

SENATE MEETING MINUTES **November 18, 2011**

The 536th Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, November 18, 2011, at 2:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr. D. Naulls, Chairperson, presided.

PRESENT: Dr. Dodds, Dr. Gauthier, Dr. Dixon, Dr. Enns, Dr. Naulls, Dr. Barclay, Dr. Bjornson, Dr. Ivanoff, Dr. Kimery, Dr. Neatby, Dr. Pendse, Dr. Russell, Dr. Sewell, Dr. Stinson, Dr. Street, Dr. Sun, Dr. van Proosdij, Ms. Marie DeYoung, Mr. Hotchkiss, Mr. Gordon Michael, Ms. MacDougall, Ms. Keyes, and Ms. Bell, Secretary to the Office of Senate.

REGRETS: Dr. Fullerton, Dr. Smith, Dr. Vessey, Dr. Austin, Dr. Barr, Mr. Gomez, Ms. MacDonald, and Mr. Hahn.

Meeting commenced at 2:34 P.M.

11024 **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**
The report of the Agenda Committee was accepted.

11025 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2011, were *circulated* as **Appendix A**.

Moved by Dixon, and seconded, **‘that the minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2011 are approved as circulated.’ Motion carried.**

11026 **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**
.01 **Academic Regulations Committee Calendar of Events circulated as Appendix B**

Moved by Dixon and seconded, **“that the Calendar of Events for 2012-2013 is approved as submitted.” Motion Carried**

.02 **Research Ethics Board annual report circulated as Appendix C.**
• The Committee was commended for the scope of the report and their good work.

11027 **REPORT OF JOINT COMMITTEES**
.01 **Honorary Degree Committee recommendations circulated as Appendix D**

- A brief background was presented on the individuals being recommended

Moved by Dodds and seconded, “that the Senate approve the nominees as submitted by the Honourary Degrees Committee.”
Motion carried.

11028 **NEW BUSINESS FROM**

None

11029 **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

Dr Gauthier advised the members:

- MOU negotiations are continuing. Working groups tabled their reports in September. Teams that met recently are looking at components other than the funding formula. An MOU may be struck that focuses on those elements. It is not clear whether the funding formula will be part of the new MOU.
- In terms of budget, the Premier is preparing to make a presentation to the Chamber of Commerce on December 7. No announcement or decision is expected in relation to the MOU.
- During this year’s budgetary process, it is unlikely that administrative units will be asked to consider a 5% cut for the next academic year.
- A second consultation draft of the Academic Plan is available on the website at <http://www.smu.ca/academic/plan/plan2012.html>. Senators were asked to review the draft and provide feedback.

11030 **QUESTION PERIOD**

- Question: Will the new Academic Plan impact the budget? Answer: Once we have an approved plan, a committee will be stuck to look at the resource implications.
- Question: Will the situation affect the scheduling of the internal budget process? Answer: Our budget process for 2012-2013 is already underway. The annual budget contains a three-year projection which is carried forward. This projection is reviewed during the process and may be revised if necessary given the current environment. The University Budget Overview is presented to Senate for discussion at the March meeting before it is implemented. Members will have a chance to provide feedback at that meeting.

11031 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 P.M.

Barb Bell,
Secretary to the Office of Senate