

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



October 13, 2004

3:30 – 5:30 PM

Room 7-172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus

Present: S. Beeler, T. Binnema, C. Brown, H. Brunt (Vice-Chair), J. DeGrace, D. Ditto, A. Espiritu, A. Fredeen, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, C. Jago (Chair), E. Jensen, J. Kennedy-Pannett, E. Kinghorn (teleconference), M. Mandy, R. Matheson (teleconference), B. McGill, S. McIntyre, B. Milakovic, P. Montgomery, B. Morrison, B. Muir, J. Murphy (for A. Nussbaumer), K. Otter, K. Penner, F. Rahemtulla, J. Randall, S. Scholefield, B. Simard, H. Smith, J. Swainger, B. Tait, T. Whitcombe, S. Wilson, N. Zutz, C. Myers (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: B. Anderson, R. Berthiaume, M. Blouw, S. Cochran, C. Hawkins, D. Macknak, B. Malcolm, K. Naziripour, A. Nussbaumer, D. Nyce, D. Procter, J. Sims, D. Small, D. Snadden

The meeting commenced at 3:35 p.m.

1.0 S-200410.01

Approval of the Agenda

Mandy / Otter

That the Agenda for the October 13, 2004 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2.0 S-200410.02

Approval of the Minutes of the September 8, 2004 Public Session

Beeler / Tait

That the Minutes of the Public Session of Senate of September 8, 2004 be approved as presented.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate — None

4.0 President's Report

Jago

The President presented a document produced by The University Presidents' Council of British Columbia, entitled "Our Universities Our Future." He indicated that the document is a general advocacy report which will be used to support the budget request to government in the coming year, and outlined the main points of the report.

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

Dr. H. Brunt expressed his thanks for "orientation support," and indicated he would have a formal report for the next Senate meeting.

6.0 Question Period — None

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy & Planning — None

A summary of Curriculum Changes to the Environmental Science Program was included for information.

Motions S-200410.03 to S-200410.07 were dealt with as an Omnibus Motion.

S-200410.03

New Course Approval — ENSC 618-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course ENSC 618-3 (Environmental Measurement and Analysis) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200410.04

New Course Approval — ENSC 625-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course ENSC 625-3 (Global Change Science) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200410.05

New Course Approval — ENSC 651-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course ENSC 651-3 (Groundwater Hydrology) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Winter 2006

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200410.06

New Course Approval — ENSC 652-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course ENSC 652-3 (Reclamation and Remediation of Disturbed Environments) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Winter 2006

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200410.07

New Course Approval — ENSC 653-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course ENSC 653-3 (Environmental Resources Management and Decision Making) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Winter 2006

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

To Senate for Information

SCRGS010904.03

Course Description Change — ENSC 604-3

That the change to the course description for ENSC 604-3 (Hazardous Waste Management) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.04

Course Title and Calendar Description Change — ENSC 607-3

That the changes to the course title and calendar description for ENSC 607-3 (Ecological Modelling) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.05

Course Title and Calendar Description Change — ENSC 608-3

That the changes to the course title and calendar description for ENSC 608-3 (Macro-meteorology) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

A summary of Curriculum Changes to the Geography Program was included for information.

SCRGS010904.11

Course Description Change — GEOG 601-3

That the change to the course description for GEOG 601-3 (Resource Geography) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.12

Course Description Change — GEOG 602-3

That the change to the course description for GEOG 602-3 (Geography of the Circumpolar North) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.13

Course Description Change — GEOG 603-3

That the change to the course description for GEOG 603-3 (Aboriginal Geography) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.14

Course Title and Description Change — GEOG 622-3

That the changes to the course title and description for GEOG 622-3 (Geography of World Trade) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.15

Course Description Change — GEOG 624-3

That the change to the course description for GEOG 624-3 (Social Geography of Northern Communities) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.16

Course Title and Description Change — GEOG 628-3

That the changes to the course title and description for GEOG 628-3 (Medical Geography) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

SCRGS010904.17

Course Description Change — NRES 770-3

That the change to the course description for NRES 770-3 (Rural and Small Town Social Geography) be approved as proposed.

Effective Date: Fall 2005

7.3 Senate Committee on Academic Appeals

Swainger

S-200410.08

2004 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Academic Appeals (SCAA)

Swainger / Morrison

That the 2004 Annual Report (October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004) of the Senate Committee on Academic Appeals (SCAA) be received.

