

**Minutes of a Meeting of the  
Carleton University Senate  
Held on Friday, 21 January 2000  
at 2:00 p.m.  
in the Senate Room, Robertson Hall**

R.J. Van Loon presiding

**Attendance**

F. Abele, G.S. Adam, S. Al-Haddad, C. Anders, K.S. Andonian, J.W. ApSimon, P. Attallah, J. Belfontaine, J. Blenkinsop, J.A. Brook, B. Burns, M. Caspi, C.H. Chan (Clerk), J. DeBardleben, M. Dorland, B.S. Elliott, B. Ford, D. Foreman, M. Foss, A. Freedman, B. Gianni, B. Gillingham, M. Glass, S. Godfrey, R.A. Goubran, N. Hanna, R. Jeffreys, A.M. Khan (Acting Dean, Engineering and Design), F. Khan, E. Kranakis, V. Kumar, G. Larose, L. Librande, S. Lipsett-Rivera, D. Long, C. Lundy, M. Mac Neil, S. Maguire, M. Makin, A.M. Maslove, K. Matheson, S.A. McFee, S.E. Mills, B.C. Mortimer, G. Mutton, M. Nakhla, C. Osmond, S. Phillips, J. Ramisch, H.M. Schwartz, J. Shepherd, C.L. Tan, P.J.S. Watson, D.R. Watt, B. Wozniak.

**Regrets**

J.C. Armitage, R. Bird, R.C. Blockley, D. Gorham, A.S. Haydon, S. Jetha, A. Kroeger, S.A. Mahmoud, L.T.R. McDonald, D. Rosse.

**Absent**

P. Goodfellow, M. Langer, T.M. Smy.

**1. Question Period**

Dr. R.J. Van Loon, Chair of Senate, reported that while he had received several questions from Mr. S. Maguire, none of them were urgent, and because of the lengthy agenda for today's meeting, agreed to deal with them at the next meeting of Senate. He did, however, report that, to date, there was no provincial funding announcement yet.

**2. Minutes**

The Senate Executive minutes of 13 January 2000 were approved, as circuated (Watson, Freedman).

It was MOVED (Kumar, Mortimer)

that Senate approve the Senate minutes of 3 December 1999.

Mr. S. McFee noted, in connection with Item #3, p. 4479, under Other Business, second paragraph, fourth line, the name of "Mr. Maguire" should read "Mr. McFee".

THE MOTION, to approve the minutes with the above-noted change, WAS CARRIED.

### **3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

The following matters arising from the Senate minutes of 3 December 1999, were discussed:

#### **3.1 Bookstore Advisory Committee** (p. 4477, second paragraph, and 4478, first paragraph)

The President reported that Profs. C. Elwood and G. Ranalli have been appointed to the above-noted Committee, representing the Divisions of Arts and Social Sciences and Public Affairs and Management, and Engineering and Science, respectively.

On the matter of Senate commenting on what the Committee reports, it was agreed to return to this matter at the next meeting.

#### **3.2 Senate Financial Review Committee: Terms of Reference** (p. 4479, first paragraph)

The President reported that the Executive, at its meeting of 13 January 2000, agreed that this was not an urgent matter, and therefore did not suggest any changes to the terms at this time (see Executive minutes 2495 #7.2 and Appendix E to those minutes).

#### **3.3 Report on NUG Long-term Plans** (p. 4481 #7)

The President noted that an ad hoc Committee had been struck to discuss the matter of compensation for student Senators, whose membership included Ms Christa Peters, NUG Co-ordinator, and Dr. N. Adamson, University Secretary, would be discussing this matter and would report to Senate at its next meeting (see also Executive minutes 2495 #7.4).

#### **3.4 Academic Schedules for 2000-01** (p. 4482 #11)

The President reported that some discussion has taken place on the matter of starting a term on Thursday, and that Dean L. Librande would be reporting on this at the next Senate meeting (see also Executive minutes 2495 #7.3).

### **4. Report of the Senate Electoral Officer**

The Clerk, as Electoral Officer, reported on the following matters:

#### **4.1 Election of a Secretary, Science Faculty Board**

Prof. J. Blenkinsop has been elected as Secretary of the Science Faculty, with a term beginning immediately and running to 30 June 2003.

