

**SENATE MEETING
PUBLIC SESSION
MINTUES**

March 25, 2015
3:30 – 5:50 PM

Senate Chambers (Room 1079 Administration Building)

Present:

E. Annis, J. Bankole, R. Bird, J. Brown, A. Chow, M. Dale, B. Deo, L. Dickson, D. Erasmus, M. Green, S. Green, L. Harris, T. Hanschen (Secretary of Senate), L. Horianopoulos, K. Howitt (observing), K. Keen, A. Kitchenham, E. Korkmaz, J. Kormos, A. LeBlanc, C. Nolin, D. Nyce, A. Parent (Recording), Kerry Reimer, Kirsten Reimer, R. Robinson, J. Safaei Boroojeny, B. Schorcht, W. Schwab, P. Siakaluk (Vice Chair), K. Smith, A. Stroet, K. Walker, D. Weeks (Chair), T. Whitcombe, A. Wilson, R. van Adrichem, J. Young,

Regrets:

L. Handfield, B. Owen, D. Ryan,

Absent:

E. Bray, R. Brouwer, D. Burke, C. Carriere, R. Giardino, K. Kuo, J. MacDonald, B. Simpson, H. Smith, R. Tallman, S. Wagner, P. Winwood, B. Wang, S. Zahir

The meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m. The Chair of Senate recognized and thanked Senators whose terms of office are ending on March 31, 2015. These are: Eleanor Annis, *Julius Bankole, Julian Brown, *Daniel Burke, Chantal Carriere, Alden Chow, Lisa Dickson, Robert Giardino, Lisa Handfield, Linda Horianopoulos, Jeff Kormos, Kirsten Reimer, Jalil Safaei Boroojeny, *Wendel Schwab, Shannon Wagner, Kirk Walker, Baotai Wang, Elie Korkmaz, Catherine Nolin, Saif Zahir and Rick Tallman. **(Student Senators who may be leaving but not yet determined because the election has yet to take place – New Election Date April 9 & 10))*

1.0 S-201503.01

Approval of the Agenda

Reimer

That the agenda for the March 25, 2015 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED.

2.0 S-201503.02

Approval of Senate Minutes

Whitcombe

That the minutes of the January 28, 2015 Public Session of Senate be approved as presented.

CARRIED

3.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes of Senate

No business arising was identified.

4.0 President's Report **Weeks**

Dr. Weeks provided an update on his activities since the January Senate meeting, and his report is attached to these minutes as "Appendix I".

5.0 Report of the Provost **Young**

Dr. Young took a moment to remember the passing of Dr. James MacDonald, a founding faculty member of the University.

Dr. Young reported on a special Senate Committee on Academic Affairs that met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the January 2015 semester academic dates.

There was consensus from the committee which included faculty, students and administration that the dates of the current academic calendar be maintained with the understanding that exceptional circumstances with respect to individual students be dealt with accordingly.

Dr. Young thanked all the students, faculty and staff who volunteered with the Canada Winter Games and helped to make them a huge success.

Dr. Young commented on the University Achievement Awards and mentioned that a plan is in place to have these awarded at convocation.

Dr. Young also reported that a request has been made with the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health regarding a North-East Nursing Program in Fort St. John. Conversations with Emily Carr (now located in the Wood Innovation and Design Centre) have also begun.

A Senator asked the Provost for feedback regarding the Policy on Policies Committee. It was reported that this policy is currently being tested and will be brought to the Board. The committee is waiting for the final report on this policy before reporting out.

6.0 Report of the Registrar **Hanschen**

Mr. Hanschen began his report by thanking Charlene Myers for all her support to Senate over the last number of years.

He then reported on the current Senator vacancies for 2015-2016. There were 5 CASHS vacancies but several applications were received over the last 24 hours and there remains only one vacancy at this time.

Student Elections for Senate will take place April 9 and 10, 2015.

2015-2016 Academic Course Schedule should be available online on Thursday, April 2, 2015.

Enrollment Report as of March 1st, 2015 is as follows:

Undergraduate FTE down -8.3%

Graduate FTE down -7.3%

Applications for Undergraduate and Graduate are up.

7.0 Question Period

A Senator asked for information of the scope of the President's meeting with the mayor. The meeting was with the College, School District 57 and the City with the mandate of making Prince George a destination area for students. At this point it was recognized that representation from the First Nations is needed moving forward.

