



**SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINUTES**

May 11, 2005
3:30 – 5:30 PM

Room 7-172 Bentley Centre - Prince George Campus

Present:

S. Beeler, T. Binnema, M. Blouw, H. Brunt (Vice-Chair), S. Cochran, J. DeGrace, D. Ditto, B. Ellis, A. Fredeen, D. Hemingway, A. Hussein, K. Hutchings, C. Jago (Chair), E. Kinghorn (teleconference), M. Mandy, A. Mangat (teleconference), B. McGill, B. Muir, J. Randall, B. Simard (teleconference), D. Small, B. Tait, N. Zutz, C. Myers (Recording Secretary)

Regrets:

B. Anderson, K. Beeler, R. Berthiaume, C. Brown, A. Espiritu, E. Jensen, Z. Le Fevre, B. Malcolm, R. Matheson, B. Milakovic, P. Montgomery, B. Morrison, K. Naziripour, A. Nussbaumer, D. Nyce, C. Opio, K. Penner, D. Procter, F. Rahemtulla, E. Rapaport, S. Scholefield, S. Wilson

Non-voting members present:

D. Macknak, Director, Regional Operations and University / College Relations
J. Ross (Director of Institutional Analysis and Planning)

Guests:

T. Miley
S. Rennick
C. Hardy

The meeting commenced at 3:34 p.m.

1.0 S-200505.01

Approval of the Agenda

Blouw / Mandy

That the Agenda for the May 11, 2005 Public Session of Senate be approved, with the following amendments:

- Add item 3.1 (Teaching and Learning Building Report)
- Item 3.1 (Motion to Take From the Table — Motion S-200504.14, Revisions to Harassment and Discrimination Policy) becomes item 3.2

CARRIED.

2.0 Approval of the Minutes:

S-200505.02

Approval of the Minutes of the April 20, 2005 Public Session

Binnema / Tait

That the Minutes of the Public Session of Senate of April 20, 2005 be approved as presented.
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Meetings of Senate

3.1 Teaching and Learning Building Report

Dr. S. Cochran and S. Rennick provided a presentation on the Teaching and Learning Building in response to Senator Mandy's question regarding meeting space in the building. The number and size of meeting rooms, as well as the number of seats in those rooms, was outlined. M. Mandy expressed concern that some academic units were already larger than the currently-designed meeting rooms in the Teaching and Learning Building.

3.2 S-200505.03

Motion to Take From the Table — Motion S-200504.14 (Revisions to Harassment and Discrimination Policy)

Mandy / Hemingway

That motion S-200504.14, from the Senate meeting of April 20, 2005, ("That the revisions to the Harassment and Discrimination Policy be approved as proposed") be taken from the table.

Effective Date: May 11, 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Dr. C. Hardy attended the meeting to address any questions regarding the proposed revisions to the Policy. The President provided background regarding the Policy, indicating that it had been approved by Senate and the Board of Governors, and that recent consultation had taken place with employee and student groups, with some minor revisions being recommended. Senators Binnema and Muir proposed some additional changes to the Policy, and Dr. Hardy and the Chair suggested that, if these proposed amendments were to be addressed, the Policy would have to be referred back to the Committee. After further clarification from Dr. Hardy regarding the sections in question, Senators were satisfied to accept the revisions as proposed.

4.0 President's Report

Jago

The President reported that there was a new Chair (Dr. Donald Rix) and Vice-Chair (Ms. Noreen Rustad) of the UNBC Board of Governors. He further reported that the University had received funding from the government for the Northern Sport Centre in the amount of \$20.5M, which he added was not the full cost of the building, so there was still work to be done to raise further funding.

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

Brunt

5.1 Course Scheduling Report

Dr. H. Brunt commented that this report had been distributed in March, and that many of the recommendations had already been implemented relatively smoothly. He added that his office would be seeking to evaluate the initiatives, the goal of which was to provide more predictable scheduling for faculty and students.

5.2 Academic Visioning Initiative

Dr. H. Brunt reported that this initiative had been disseminated, and that an open forum had been held the previous day for the purpose of discussing the initiative, which was well-attended, energetic, and helpful. He added that a series of consultation meetings would be held, which it was hoped would be completed by the end of the summer.

5.3 Nurse Practitioner Program Update

An update regarding this Program was provided by Dr. H. Brunt. He indicated that the process for receiving approval for this program was somewhat unusual, as approval was being sought from several sources concurrently. He added that the reason for seeking approval in this manner was that the program was expected to be up and running for the September 2005 semester, and the University was under severe timeline restrictions for the approval process. Thus, the Program would be going to the UNBC Board of Governors meeting on May 28, 2005 for approval in principle, pending approval at Senate in June. Dr. Brunt expressed regret at the necessity to employ this process, and added that, although the process was not the norm, it had been developed with a high degree of forethought and integrity.

Dr. Brunt reported on current recruitment and retention strategies, indicating that a call had gone out for the position of Acting Dean of Enrolment Management and Academic Advisement, for which there were three candidates. Dr. Brunt added that it was anticipated that one of the candidates would be appointed by early June. Further, a call-up campaign had been organized, which consisted of faculty members calling first time students to encourage the students to move from the application process to enrolment. Dr. Brunt stated that the program had been well-received, and that some follow-up comparison would be done and reported to Senate, probably in October 2005.

The Chair thanked Dr. Brunt for bringing these matters to Senate and opening them up for discussion.

6.0 Question Period

There were no questions.

7.0 Committee Reports:

7.1 Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Planning

Brunt

S-200505.04

Change to Degree Requirements — Addition of GEOG 300-3 as an Option in Second Year of NRM Forestry Degree

Brunt / Mandy

That the addition of GEOG 300-3 Geographic Information Systems to the NRM Forestry degree requirements, as an option in second year, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

Motions S-200505.05 to S200505.08 were dealt with as an Omnibus Motion.

S-200505.05

Change to Degree Requirements — Deletion of NRES 420-3 and Addition of NRES 421-1 and NRES 422-2 as Required Courses in the Forestry Major of the Natural Resources Management Degree

Brunt / Mandy

That the deletion of NRES 420-3 Undergraduate Report as a required course in the Forestry Major of the Natural Resources Management Degree, and the addition of NRES 421-1 Professional Writing and NRES 422-2 Undergraduate Report as required courses in the Forestry Major, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

S-200505.06

Course Deletion — NRES 420-3

Brunt / Mandy

That the course NRES 420-3 Undergraduate Report be deleted and removed from the Calendar.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

S-200505.07

New Course Approval — NRES 421-1

Brunt / Mandy

That the new course NRES 421-1 Professional Writing be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

S-200505.08

New Course Approval — NRES 422-2

Brunt / Mandy

That the new course NRES 422-2 Undergraduate Report be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

7.2 Senate Committee on Research and Graduate Studies

Blouw / Tait

An Executive Summary of the Master of Education Program Multidisciplinary Leadership Specialization was included for information.

Dr. P. MacMillan from the Education Program attended to respond to questions.

S-200505.09

Change to Program Requirements — Approval of Multidisciplinary Leadership Specialization of the Master of Education Program

Tait / Matheson

That the Multidisciplinary Leadership Specialization of the Master of Education Program, with the focus areas Educational Leadership, Assessment and Evaluation, and Curriculum, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.10

Calendar Description Change — Master of Education – Curriculum & Instruction Specialization

Tait / Opio

That the current calendar text dealing with the Master of Education – Curriculum & Instruction Specialization be replaced with the Master of Education – Multidisciplinary Leadership Specialization text; and further, that the current calendar text dealing with the MEd Program Quesnel School District be deleted from the Calendar.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Motions S-200505.11 to S200505.20 were dealt with as an Omnibus Motion.

S-200505.11

New Course Approval — EDUC 605-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course EDUC 605-3 Multidisciplinary Leadership: Theory and Practice be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.12

New Course Approval — EDUC 606-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course EDUC 606-3 Leading for Change be approved as proposed.

Effective date: January 2006

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.13

New Course Approval — EDUC 615-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course EDUC 615-3 The School Principalship be approved as proposed.

Effective date: May 2007

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.14

New Course Approval — EDUC 616-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course EDUC 616-3 Policy and Politics in Public Education be approved as proposed.

Effective date: May 2006

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.15

New Course Approval — EDUC 655-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course EDUC 655-3 Collaboration, Communication and Community: Leaders as Community Builders be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2007

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.16

New Course Approval — EDUC 656-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course EDUC 656-3 Instructional Leadership be approved as proposed.

Effective date: May 2007

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.17

New Course Approval — EDUC 657-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course EDUC 657-3 Educational Issues in Northern Communities be approved as proposed.

Effective date: January 2007

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.18

Course Title and Description Change — EDUC 602-4

Tait / Mandy

That the changes to the name and course description for EDUC 602-4 Educational Research Data Analysis be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.19

Course Title and Description Change — EDUC 603-4

Tait / Mandy

That the changes to the name and course description for EDUC 603-4 Advanced Educational Research Data Analysis be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.20

Course Title and Description Change — EDUC 620-4

Tait / Mandy

That the changes to the name and course description for EDUC 620-4 Education Measurement and Evaluation be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

An Executive Summary of Changes to the Interdisciplinary Studies Program was included for information.

S-200505.21

New Degree Approval — Interdisciplinary Studies Program MSc Option

Tait / Mandy

That the MSc option to the Interdisciplinary Studies Program as described in the proposed calendar changes be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

S-200505.22

Calendar Description Change — Admission Requirements and Calendar Description of the Interdisciplinary Studies MA Program

Tait / Hemingway

That the changes to the admission requirements and calendar description of the Interdisciplinary Studies MA Program be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Motions S-200505.23 to S-200505.25 were dealt with as an Omnibus Motion.

S-200505.23

New Course Approval — IDIS 791-3

Tait / Mandy

That the new course IDIS 791-3 Special Topics be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

S-200505.24

New Course Approval — IDIS 798-12

Tait / Mandy

That the new course IDIS 798-12 MSc Thesis be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

S-200505.25

Course Title Change — IDIS 799-12

Tait / Mandy

That the course title of IDIS 799-12 Thesis be changed to IDIS 799-12 MA Thesis.

Effective date: September 2005

CARRIED.

7.3 Steering Committee of Senate

Jago

S-200505.26

Proposed Revisions to Senate Handbook

Hemingway / Mandy

That the revisions to the Senate Handbook be approved as proposed.
Effective date: June 2005
UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

The Secretary of Senate provided background information regarding these proposed changes, and indicated that the changes proposed were required to “tidy up” the recent revisions to the Senate Handbook. He added that the change which had been made to student Senator terms of office, from one year to three years, was contrary to the University Act, which expressly maintained that the terms of office for student Senators were one year. Thus, the terms of office would be reverted to one year in the Senate Handbook.

8.0 Other Business

8.1 Report of the Registrar

DeGrace

The Registrar had nothing to report.

9.0 Information

There was no further information reported.

10.0 S-200505.27

Move to In-Camera Session

Tait / Ditto

That the meeting move In-Camera.

UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

11.0 S-200505.30

Adjournment

Simard / Matheson

That the Senate meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.