#### **4.2 Annual Senate Elections, Student Seats**

CUSA will be conducting the undergraduate student Senate elections, with nominations closing on 25 January, with elections being held on 8 and 9 February 2000.

GSA will conducting the graduate student Senate elections in March 2000.

## **5. Reports of the Senate Academic Planning Committee**

### **5.1 Program Changes for 2000-01, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences**

Senate considered this Report, dated 14 December 1999 (Appendix A).

It was MOVED (Adam, Freedman)

that Senate approved the program changes, as outlined in the Report (Appendix A).

CARRIED.

It was then MOVED (Adam, Freedman)

that Senate approve the new diploma in Sonic Design, as outlined in the Report (Appendix A, pp. SAPC A3-4), and endorsed by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (Appendix B).

CARRIED.

### **5.2 Program Changes for 2000-01, Faculty of Public Affairs and Management**

Senate considered this Report, dated 14 December 1999 (Appendix C).

It was MOVED (Adam, Maslove)

that Senate approve the program changes, as outlined in the Report (Appendix C).

CARRIED.

### **5.3 Program Changes for 2000-01, Division of Engineering and Design**

Senate considered this Report, dated 14 December 1999 (Appendix D).

It was MOVED (Adam, Tan)

that Senate approve the program changes, as outlined in the Report (Appendix D).

CARRIED.

### **5.4 Program Changes for 2000-01, Faculty of Science**

Senate considered this Report, dated 14 December 1999 (Appendix E).

It was MOVED (Adam, Watson)

that Senate approve the program changes, as outlined in the Report (Appendix E).

Prof. S.E. Mills questioned the prerequisites for the Computational Biochemistry and Computational Biology programs, noting that these were not different from what Science Faculty Board had considered, and rejected. She then read from the Science Faculty Board minutes pertaining to this matter (Appendix F). Prof. B.C. Mortimer stated that the Computation Science Committee had reviewed the problem identified in Science Faculty Board and agreed to the prerequisite as it stood as the course will not be taught for several years, and would be modified then with less mathematics background. Prof. Mills then questioned students who might transfer into the programs, stating that the existing programs are not do-able. She then suggested removing these program changes from consideration at today's meeting. Prof. Mortimer responded that when the Faculty Board approved this course it was understood that it would require more than 20 credits and this had to be fixed. He went on to say that this is not the place to get into a debate on the matter. A student transferring into these programs will be covered by the rules of the Calendar under which they were admitted. He reiterated the understanding is that this course would not be offered for three years.

Dean P.J.S. Watson pointed out that what is before Senate today is what was approved by Science Faculty Board, with the understanding that the problem associated with the prerequisites would be revisited.

The Clerk noted that if this is removed from approval today, it would not be printed in the Calendar and therefore recruiting of students could not be done. He suggested that Senate accept the proposal as it stood with the understanding that this will be resolved.

Mr. S. McFee commented that this matter came to Senate last year and is back to fix the problems that arose as a result. This is the second time that this has come before Senate. He suggested sending it back to Faculty Board for a clearer plan of action. Dean Watson responding by saying that last year it was a viable program that was put together in a hurry. It was viable but needed improvement. This is the program they want to advertise and they believe that it will attract students.

It was then MOVED (Mills, Makin) AS AN AMENDMENT

that the Computation Biochemistry and Computation Biology be removed from consideration under the motion, and referred back to the Science Faculty Board for a resolution of the issue of prerequisites for these two programs, including 69.207\* as a prerequisite for 69.380\*.

THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED.

THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, WAS CARRIED.

The Clerk drew Senate's attention to the wording changes made by the Executive at its last meeting (see Executive minutes 2493 #3.2).

### **5.5 Co-op Office Report**

Senate received, for information and comment, this Report, dated October 1999 (Appendix G).

Mr. Maguire questioned the lack of student involvement in the Co-op Employers Advisory Council, and the fee increases. Ms Rosemary Carter, Office Manager, stated that it is important to have input from students, noting that there is a formal group but that they are very busy, but they try to meet once a term. She added that there are three advisory bodies for faculty, students and employers. On the question of fee increases, she stated that the actual fees have not gone up in three years, and that it's just that more students are paying the fees.