A Senator asked to the President to address the ongoing labour dispute with the Faculty Association and what role he would play in leading the community through this traumatic time. The President noted that as negotiations are ongoing he must respect the process as any comments he might make could prejudice current negotiations. He did mention that the basis for moving forward is that there is no doubt that everyone involved cares about the university and the students.

A Senator asked a question about whether or not any studies have been done on the effects of such a job action that has occurred here has on students and the reputation of the University. The Provost reported that he is not aware of any studies but that other institutions have shared their experiences and reported that both time and leadership are needed for healing to occur.

A Senator asked for an update on how the University will continue to communicate updates to students on the labour dispute. The Vice-President of External Relations highlighted that updates will continue to be posted on the website as they become available. Emails to students will also be sent to students through the Office of the Provost as needed.

A Senator asked a question regarding academic penalties and if there will be any consideration with respect to the February 17th course withdrawal date. The Registrar highlighted that while there will be no changes to the current academic calendar, our current procedures do allow for exceptional requests. Students are encouraged to engage with their instructors as a first step.

A Senator asked about whether or not students will receive any financial compensation for missed lectures/labs. The President indicated that he has been in communication with the Ministry of Advanced Education and will be able to provide more information once he knows the extent of the impact of the job action. He also noted that it will be the Board of Governors decision on whether or not to reimburse students.

The budget presentation has been moved to the next Board of Governors meeting.

Another question was asked by a Senator about how we will work together as a team. The President highlighted everyone's commitment to the institution and said that he must consider alumni, staff and all stakeholders and Senate is not the appropriate time to address this issue as Senate is an academic body.

A Senator asked a question regarding Residence renovations and whether or not all feedback, including that from students was being considered. It was reported that all feedback is taken into consideration. A suggestion by a Senator was made to consider further consultation with the students before changes to residence are made.

8.0 Removal of Motions from the Consent Agenda Weeks

There were no requests to remove motions from the consent agenda.

9.0 Committee Reports

9.1 Senate Committee on Academic Affairs Young

"For Approval" Items:

S-201503.03

Changes to Graduate Academic Regulations 4.4 (Academic Supervision) and 4.5 (Final Oral Examinations and Examining Committees)

Whitcombe

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the changes to regulations 4.4 and 4.5 of the graduate calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 1, 2015

CARRIED with two friendly amendments.

S-201503.04

Changes to Graduate Academic Regulation 7.0 (Regulations Governing Doctoral Programs)

Whitcombe

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the changes to regulation 7.0 of the graduate calendar be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 1, 2015

CARRIED

S-201503.05

Changes to Program Requirements — BSW First Nations Specialization

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the addition of SOCW 420 Family/Child Welfare Policy to the Program Requirement in the BSW First Nations Specialization, on page 186 of the 2014/2015 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2015

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

S-201503.06

New Course Approval — CPSC 354-3

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the new course CPSC 354-3 Introduction to Business Intelligence be approved as proposed.

Proposed semester of first offering: September 2015

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

S-201503.07

Renewal of Exchange Agreement Between University of Northern British Columbia and Groupe Whitcombe

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the renewal of the Exchange Agreement between University of Northern British Columbia and Groupe ESC Troyes in Champagne, France be approved as proposed.

Effective date: Upon approval by Senate

CARRIED

S-201503.08

Renewal of Exchange Agreement Between University of Northern British Columbia and University of Tasmania, Australia

Whitcombe

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the renewal of the Exchange Agreement between University of Northern British Columbia and University of Tasmania, Australia be approved as proposed.

Effective date: Upon approval by Senate

CARRIED

S-201503.09

Renewal of Exchange Agreement Between University of Northern British Columbia and Kunming University of Science and Technology, Kunming, China

Whitcombe

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, the renewal of the Exchange Agreement between University of Northern British Columbia and Kunming University of Science and Technology, Kunming, China be approved as proposed.

Effective date: Upon approval by Senate

CARRIED

S-201503.10

Extension of Strategic Research Plan End Date

Kitchenham

That, on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Affairs, Senate approves the current Strategic Research Plan end date be extended to March 31, 2017.

Effective date: Upon approval by Senate

CARRIED

“For Information” Items:

SCAAF201502.07

Changes to Course Calendar Description — FNST 300-3

That the changes to the course description for FNST 300-3 Research Methods in First Nations Studies, on page 240 of the 2014/2015 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed.

Effective date: September 2015

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

FNST 300-3 Research Methods in First Nations Studies

Major methodologies and methods such as participant observation, archival research, questionnaires and statistical analysis ~~will be~~ are reviewed and considered in the light of other goals of the discipline. The importance of research ethics and research protocols is discussed.

