

Minutes

MEETING OF THE SENATE

A meeting of the Senate was held on T

participating in Orientation, an important and formative experience for new students that sets the tone for the rest of their time at Queen's. SOARB's solution to intersperse faculty orientation days with residence orientation days is still under consideration. In his view, however, it gives the impression that faculty orientation is more important than residence orientation. Members of SOARB, the current and incoming AMS executives, Queen's Muslim Students' Association (QUMSA), the Jewish Student's Hillel and the administration will evaluate options and come to a consensus on what would work best to accommodate students. He said that some groups favour changing sessional dates, but this would raise other issues. The AMS plans to work with AMS Orientation Roundtable coordinators and faculty societies to develop a solution for this year as soon as possible, and to develop policies to ensure that this does not happen again. He noted that a similar situation arose in 1999 and will take place again in 2013.

The Chair expressed his thanks to SOARB Co-Chair C. Coupland who attended the meeting and to student Co-Chair B. Sargent and rest of the committee members for their hard work on the issue on very short notice. He looked forward to the results of further discussions at the next Senate meeting.

The Chair requested that the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures be asked about developing a policy when setting sessional dates so that they do not conflict with future faith dates.

their impressions about opportunities in the sector. The Principal is encouraged that Queen's is wellplaced to take advantage of a number of these opportunities.

Israel: In late May, the Principal will travel with the Premier and the Minister for Economic Development and Trade on an international business mission to learn more about Israel's success in commercializing research discoveries. He has invited John Molloy, President and CEO of PARTEQ Innovations to join him. The trip will enable them to leverage their expertise in a new international market, and to investigate academic and research partnerships with Israeli universities.

Performing Arts Centre: On March 23, City Council postponed voting on a \$6-million contribution to the new Isabel Bader Centre for the Performing Arts. The funding is crucial in Queen's securing

Academic Development (Appendix F, page 20) a) Enrolment Plan 2010/2011 – 2011/2012

The Chair noted that the government's goal for growth is ambitious - an increase of 20,000 students in

4. Nominating (Appendix I, page 40)

a) Elections

Moved by Senator Dixon, seconded by Senator Wiener, that those named in the report in Appendix I, page 40 be elected to the committees indicated, with the provision that any positions left TBA will be filled at a later date.

Carried 10-18

5. Non-Academic Discipline (Appendix J, page 43)

L. Jackson, Chair of SONAD, introduced

a) the report on activities over the last year;

b) cases reviewed;

c) an action item addressing the sections of the Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline referring to academic dishonesty and recommending that they be revised using the current terminology of academic integrity.

- a) Annual Report 2008-2009
- b) Report on Number of Non-Academic Discipline Cases Reviewed 2008-2009
- c) Revision to the Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline (SARD) Academic Integrity Terminology

Moved by Senator Wiener, seconded by Senator Dixon, that the changes to the Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline, set out in Appendix Jc, page 46, be approved by the Senate and that the Policy be updated on the Senate website for information.

Carried 10-19

The Chair thanked L. Jackson for her leadership as Chair of SONAD and thanked her for her contributions over her two years as Rector, doing a wonderful job in representing students.

- 6. Operations Review (Appendix K, page 51)
 - a) Change to Terms of Reference of the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures (SCAP)

Moved by Senator Stevens seconded by Senator Culham, that the Senate Operations Review Committee recommends that the proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Senate Committee on Academic Procedures outlined in Appendix K, page 51, be approved, effective immediately.

Carried 10-20

b) University Planning Committee (UPC) Proposal (Appendix Kb, page 53)

The Chair recognized Senator Stairs, the chair of SORC, who brought forward a revised proposal for Senate's consideration and two recommendations:

Recommendation #1

Moved by Senator Stairs, seconded by Senator Culham, that Senate accept the revisions to the mandate, terms of reference and composition of the QUPC.

Senators discussed the proposal at length, focusing mainly on the QUPC composition and the process to elect members.

Speaking to the main motion, Senator Wiener drew attention to the position of Rector, proposing that it should be clarified as being a student member. Although traditionally held by a student (since 1969),

VI COMMUNICATIONS None Received

VII MATTERS REFERRED TO STANDING COMMITTEE (Appendix L, page 60)

1. Change of Degree Program Names for Undergraduate Degrees in Gender Studies [Referred to the Senate committee on Academic Development (SCAD)]

VIII OTHER BUSINESS (Appendix M, page 62)

1. Report of the Working Group to review the Harassment/Discrimination Complaint Policy and Procedures

Due a time shortage, the informal session to discuss the report was deferred to the April 22 Senate meeting. On behalf of the committee, the Chair asked senators to read the report and come prepared to discuss it. The working group wishes to collect broader input and a form will be posted soon on the Secretariat website at **www.queensu.ca/secretariat/senate**

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