### **6. Report of the Senate Curriculum Committee re Undergraduate Curricular and Related Changes for 2000-01**

Senate considered this Report, dated 2 January 2000 (Appendix H).

It was MOVED (Chan, Mortimer)

that Senate approve the major course and minor program changes, as outlined in the Report (Appendix H).

Prof. R. Jeffreys commented on the minor course changes for Linguistics and Applied Language Studies (Appendix H, p. 7), stating that there is no indication of where these courses are housed. He suggested listing them under the heading of "College of the Humanities", on pp. 11-14 of the Report. The Clerk stated that the language courses will be stated, including a course description, with their own masthead in the Calendar.

It was then MOVED (Jeffreys, Lipsett-Rivera)

that the surviving literature courses in German, Italian, Russian and Spanish, listed on pp. 11-14 of the Report, be relocated under the College of the Humanities.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS CARRIED.**

Ms D. Foreman commented that the changes for the College of the Humanities did not have student input, and suggested that Senate be very careful about approving items without this input. The President stated that Senate should be careful about delaying approved items that have been approved by Faculty Boards on the grounds that attendance at the Faculty Board meeting had been incomplete.

Prof. Mills questioned the approval of the Computational Sciences changes, p. 23 of the Report, in light of Senate's decision in item #5.4 above. The Clerk stated that this is only for major course and minor program changes, and not major program changes.

THE MOTION, to approve the changes, AS AMENDED, WAS CARRIED.

### **7. Report of the Senate Committee on Admission and Studies Policy re Undergraduate Regulation Changes for 2000-01**

Senate considered this Report, dated 15 December 1999 (Appendix I).

It was MOVED (Mortimer, Tan)

that Senate approve the regulation changes, as outlined in the Report (Appendix I).

Mr. Makin questioned the rationale for the residency requirement for the Bachelor of International Business (Appendix I, p. 3). Prof. V. Kumar, Director of the School of Business, stated that this is for students who enter into the program in the second year; this is for consistency.

Mr. S. Maguire suggested adding the words "at Carleton" in the last line of the description after the words "7.0 credits". Prof. Kumar stated that this is implied.

Prof. Mills questioned the non-requirement for OAC Physics for Software Engineering. The Clerk stated that this does not waive the requirement, but allows for some flexibility. Prof. Mills questioned whether discussions with the Science departments had taken place. Prof. S. Godfrey confirmed that extensive discussion had taken place in Physics.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

### **8. Motion for Academic Amnesty**

Senate considered a notice of motion on this matter, dated 9 December 1999 (Appendix J).

Mr. J. Belfontaine, President of CUSA, gave the background on this matter.

Prof. S. Lipsett-Rivera noted that CUASA has donated \$1,000 for buses to transport people to Parliament Hill. In supporting this motion, she added that everyone, not just the students, suffer from the lack of funding.

It was MOVED (Belfontaine, Lipsett-Rivera)

that the Senate of Carleton University supports the objectives of the Carleton University Students' Association in eliciting more support from the federal and provincial governments for university students. To that end, the Senate requests that faculty make every effort to accommodate those students who wish to participate in the February 2, 2000 "Day of Action". For example, faculty are requested not to schedule tests on February 2 and to make accommodation for students who miss laboratory periods on that day.

Prof. P.N. Rowe suggested that the words "if possible" be added at the end of the motion.

Prof. C. Lundy questioned why have classes at all on that day, and suggested cancelling classes in order to join in the solidarity.

It was therefore MOVED (Lundy, Mutton) as an AMENDMENT

that academic programs be cancelled on February 2, 2000.

Prof. Godfrey spoke against the amendment because of difficulties in rescheduling laboratories for Science and Engineering.

Prof. Rowe stated that, to have any meaning, people have to decide to join in the event and not go to class.

Prof. M. Glass commented on one's democratic right to rally, and suggested adding to the amendment the words "if possible" for laboratories.

Dr. G.S. Adam challenged the substance of the amendment, and in speaking against it, he stated that the motion facilitates an opportunity for students to take part in the event.

Ms S. Al-Haddad, President of GSA, commented that this day would not be a holiday, adding that if Senate should cancel classes this would show support.