Prerequisites: FNST 200-3

SCAAF201502.08

Changes to Course Title and Calendar Description — FNST 350-3

That the changes to the course title and calendar description for FNST 350-3 Canadian Law and Aboriginal Peoples, on page 241 of the 2014/2015 undergraduate calendar, be approved as proposed. Effective date: September 2015
CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

FNST 350 (3) ~~Canadian Law and Aboriginal~~ Indigenous Peoples

~~An examination of the constitution, Indian Act, treaties, court decisions, and laws as they relate to the government and politics of aboriginal peoples.~~

This course provides an introduction to Indigenous peoples' rights in international and domestic law and examines the key legal and political instruments and issues associated with Indigenous peoples' rights and interests. Topics may include but are not limited to the following: human rights, resource development, global pressures, intellectual property, customary law, traditional knowledge, dispute resolution, treaties and Supreme Court cases. The course is based on the methodological and theoretical foundations of comparative constitutional law, international law, Indigenous law and legal anthropology.

Prerequisites: FNST 100-3 or POLS 100-3

Precluded: POLS 220-3, FNST 250-3, POLS 380-3

Cross-listed: POLS 380-3

9.2 Senate Committee on the University Budget

Whitcombe

9.2.1 2015/16 Report from the Senate Committee on the University Budget

Senator Whitcombe presented his report to Senate and his report is attached to these minutes as "Appendix II".

Much discussion took place regarding the underlying tone of this report and the importance for more transparency and more detailed information provided to Senators. The President committed to financial transparency and to having clear and shared priorities in which to make budget decisions.

A suggestion was made by a Senator that that this committee should not only look at the operational budget.

Additional suggestion for more detailed, line by line analysis is necessary. Disagreement from one Senator on this suggestion was noted.

A Senator asked for more information about vendor cost increases.

A Senator asked whether or not the committee could work with the budget and audited financial statements to help give the Senate a better understanding of why we come in under budget, yet cuts to teaching continue to occur.

Suggestion was made by a Senator for developing some software to specifically work with the budget for an academic plan.

9.2.2 Notice of Motion

Senator Siakaluk provided notice of motion for the next regular meeting of Senate (April 22, 2015), as follows:

The Vice-President of Finance will present budget documentation for the past five years, showing actual revenues and expenditures to ensure that Senate can have a full grasp and understanding of the true financial situation of the University.

At 5:30 p.m., the following motion was proposed:

Motion to extend Senate meeting

Green

That the Senate meeting be extended beyond 5:30 p.m. in accordance with the requirement in the Senate Handbook.

CARRIED.

9.3 Senate Committee on Scholarships and Bursaries

Weeks

“For Information” Items:

SCSB20150128.03

New Terms and Conditions — Nordic Sport Leadership Awards

That the new Terms and Conditions for the Nordic Sport Leadership Awards be approved.

Effective Date: 2015-2016 Academic Year

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

SCSB20150128.04

Revised Terms and Conditions — Northern Gateway Pipelines Bursary

That the revised Terms and Conditions for the Northern Gateway Pipelines Bursary be approved.

Effective Date: 2014-2015 Academic Year

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

SCSB20150128.05

Revisions to Awards Guide Information for the UNBC Doctoral Tuition Scholarship

That the revised Awards Guide Information for the UNBC Doctoral Tuition Scholarship be approved.

Effective Date: 2015-2016 Academic Year

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

SCSB20150128.06

Reactivated Terms and Conditions — Chapter B – P.E.O. Sisterhood Bursary

That the Terms and Conditions for the Chapter B – P.E.O. Sisterhood Bursary be re-activated.

Effective Date: 2014-2015 Academic Year

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

SCSB20150128.07

Reactivated Terms and Conditions — Spectra Energy Bursary

That the Terms and Conditions for the Spectra Energy Bursary be re-activated.

Effective Date: 2015-2016 Academic Year

CARRIED (Consent Agenda)

- 10.0** **S-201503.11**
Approval of Motions on the Consent Agenda
Smith
That the motions on the consent agenda, except for those removed for placement on the regular agenda, be approved as presented.
CARRIED
- 11.0** **Other Business**
No other business was presented.
- 12.0** **Information**
- 12.1** The Postdoctoral Fellow Guide and Intake Process
- 13.0** **S-201503.12**
Move to In Camera Session
Young
That the meeting move In Camera.
CARRIED
- 14.0** **S-201503.16**
Adjournment
Whitcombe
That the Senate meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED