

UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
FREDERICTON CAMPUS SENATE MEETING

The Fredericton Senate met at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 23 February 2010 in Room 303, Tilley Hall. President Campbell was in the chair, and the following members were present:

A. Adam	A. Forrestall	A. Reid
D. Bell	A. Ghorbani	W. Robbins
B. Benton	L. Henderson	A. Sankey
E. Biden	D. Hinton	A. Secco
B. Boothman	P. Jolly	C. Stacey
K. Brien	G. Kealey	J. Teskey
B. Broster	L. Kealey	J. Thompson
E. Campbell	S. Lord	D. Townsend
G. Campbell	B. Lowry	N. Tracy
C. Canitz	D. MaGee	L. Vail
S. Carmont-McKinley	E. Maher	G. Waite
S. Cleave	J. McEvoy	K. Weaver
Daniel Coleman	M. McKenna	L. Wells
David Coleman	J. Murray	K. Wilcox
A. B. Cooke	T. Needham	R. Wightman
S. DeVarenne (Secretary)	C. Passaris	J. Wright
L. Doige	C. Patten	
D. Floyd	M. Pelletier	

Also Present:

J. Andow (Acting Associate University Secretary)
C. Diduch (Chair, Senate Admissions Committee)
K. Waugh (Associate Registrar)

Unable to Attend:

T. Benfey	R. MacKinnon
E. Carusetta	S. Mattar
D. Cochrane	M.E. McKinney
M. Couturier	D. Murray
C. Ferguson	J. O'Neill
O. Gorman-Asal	R. Parker
T. Haggerty	O. Rajora
D. Hambrook	C. Sutherland
A. Hamza	J. Valk
R. Langley	

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ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICIAL COPY OF THE MINUTES

Materials which were before members and which are not attached as an Appendix to The circulated minutes, are listed below and are attached to the Official Copy of the Minutes in the University Secretariat.

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1. **Announcements**

1.1 **Announcements for February 2010** (posted with agenda)

E. Campbell referred Senators to the written announcements which were posted with the agenda. Further to the written announcements, he remarked that it was encouraging to see a large audience at the Trudeau Lecture, which took place on 16 February. He thanked Senators for representing the University at the event.

A. Reid announced that the annual W. C. Desmond Pacey Lecture is scheduled to take place at 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, 17 March 2010 in the J. Harper Kent Auditorium at the Wu Conference Centre. Noah Augustine, Chief of the Metepenagiag Mi'kmaq Nation, will give an address titled "The Future of First Nations in Atlantic Canada."

2. **Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

2.1 **Minutes of 26 January 2010** (posted with agenda)

E. Campbell noted a typographical error in the minutes which was reported in advance of the meeting. Under item 17, Other Business, the final sentence should read "She will update Senate as additional information is available."

MOTION 2, 1

L. Kealey/Townsend "That Senate approve the agenda as presented, and the Minutes of 26 January 2010 as amended."

CARRIED

3. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was none.

4. **Question Period**

4.1 **Response to questions regarding suspension of admission to undergraduate programs due to financial constraints**

E. Campbell called on A. Secco to bring Senate up-to-date on the progress of his response to Senator Bell's question from the October 2009 meeting of Senate regarding suspension of enrollment in undergraduate programs due to financial constraints. A. Secco told Senators that an opinion on the matter has been obtained from the University Solicitor and the topic has been discussed at Deans' Council as planned. In addition, a table of recently suspended programs has been created for Senate's information. The matter will be vetted by the University Management Committee, and a response brought to the March meeting of Senate.

4. Question Period (cont'd)**4.2 Question from Senator John McEvoy (posted with agenda)****4.3 Questions from Senator David Bell (posted with agenda)**

The Chair drew Senators' attention to the questions and responses which were posted with the agenda, and asked if there were any follow-up questions.

In response to questions regarding the consistent annual decrease in enrollment between fall and winter terms, D. Hinton explained that a number of factors contribute to this decline, including attrition of students who leave UNB, those who do not take classes during the winter term for financial reasons; and those who completed their course requirements for graduation in the fall term. He noted that the enrollment numbers provided in his response to Senate were preliminary; there are now 6,500 undergraduate and 1,294 graduate students.

E. Campbell assured Senate that declining enrollment is a priority topic for University management, and that considerable effort is being made to devise ways of improving UNB's student recruitment and retention.

In follow-up to the question on UNB's off-shore operations, D. Hinton noted a correction to the chart which was provided with the response. He explained that a BBA program in Hong Kong has been proposed as shown on the chart, however, the program is still in the development stage and should therefore not be included as an existing off-shore operation.

Secretary's Note: The corrected chart has been attached to the Minutes.

In response to a question about the types of off-shore institutions UNB partners with for the provision of academic programs, Dan Coleman explained that UNB considers partnerships with both private and public institutions. He pointed out existing partnerships with both private and public institutions on the chart provided. He noted, in response to a question regarding how decisions are made to terminate off-shore programs, that in the one instance he is familiar with, the program closed when enrollment numbers declined significantly. In response to further questions regarding off-shore program closures, A. Secco indicated that while currently there is no formal mechanism for reporting the closure of off-shore programs to Fredericton Senate, it is reasonable that Senate be informed when such closures occur.

E. Campbell commented that UNB's international programs are not well publicized, even within the UNB community, despite the fact that over 2,000 students are registered in these programs. S. Cleave, Associate Vice-President (Learning Environment) noted that the International Relations Office (IRO) on the Fredericton campus and the International Office on the Saint John campus are working together to improve UNB's internationalization initiatives, and to find ways of highlighting success stories in this area.

D. Bell asked, in follow-up to his question on the distribution of scholarships among the Faculties, if UNB consciously promotes certain programs through scholarships; i.e. by awarding a higher number of scholarships to students in a particular program. K. Waugh explained that undergraduate scholarships are not targeted to specific programs, unless specified by a donor. Scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of merit and financial need. She pointed out that if a number of students in a particular program have high marks, that program may have more students holding scholarships.

5. **Strategic Planning Process**

5.1 Strategic Planning Progress Report February 2010 (posted with agenda)

E. Campbell referred Senators to the February progress report which was posted with the agenda for information and discussion. He noted that a sub-Committee of the Steering Committee continues to meet with various external groups around the province, including representatives from government, non-governmental organizations, and the business community. More than 15 such consultations will take place by the end of March 2010. A summary of information gathered at the meetings will be posted on the strategic planning website once the sessions are completed.

As reported at the January meeting of Senate, Alex Usher, a higher education professional, spoke to Deans, Directors, Associate Deans, Assistant Directors, Department Chairs, and members of the Steering Committee on 22 January 2010. His focus was on global and national developments and trends in higher education. Unfortunately, Mr. Usher was not able to give a public presentation due to time constraints. Other experts in the field of post secondary education will be invited to give presentations as part of preparation for strategic planning in the coming weeks; it is intended that there will be an opportunity for the University community to participate in an evening session with at least one of the other speakers.

6. **Report of the Senate Admissions Committee**

6.1 January 2010 Report (posted with agenda)

Chris Diduch presented the report of the Admissions Committee. He noted that the report was circulated in advance of the meeting, and that the report included four items for Senate approval.

MOTION 6, 1

McEvoy/Wightman “That Senate approve the report of the Senate Admissions Committee, including proposed changes to admission requirements for the Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Computer Science, Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology, Bachelor of Recreation and Sport Studies, and Bachelor of Nursing (Fredericton only); and the proposal to designate five seats for Aboriginal nursing applicants who meet the minimum admission requirements for either of the BN nursing programs, as summarized in the Admissions Report, effective for admission in September 2011.”

CARRIED

7. **Graduation Lists**

7.1 Early Issuance of Degrees (posted with agenda)

D. Hinton presented the graduation lists to Senate for approval. He advised Senators that the Faculties concerned have confirmed that the students have successfully completed the requirements for their degrees.

7. Graduation Lists (cont'd)**7.1 Early Issuance of Degrees (cont'd)**

MOTION 7, 1 Hinton/Townsend “That Senate approve the graduation of Jonathan Michel Lee Ewart, Bachelor of Arts (English), 2nd Division, Tyler William Milson, Bachelor of Science (Chemistry), 2nd Division, and Scott Andrew Elvin, Bachelor of Education, 2nd Division, as presented.”

CARRIED

7.2 Certificates and Diplomas (posted with agenda)

MOTION 7, 2 Hinton/McEvoy “That Senate approve the list of certificates and diplomas in Construction, Adult Education, and Business Administration, Level I, as presented.”

CARRIED

8. Report of the Vice-President Research**8.1 Vice-President Research Annual Report for 2008-2009 (posted with agenda)**

Vice-President Research Greg Kealey presented the annual report of the Vice-President Research for 2008-2009 for information and questions.

Turning Senators' attention to a PowerPoint presentation, G. Kealey indicated that overall, UNB has enjoyed a positive year with respect to total research revenue. The University experienced an increase in both grants and contracts; a nearly 9% increase has brought total revenue to almost \$56 million. He noted that while this is good news, in light of federal and provincial budget deficits, UNB must continue to lobby all levels of government to ensure that it is well understood by decision-makers that research and development are crucial investments for a prosperous and successful society. In particular, the federal Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) Atlantic Innovation Fund (AIF), and the provincial New Brunswick Innovation Foundation are two significant sources of funding that may not be continued in the next budget year. The loss of these programs would have a significant impact on research and research funding at UNB.

Highlighting a number of statistics from his written report, the Vice-President noted that UNB ranked first in research publication growth amongst Canadian comprehensive universities between 2002 and 2007. Over the same period, UNB was ranked in the top three of the same group in research revenue growth. Normalizing UNB's research revenues for faculty size yields a figure of \$82,000 per full-time faculty member; when compared to our peer group of comprehensive universities, UNB ranks fifth.

The Vice-President Research highlighted revenue by Faculty, by Institute, and Center, noting and providing explanations where funding has decreased or increased significantly.

UNB is currently tied for second place for the number of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) strategic networks held by Canadian Universities. Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI) Grants and Canada Research Chairs (CRC) continue to be a solid source of research revenue; seven new CFI grants were obtained as well as three new Canada Research Chairs. Participation in AIF Awards has increased in the past year with four UNB-led awards, 4 company-led awards, and 1 award led by the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

8. **Report of the Vice-President Research** (cont'd)**8.1 Vice-President Research Annual Report for 2008-2009** (cont'd)

The report closed with an overview of new research initiatives funded by a variety of groups, including a social policy development research network and the Innovatia NSERC Industrial Research Chair to study web solutions using Semantic web, Web 2.0 and 3.0.

In response to questions, G. Kealey indicated that it may be possible to find out how the percentage of faculty at UNB holding research grants compares to that of other Universities, but that he did not have that statistic as part of his report.

The Vice-President was asked if he could provide a list of UNB Spin-off companies to Senate. A list will be provided at the March meeting for the information of Senators.

B. Lowry commented that research Chairs are often not well integrated into Faculties due to inadequate space and poor facilities; he noted that research Chairs are frequently housed in off-campus buildings, such as the Enterprise NB building. He asked the Vice-President if there is a plan to create or open up space so that research can be better supported within UNB's academic space. G. Kealey acknowledged the challenges with space and proper facilities, and suggested that a science and engineering research building could be among the priorities for a future capital campaign.

9. **Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee****9.1 February 2010 Report** (posted with agenda)

David Hinton presented the report of the Senate Curriculum Committee, which included new courses, modification of existing courses, and changes to program regulations for the Faculty of Arts.

MOTION 9, 1

Hinton/Waite "That Senate approve the report of the Senate Curriculum Committee, including new courses, modification of existing courses and changes to program regulations for the Faculty of Arts, as presented."

CARRIED

10. **Report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee** (posted with agenda)

K. Waugh presented the report of the Undergraduate Scholarships Committee, noting that the report included both new awards and modifications to existing awards.

MOTION 10, 1

Brien/McEvoy "That Senate approve new awards and modifications to existing awards open to students on the Fredericton campus and both campuses, as presented."

CARRIED

11. **Report of the School of Graduate Studies**

11.1 Honorary Research Associates (posted with agenda)

11.2 New and Revised Courses (posted with agenda)

E. Biden presented the report of the School of Graduate Studies, which included a list of Honorary Research Associates and a list of new and revised courses.

MOTION 11, 1

Biden/Townsend “That Senate approve the appointment of Honorary Research Associates from Shane Beattie to Cosmin Munteanu, inclusive, as presented”

CARRIED

MOTION 11, 2

Biden/Brien “That Senate approve the proposed changes in description to EE 6913 and ED 6224, a change in title to ED 6036 and ED 6314, a change in title and description to ED 6015 to ED 6228, and a change in number, title, prerequisites and description to GEOL 6111, inclusive, as presented.”

CARRIED

12. **Other Business**

There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Sarah DeVarenne,
Secretary