Ms Foreman commented that by adding the words "if possible" will not allow students in Engineering and Science to participate.

Prof. K. Matheson stated that cancelling everything could be very problematic.

Ms F. Khan spoke against the amendment, stating that it's a student's right to be able to choose whether to participate in the rally or attend class.

Prof. B. Elliott commented that cancelling classes could be viewed by some as a holiday. He stated that he would vote against the amendment, and would reorganize his classes as best he could to accommodate students who wished to participate in the rally.

Mr. M. Makin commented that the original motion is good as it allows for flexibility.

THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT CARRIED.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED, UNANIMOUSLY.

## **9. Presentation of the Horizons Project**

Dean L. Librande made a presentation on the Horizons Project (Appendix K), followed by a statement by Prof. B. Mortimer, Chair of the Senate Committee on Admission and Studies Policy.

Prof. Mortimer commented that SCASP had met in January to consider the Report of the Advisory Group on Academic Regulations (AGAR). The Committee approved the recommendations in broad terms and felt that the Report should go to faculty boards for comment, adding that the Report and supporting documents are available on the SCASP website. Faculty Boards have been asked to make their comments known by 10 March 2000. SCASP will then attempt to produce a consensus from these submissions. They anticipate that some changes will be necessary and they do welcome suggestions. Their plan is to produce a final version of the new rules by 25 April, in time for Senate's consideration on 5 May 2000, which would fit with the implementation of the Banner system.

Ms Foreman stated that this is very exciting and good for the future. She encouraged Faculty Boards, when considering the recommendations, to keep in mind the bigger picture of the goals of the University in the long term.

Prof. Kumar commented on this mammoth and long-awaited task, stating that it was heartening to see what progress is being made. He questioned the "one-stop" service for students, asking if this would also include loans, awards, parking, etc. Dean Librande commented that there would be other service sites, but that registrarial/advising is the building block.

Prof. C.L. Tan commented that he is in favour, in general, of harmonizing rules and regulations across the University, but questioned professional programs that have external obligations. Prof. Mortimer stated that, if necessary, variation might be required because of accreditation.

Ms G. Mutton asked if any other universities have been through a similar process. Dean Librande commented that a lot of universities in Canada and the United States are in renewal. Toronto has been through some and they now have a single marking system.

Mr. Makin commented about a concern, viz., with technology now, why can students not have a total one-stop service. Dean Librande commented on a report he received on accommodation or space, and it raises all of these issues. What we have to do is actually come to grips with reality. This is a new outlook and responsibility.

The President commented that, in order to make these changes, we will have to put a moratorium on academic changes for a year. We will have to complete all of the academic changes for the next two years in this academic year and these will have to be done by May. He noted that Dr. Adam will chair a committee where a Dean feels some changes are necessary. The committee will consist of two divisional representatives, the Clerk of Senate and the Dean of Students. Proposals will go to the Vice-President (Academic), and then the committee will look at it to determine if it should go ahead, and if so, it will go on to Senate for consideration. Mr. Belfontaine questioned the lack of student involvement on this Committee. The President explained that the preference would be not to have a student representative because it will have to meet fairly quickly, but he further agreed to bring this matter back to Senate Executive for consideration.

Prof. R. Goubran stated his agreement with the whole concept of the Horizons Project, adding that while it is customer driven, the professors side needs to be kept in mind.

## **10. Report on the Activities of the Board of Governors**

Senate received, for information and comment, this Report (Appendix L).

There were no comments.

## **11. Report of the Academic Colleague on the COU Meeting of 17 December 1999**

Senate received, for information and comment, this Report, dated 18 December 1999 (Appendix M).

There were no comments.

## **12. Executive Action re Post-Graduation Change to a Student's Academic Record**

See Executive minutes 2492 #1 and Confidential Appendix A to those minutes.

## **13. Executive Action re Update on Admission Statement**

See Executive minutes 2494 #6 and Appendix C to those minutes.

## **14. Other Business**

### **14.1 OCGS Appraisal Result: Ph.D. Program in Economics**

The Clerk reported that the above-noted program has been appraised as "good quality".

### **14.2 Motion for Academic Amnesty**

Mr. McFee asked if the Board could be apprised of the spirit of this motion (see item #8, Appendix J). The President concurred.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.