



Minutes

MEETING OF THE SENATE

A meeting of the Senate was held on Thursday, September 23, 2010 in Robert Sutherland Hall, Room 202 at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Principal Woolf/J. Stairs in the Chair **Senators:** Abdelmahmoud, Bakar, Bevan, Boag, Brien, Brouwer, Chaudhry, A. Chowdhury, S. Chowdhury, Christie, Colgan, Cordy, Culham, De Souza, Detomasi, Dimitrov, Egnatoff, Elliott, Eubank, Farewell, Flanagan, Goodspeed, Kwong, LaFleche, Liss, Lockhart, MacDougall, MacLean, McCormack, Morelli, Oosthuizen, Pardy, Pierce, Qureshy, Reeve, Remenda, Reznick, Salzmann, Saunders, Silverman, Stairs, Stewart, Tolmie, Wang, Whitehead, Witzke, Woodhouse, G. Moore (Secretary), C. Russell (Associate)

On the phone: Reid

Also Present: B. Bennett, D. Buchanan, M. Campbell, Y. Chan, A. Curran, C. Davis, R. Denniston-Stewart, N. Day, B. Grant, A. Head, B. Griffiths, F. Jahanbakhsh, B. King, R. Lemieux, G. Lessard, G. MacAllister, K. Walker, J. Reid, S. Rigden, K. Rowe, J. Scott, H. Smith, J. Smol, C. Sumbler, S. Verbeek, M. Walker, and Senator Reznick,

Dean of the Faculty of Health

Sciences

Senator Brouwer, Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, Senator Whitehead, University Librarian, new to Senate

Senator Pierce, Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs, new to Senate in this role.

He also welcomed:

Senator Reid on the phone from Lagos, Nigeria, where he is on business.

The Principal explained that he would have to leave the meeting at 4 pm to attend a Fulbright National Dinner in Ottawa, which he viewed as an opportunity to further international agenda. Vice-Chair J. Stairs would take over the chair.

1. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Senator LaFleche, seconded by Senator Oosthuizen, that the Agenda be adopted as circulated with the provision that the report of the Honorary Degrees Committee be received in Closed Session at the end of the meeting.

Carried 10-51

2. Adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of 26 May 2010 (Appendix A, page 1)

Moved by Senator Chaudhry, seconded by Senator Oosthuizen, that the Minutes of May 26, 2010 be adopted as circulated.

Carried 10-52

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

None

4. Principal

The Principal focused on the academic planning process and provided a brief update on external matters.

The Academic Plan

Quality Assurance

Deputy Provost S. Cole is steering -specific implementation of the province-wide Institutional Quality Assurance Processes, which will take the place of the Internal Academic Review process. The policy document is expected to come to Senate for information on October 20 and the implementation date is set for September, 2011.

Labour Relations

In August, the Ontario government convened talks to establish a provincial framework to achieve its these talks, the government confirmed that the policy directive applies to the university sector and it is the expectation that the policy directive must be achieved.

The changes to the terms of reference will allow the committee to suspend Centre/Institute operations and activities based on concerns raised during review of the Annual Reports, or in the event of failure to produce a suitable annual report.

Moved by Senator Liss, seconded by Senator Woodhouse, that Senate approve amendments to the Senate Policy on Integrity in Research as outlined in Appendix Gb, pages 68 to 77, effective immediately.

Carried 10-55

The amendments relate to changes in how the University will inform a complainant of the outcome of a review, in order to comply with the 2007-08 Review of the University's Complaints Process.

4. Nominating (Appendix I, page 99)

a) Elections

Moved by Senator Oosthuizen, seconded by Senator Crowell, that Senate approve the elections of persons to the committees indicated in Appendix I, page 99, effective immediately.

Carried 10-57

5. Non-Academic Discipline (Appendix J, page 100)

a) Proposed Revision to Senate Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline

Moved by Senator S. Chowdhury, seconded by Senator Witzke, that the changes to the Policy on Student Appeals, Rights and Discipline, set out in Appendix J (page 101) be approved by the Senate and that the Policy be updated on the Senate website for information.

Carried 10-58

6. Operations Review (Appendix K, page 102)

a) Interim Report on the Composition of the Senate

Moved by Senator LaFleche, seconded by Senator Remenda, that Senate move into informal session, chaired by Senator Oosthuizen, to discuss the Interim Report on the Composition of the Senate.

Carried 10-595 566.74 Tm{o)-5

Should Senate take a more proactive role in driving projects forward, as opposed to waiting for progress reports? How this should be done?

Group 4

Senate should be smaller, since its size is currently prohibitive for full discussion on issues
Senate needs to be relevant to the broader community and assume a more vital role in governance, given the plan to decrease the size of the Board of Trustees (from 44 to 25)

Senate should reassert its role. It is very important to reclaim a leadership role in the academic function of the University

Senate committees should be assessed with regard to value, function and contribution to the work of Senate; if a committee is suspended or eliminated, it must be made clear where the work conducted by the committee will go

Senate should consider how to attract and retain Senators who are engaged and committed to doing the work of Senate

tricameral (Board, Senate, University Council) system and in the context of the various constituencies of the University (faculty, staff

