

Minutes

MEETING OF THE SENATE

Senator Deakin noted that departmental graduate assistants are now aware that graduate students can be added to the degree list virtually up until the time of Convocation, resolving the issue for these students in this situation.

2. **From Senator Notash, asking how the University will direct the advisory committee for the selection of the Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic) to take into account recommendations of the DARE report while considering the applicants and their competencies. Written response provided by Principal Woolf.**

Senator Notash said she was satisfied with the answer.

3. **From Senator Stevens, asking about the “Framework Agreement” between Queen’s University and the Alma Mater Society, dated April 28, 2010, the Student Life Centre in the Queen’s Centre and the Constitution of the John Deutsch University Centre. Response provided by C. Davis, Vice-Principal (Finance and Administration).**

VP (Finance and Administration) C. Davis referred to the Framework Agreement included in the May 26 Senate agenda, which sets terms governing negotiations between the University and the AMS. Since the agreement was signed, it has become clear that the Society of Graduate and Professional Students (SGPS) should have been involved. Ms. Davis referred to April 30 Board of Trustees meeting where Mr. Qureshy spoke about the issue in his report to the Board, and where she apologized for the oversight. She noted that the signing of the agreement by the AMS and the University took the SGPS completely by su

2. Academic Development and Budget Review (Appendix G, page 85)

a) Proposal to introduce a B.A. program with a minor concentration in World Language Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science

Moved by Senator Silverman, seconded by Senator Scott, that Senate approve the proposal to introduce a BA Minor in World Language Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science with an implementation date of 1 September, 2010.

In response to a question from Senator R. Chaudhry on whether current students would be able to receive a degree in the program, Associate Dean (Studies) J. Pierce replied that new registrants will be able to start this program in September.

Senator Notash questioned how the name of the program was chosen, given that no new courses will be offered and that only 10 languages are taught at Queen's. Professor Pierce replied that the program allows students to take language courses on a letter of permission from other institutions for credit. If new languages were to be introduced at Queen's, they could also be added to this program.

In response to a question from Senator S. Chowdhury about the implications for future minor programs in languages, Professor Pierce noted that the introduction of minors in other languages is dependent upon funding. He noted that the Office of Advancement is working with the Faculty of Arts and Science toward raising money for new minors, such as Islamic Studies.

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b) Proposal to introduce a B.A. (Honours) program with a major concentration in Linguistics in the Faculty of Arts and Science

Senator Silverman noted that a general trend in the Faculty of Arts and Science is to replace special fields with major and minor concentrations. He noted that major concentrations are less resource-intensive in terms of administration, advising students and degree-auditing pr5(r)-1333. adgres.

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Senator Brien, Chair of the Advisory Review Committee, noted that the Centre is recognized nationally for research into chronic disease, drug therapies and health services, and that the advisory committee was unanimous in its decision to advise the Dean to renew the Centre for another five years.

VIII OTHER BUSINESS

Principal's Report for May Senate 2010

The Principal is traveling on University business. After a fund-raising trip to Western Canada, he is now accompanying Premier McGuinty on a trade mission to Israel and the West Bank. Prior to the official start to the mission, he renewed ties at Tel Aviv University and met with senior officials there as well as meeting with senior administrators and academics from two Palestinian institutions, Birzeit University in Ramallah and Al Quds University in Jerusalem. Later in the week he will be visiting two Universities in Haifa, Technion and Haifa University, and subsequently spending a day at Bar-Ilan University outside Tel Aviv.

The Principal is continuing with his visits to academic departments (most recently German and Film Studies) and with his Town Hall meetings. A recent meeting with staff at the Faculty of Education proved to be very useful.

Convocations will soon be taking place on campus. This is a very important time for our graduating students and faculty members are encouraged to attend the ceremonies at Grant Hall.

Queen's Mini-U will be taking place on the weekend of May 28-30. This has proven to be an increasingly popular event both for alumni and for others from outside the University. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. More information can be found on the Mini-U website. Mini-U also coincides with this year's Spring Reunion. If you see alumni on campus during or around that time, please make them welcome.

Three members of the Queens administration will shortly be finishing their terms of office:

After having guided the Faculty of Health Sciences as Dean and Director of the School of Medicine for the past 10 years, David Walker is stepping down. He has been instrumental in moving the faculty in a number of significant directions including enhancement of the curriculum, increasing enrollment, supporting the outreach to the community, government relations and putting in place the new medical building, to speak only of these. He will be sorely missed, and I asked you to join me in thanking him.

As well, Associate Vice-Principal and Dean Janice Deakin will be leaving us at the end of June to take up a position as Provost at the University of Western Ontario. During her years at Queen's, she has filled many roles including Acting Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs, and most recently Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. She has served on numerous committees and was instrumental in the growth of our graduate programs. Her imagination and hard work have enriched Queens, as I am sure they will enrich her new home. Please join me in thanking her.

Finally, Vice-Principal Kerry Rowe will be finishing his second term as Vice-Principal Research in August and I am very pleased that he will continue his world-renowned research and teaching here at Queen's in the Department of Civil Engineering starting in the fall. Over Kerry's decade of leadership, research funding at Queen's has more than doubled and for the past six years, Queen's has achieved the top ranking for faculty research awards based on the number of full-time professors per thousand who have won national awards. Please join me in thanking him.