Effective Date: October 2004

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7.4 Senate Committee on Student Services

McIntyre

S-200410.09

2004 Annual Report of the Senate Committee on Student Services (SCSS)

Tait / Mandy

That the 2004 Annual Report (October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004) of the Senate Committee on Student Services (SCSS) be received.

Effective Date: October 2004

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

7.5 Senate Committee on Scholarships & Bursaries

McIntyre

S-200410.10

Inclusion of the Environmental Engineering Program in the President's Scholarship

Mandy / Otter

That the Environmental Engineering program be included in its entirety for the President's Scholarship.

Effective Date: August 2004

CARRIED.

S-200410.11

Change to Calendar Description — Telus Scholarships

Otter / Wilson

That the Calendar description for the Telus Scholarships be changed.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

CARRIED.

S-200410.12

Change to Donor Information — Gordon Ternowetsky Memorial Bursary

Mandy / Beeler

That the Donor information for the Gordon Ternowetsky Memorial Bursary be changed.

Effective Date: Fall 2004

CARRIED.

S-200410.13

New Award — Terms and Conditions: UNBC Alumni Association Athletics Award

Jensen / Mandy

That the Terms and Conditions for the University of Northern British Columbia Alumni Association Athletics Award be approved.

Effective Date: Established 2004 – Annual Award

CARRIED.

S-200410.14

New Award — Terms and Conditions: Petro-Canada Undergraduate Bursary in Environmental Study

Tait / Hemingway

That the Terms and Conditions for the Petro-Canada Undergraduate Bursary in Environmental Study be approved.

Effective Date: Established 2003 – Annual Award

CARRIED.

7.6 Senate Committee on Organization and Rules

Jago

To Senate for Information

SCOR 200410.03

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) on October 4, 2004:

Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies (SCRGS)

(One Graduate Student Representative vacancy)

Vivian Fayowski (Education)

Graduate Student Representative

Senate Committee on First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples (SCFNAP)

(One Faculty Representative vacancy)

Allan Mason (Social Work)

Faculty Representative

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar

DeGrace

8.1.1 Enrolment update

The Registrar provided a written report on Fall Enrolment Comparisons, and said that registration information is still being received from the regions. He reported that total registration numbers were down by about 1%, but that full time equivalents have increased by 1.5% overall. Senator Penner questioned why there was an apparent trend of decreasing undergraduate student retention. J. DeGrace stated that there are many possible reasons, one being that British Columbia is one of the most “transfer-friendly” environments. He declared that, unless an exit survey is conducted, the reasons are difficult to ascertain, and added that the province would be looking into this issue. Finally, the Registrar reported that the number of declared First Nations students and International students has increased.

8.2 Committee of the Whole

Open Discussion

The Chair indicated that Senate’s input was being solicited for the agenda items 8.2.1 and 8.2.2. He outlined the process for engaging in the “Committee of the Whole” discussion, and then vacated the Chair, which was assumed by Dr. H. Brunt.

8.2.1 “Faculty Member at Large” Positions on Senate

8.2.2 Proposed Changes to Senate Committees / Senate Handbook

S-200410.14A

Committee of the Whole — Motion to Convene

Otter / Mandy

That Senate move into Committee of the Whole for the purpose of discussing “Faculty Member at Large” positions on Senate and proposed changes to Senate Committees and the Senate Handbook.
CARRIED.

S-200410.14B

Committee of the Whole — Time Limit for Discussion

McGill / Smith

That the discussion in Committee of the Whole be limited to one hour.
CARRIED.

S-200410.14C

Committee of the Whole — Motion to Rise

Whitcombe / Swainger

That the Committee of the Whole rise.
CARRIED.

The President re-assumed the Chair, and thanked Senators for their contribution to the discussion. He indicated that the Senate Secretariat would proceed with an election to fill the “Faculty Member at Large” position on Senate.

The Chair reported that the recommendations arising from the discussion would be incorporated into the proposed changes to Senate Committees and the Senate Handbook, which would then be brought back to the Senate Committee on Organization and Rules and Senate for approval.

Action: J. DeGrace to incorporate recommendations into the proposed changes to Senate Committees and the Senate Handbook.

9.0 Information — None

10.0 S-200410.15

Adjournment

Wilson

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 4:55pm.