

Minutes of a Meeting
of the
Carleton University Senate
Held on Friday, 18 February 2005
at 2:20 p.m.
in the Senate Room, Robertson Hall

(Subject to Confirmation)

R.J. Van Loon presiding.

Attendance

C. Arcand, J. Armitage, R.C. Blockley, A. Brook, M. Brown, C.H. Chan (Clerk), S. Dalby, G. Davis, L. de la Gorgendiere, R. Donaldson, C. Dornan, S. Fai, L. Fontein, M. Foss, L. Frankel, T. Garvey, B. Gianni, J.-G. Godin, R. Hafez, F. Hamdullahpur, R. Holton, D. Howe, A. Jacobs, R. Jeffreys, T. Jennissen, P. Kalyniak, R. Laird, G. Larose, A. Loiselle, D. Long, M. Mac Neil (Acting Dean, PAM), K. March, I. Marsland, A. Matrawy, G. McKnight, B. Mortimer, C. Neumann, M.H. Ogilvie, S. Pal, T. Phillips, S. Robinson, J.J. Salinas, K. Schwartz, M. Smith, S. Solowski, A. Tierney.

Regrets

M. Atanya, P. Attallah, L. Bertossi, J. Breakspear, L. Cohen, V. Dehejia, M. Fox, M. Garneau, B. Gillingham, K. Graham, A. Harrison, Z. Khan, R. Lifeso, R. Liu, S.A. Mahmoud, F. Michel, L. Pal, P. Robinson, C. Saab, M. Shams, A. Turcotte, D.R. Watt, C. Wienand, Y. Zhao.

Absent

G. MacIsaac, A. Ramierez.

1. Chair's Remarks

The President, as Chair, made the following remarks:

1.1 Rae Commission Report

The President reported that the above-noted Report is now contained on the web. He noted that the recommendations contained in the Report are consistent with those put forward by the Council of Ontario Universities, adding that now the environment for the preparation of the provincial budget is very good. He noted that the first recommendation calls for new legislation that governs post-secondary education, and COU is not in favour of the proposed new Council that will monitor and examine the agreements between the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and universities.

He noted that tuition fees and student aid go hand in hand, and this would have to be in place before fees can be deregulated.

2. Minutes

The following sets of Minutes were approved (Mortimer, Blockley):

Senate Minutes, 28 January 2005;
Executive Minutes, 8 February 2005.

In connection with the Senate minutes of 28 January, the Clerk noted on p. 4780, first paragraph, the First Year Seminar course number should be "1608".

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1 Report re Student Attitudes toward Registration 2004

In connection with the Senate minutes of 28 January, p. 4783, item #13, Ms A. Tierney, Dean of Student Affairs, reported that the figure of 3,000 advising appointments pertained only to first year students, adding that, in total, there were over 8,000 appointments made last year.

3.2 Approval of a First Year Seminar Course, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

The Clerk reported that he, on behalf of the Senate Executive, approved a new First Year Seminar course, FYSM 1609 (Appendix A).

3.3 Grade Review for Oral Presentations

In connection with the Senate minutes of 28 January, p. 4777, item #2.2, Mr. M. Brown questioned whether the above-noted matter had been discussed by the Academic and Research Committee. The President stated that this had not yet been discussed by the Committee, but would be in the near future, and he agreed to report back to Senate on the matter at its meeting at the end of April.

4. Report of the Senate Electoral Officer

The Clerk, as Senate Electoral Officer, reported on several electoral matters (see Executive minutes 2647-8 #3) noting the election results of the undergraduate student to Senate (Appendix B).

5. Recommendation of the Senate Executive re Published Admissions Cut-offs

Senate considered the above-noted recommendation, as outlined in the Report, dated 8 February 2005 (Appendix C).

It was MOVED (Mortimer, McKnight)

that Senate approved the recommendation of the Senate Executive re Published Admissions Cut-offs, as outlined in the Report (Appendix C).

Ms S. Gottheil, Associate Vice-President (Enrolment Management), noted that there are more than 250 recruitment publications where the cut-offs are published, as well as on the University's website.

Prof. R. Laird questioned the need to publish this being as students apply to a program, not a university, adding that the appropriate place for admission standards is in the programs themselves. Prof. D. Long commented that this merely states the minimum in order for potential students to be considered, and therefore it is important information.

As a result of some discussion, it was agreed that Associate Vice-President (Enrolment Management) would make some editorial changes to the Calendar language.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

6. Report on the Activities of the Board of Governors

Senate received, for information and comment, the above-noted Report (Appendix D).

There were no comments.

7. Report of the Academic Colleague on the COU Meeting of 3-4 February 2005

Senate received, for information and comment, the above-noted Report, dated 8 February 2005 (Appendix E).

There were no comments.

8. Report on Executive Action re Late Curricular and Related Changes for 2005-06, Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research

The Clerk reported on Executive action taken in this regard (see Executive minutes 2648 #4 and Appendix B to those minutes).

9. Other Business

9.1 Appointments Made Contrary to the Advertising Policy

The Clerk reported on four appointments made in this regard (Appendix F).

9.2 Executive Attendance

Mr. M. Brown requested that the Executive minute reflect those members in attendance, as well as those who have sent regrets, and those absent.

9.3 Learning Commons

It was agreed to invite Dr. A. Harrison, Provost and Vice-President (Academic), to speak to the above-noted matter at the next meeting of Senate.

9.4 Centralized Timetable

It was agreed that the matter of implementing a centralized timetable would be brought to Senate at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.