish in this document that two institutions came together, driven by different needs, to put together this arrangement. Part "A" of the Preamble was therefore very important in establishing the historical context of this agreement. He added that in terms of building that absolute partnership and commitment with communities throughout northern BC, there was the development of the Northern Medical Programs Trust to solidify the ties with the northern communities and give them a connection to the students in this program through financial assistance. As well, D. Snadden had worked very hard with the Northern Health Authority and throughout the region to ensure that clinical placements would take place throughout the north so that the students would gain a broad experience of northern and rural medicine, with the hope that they would wish to practice in the north.
- . C. Jago confirmed that the graduating students would receive their degrees from the Chancellor at UBC, and that in all likelihood a ceremony would also be held UNBC.

The Chair said a special thanks to D. Snadden, D. Poff, M. Blouw, S. Cochran and all those who worked so very hard in putting together this agreement.

S-200406.04

Memorandum of Understanding between Grande Prairie Regional College and University of Northern British Columbia

Randall/Whitcombe

That the Memorandum of Understanding between Grande Prairie Regional College and the University of Northern British Columbia be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: April 29, 2004

CARRIED

D. Poff stated that this was initiated by Grande Prairie Regional College. At present, they offer nine degrees in partnership with other institutions. They were interested in UNBC as they felt we took a more interdisciplinary and progressive approach to programs such as Forestry. They were also interested in our First Nations Studies given that their population was similar to ours. Legislation in

Alberta allows Community Colleges to not only offer applied degrees, but also academic degrees and Grande Prairie Regional College offers degrees such as Fine Arts and Athletics.

Dean Randall added that there was already some follow up from them with our Psychology Department regarding the articulation of courses.

7.2 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning

S-200406.05

Academic Regulations 6 (Full-Time Studies) and 7 (Part-Time Studies)

Poff/Whitcombe

That the amendments to Academic Regulations 6 (Full-Time Studies) and 7 (Part-Time Studies) on page # 106 of the 2004-2005 Undergraduate Calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: January 2004 for taxation purposes; otherwise September 1, 2004

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED

S-200406.06

Faculty Module in Banner

Poff/Randall

That Senate request that the faculty module in the BANNER system be given a higher priority for implementation.

CARRIED

D. Poff reminded Senators that this issue had originally come from Senate and was referred to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning for discussion. With regard to the 72 hour exam grading issue, faculty had advised that it would be helpful if they could submit grades On-Line.

To Senate for Information

SCAPP20040414.07

Change to the 200 Level Courses in NRM Wildlife and Fisheries Major

That the 200-level list of “one of” courses in the Natural Resources Management Wildlife and Fisheries Major be changes as proposed.

Effective Date: September 2004

7.3 Senate Committee on Research & Graduate Studies - None

7.4 Senate Committee on Scholarships & Bursaries – None

7.5 Senate Committee on First Nations & Aboriginal Peoples

S-200406.07

Annual Report of the Senate Committee on First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples (SCFNAP)

Poff/Whitcombe

That the 2003-2004 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples (SCFNAP) be received.

Effective Date: April 2004

CARRIED

7.6 Senate Committee on Organization and Rules

To Senate for Information

SCOR 200405.03

Membership Changes to Senate Committees

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

Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning (SCAPP)

Adam Ginzinger (International Studies)	Graduate Student Rep.
Barbara Durau (Biology)	Undergraduate Student Rep.

Senate Committee on Academic Appeals (SCAA)

Zoe LeFevre (First Nations Studies)	Aboriginal Student Rep.
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Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies (SCRGS)

Marc Woons (Political Science)	Graduate Student Rep.
Dino Gigliotti (Physics)	Graduate Student Rep.

Senate Committee on Student Services (SCSS)

Donald Andre (Environmental Science)	Aboriginal Student Rep.
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8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar

8.1.1 Additions to the list of graduating students, presented at the In-Camera Session of May 12th, for the 2004 UNBC Convocation

A list was provided for review.

8.1.2 Post Convocation Update was provided. All comments received were positive. The Registrar thanked the Convocation assistants and volunteers. C. Jago added that it is gratifying to see the large number of faculty who attended Convocation.

Action: *The Chair requested that suggestions regarding Convocation be sent to him or to the Registrar to assist with their “wrap-up” session.*

9.0 Information - None

10.00 S-200406.08

Adjournment

Whitcombe/Mandy

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting ended at 4:30pm.