

## **Minutes of the April 8, 2009 Faculty Governance Committee Meeting**

**Present:** Jonathan Hill (Chair), Paddy Dale, Bob Entenman, Tina Garret, Kris Macpherson, Karen Marsalek, Jim May, Bruce Nordstrom-Loeb, Arnie Ostebee, Wes Pearson, Steve Reece, Doug Schuurman.

Jonathan Hill called the meeting to order at 3.33pm.

The minutes of the meeting of 3/18 were approved.

Jonathan Hill reported that contrary to precedent, the May 2009 Faculty meeting will consider new business and presented to the committee three proposals for the modification of procedures for elections to faculty committees, which, if approved, would be sent to the May Faculty Meeting. They were:

1. that the Faculty Governance Committee (FGC) run the elections for committee members from the individual Faculties
2. that the FGC appoint the Parliamentarian and Secretary to the Faculty
3. that at least one representative from each Faculty on the Curriculum Committee be a tenured member of the faculty.

Discussion of 2. was approved, the importance of the “ideological neutrality” of the incumbents was noted and the motion was carried unanimously.

Discussion of 3. was approved, the importance of “institutional memory” and the potential need to ask colleagues to revise courses was noted and the motion was passed unanimously.

Bob Entenman requested that due to the ambiguity with reference to the faculty as a whole, the committee consider changing the title of the sub-divisional Faculties to another one, such as Division or School. The committee agreed to reconsider the question following “summer reflection.”

Discussion of 1. was approved. The inefficiency of the current need to elect individual Faculty Nominating Committees was noted. Jonathan Hill stressed the importance of conferring with the Faculty Associate Deans before the committee took final action. The motion was tabled until the next meeting.

The committee considered the necessary modifications to the Faculty Manual in light of motions 2 and 3, and anticipated those that would follow if motion 1 were to be adopted.

The committee noted the need to change reference to the “physical education department” to “Exercise Science Department” in Section 3 IV B 8 c of the Faculty Manual.

The committee discussed whether or not service on committees might be allowed to run beyond the two terms currently specified in Section 3 IV A 10 of the Faculty Manual. Discussion was suspended.

Jim May requested that the committee identify five of its members to meet with the Board of Regents between 1.00-2.45pm on Thursday April 30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4.45.

Respectfully Submitted

Paddy Dale  
Secretary pro tem