

FACULTY BOARD, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
Minutes of Meeting, October 1, 2009
Botterell Hall, Room B143 @ 5:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with approximately 20 members present and shortly after attendance enlarged to 26 present. The addition to the agenda being a motion to approve a Graduate Senator which D. Edgar, Chair of the Nominating and Procedures Committee will bring forward under his report item # 6.

2. **Approval of the Minutes of May 7, 2009**

It was ***moved*** by J. Brien and ***seconded*** by E. Culham that the minutes of May 7, 2009 be approved. **CARRIED**

3. **Information Items:**

• **Graduation Numbers from Spring Convocation:**

Medicine: 101

Nursing: 68

Rehabilitation Therapy: 1,

It was reported that all Rehabilitation Therapy students now graduate in the fall rather than the spring.

• **Bob Henry Award – Terms of Reference**

Approved by School of Nursing Academic Council and School of Medicine Awards Committee and forwarded to the Student Awards Office for addition to the Medicine and Nursing Calendar.

The Bob Henry Award Terms of Reference was distributed with the Faculty Board agenda for information.

4. **Dean's Report**

• **New Principal**

D. Walker reported that the New Principal Daniel Woolf is now fully engaged in his position. He held a retreat on his 2nd and 3rd day and he is actively engaged across campus and will meet with all Faculties. He has asked that we assist him in a new academic

plan that will govern the development of a strategic plan and it will also sub-serve a capital plan for fundraising.

- **New Medical School Building**

D. Walker reported that the construction of the new medical building is underway and everyone will be invited to an official groundbreaking ceremony on October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. The fundraising for the new building is coming along. The total for the building is 77 M, the government has given 57.6 M, we have raised 13.2 M so we need 6.2 M to reach our goal.

The new medical school building is slated to open in March 2011 and you can check out the website at <http://meds.queensu.ca/building/> . The Clinical teachers have donated 1.5 M to this process.

- **University Operating Budget**

D. Walker reported that at the end of Principal Williams reign he had the University prepare a three-year operating budget. The Board of Trustees has accepted the first year but has asked that the second and third year be looked at again, years 10/11 and 11/12. We await further developments.

- **Reorganization of the Basic Sciences Department**

D. Walker reported that the Advisory Group on Restructuring (AGoR) has completed its work to date and will now be putting out the document for comments and further contemplation on a process that will lead to discussion at every level, on route to Senate and implementation.

I. Young reported that it has been a long process, with AGoR meeting 16 times for 3 hours at a time. It has been a very interesting design process. A proposal for a model will be put out shortly. A town hall meeting will be organized in the third week of October with the proposal distribution just prior to that for everyone's feedback.

- **Search – Associate Dean Graduate and Post-Doctoral Education**

D. Walker reported that the School of Graduate Studies has restructured and have downloaded the responsibilities to the individual Faculties. Dr. B. Bennett has volunteered to be the

interim Associate Dean Graduate and Postdoctoral Education for the Faculty of Health Sciences and a search is underway for the Associate Dean.

I. Young reported that central administration made a decision to evolve the responsibility of the graduate programs to the individual Faculties that has presented us with an opportunity to turn the position into a leadership position. We are expanding the portfolio to include graduate programs and Postdoctoral education and fellows.

5. School of Rehabilitation Therapy

- **Introduction of New Faculty – Drs. T. Parsons and N. Deshpande**

E. Culham introduced the following new faculty to the School of Rehabilitation Therapy

Dr. N. Deshpande

Dr. Deshpande joined the School of Rehabilitation Therapy, Physical Therapy program on July 1, 2009. Dr. Deshpande received her BSc. in Physical Therapy from the Medical College, University of Bombay in India. She did her MSc (Rehabilitation Sciences) at Queen's and her PhD (Kinesiology, at the University of Waterloo). She went on and did Postdoctoral work (Clinical Research Branch, NIA, NIH, USA). Her research interest is broadly in ageing factors responsible for sustaining mobility in older adults specific interests on the path of ageing and the pathological conditions on peripheral sensory functions, sensory integration processes and their impact on control. Welcome back to Queen's!

Dr. T. Parsons

Dr. Parsons did her BSc (PT) and her PhD at Queen's University. Her work has been supported by Postdoctoral Fellowship through the Kidney Foundation. Her research interests are in exercise and physical activity and relation to cardiovascular consequence to renal failure. Welcome!

6. Nominating Committee

- **Motion:** “That Dr. J. Medves replace Dr. C. Baker as the Senator representing Nursing for the Faculty of Health Sciences until August 31, 2011.”

It was *moved* by D. Edgar and *seconded* by E. Culham that J. Medves replace C. Baker as Nursing Senator **CARRIED**

- **Motion:** “On behalf of the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Council, D. Edgar, Chair of the Nominating and Procedures Committee would like to move that Dr. M. Blennerhassett be approved as the Faculty of Health Sciences Graduate Faculty Senator for a three-year term. “

The motion was seconded by B. Bennett **CARRIED**

7. Discussion – Proposed Revisions to Faculty Board

- **Draft discussion paper**

D. Walker distributed a document with the agenda of a proposed revision to Faculty Board. With the establishment of academic councils in the three schools and the authority that has been delegated to them, the current function of Board has become somewhat redundant, Also the attendance has been falling steadily over the last several years. The proposal suggests that the academic councils discuss and approve the issues that are relevant to their individual schools and bring forward to a Board Executive consisting of the Secretary to the Faculty and the Directors of the three schools. The Chair position will rotate amongst the three Directors. The Board Executive will meet monthly. Minutes of these monthly meetings will be posted on the Faculty Board website. The Chair may call a meeting of all members of faculty when an item is brought forward that may have significant impact on all three schools or to have an annual meeting to bring all items that have been approved over the last year forward for information.

The creation of a Board Executive has been discussed with the University Secretariat and it was felt that the proposed new Executive Committee would meet all University requirements.

D. Walker asked that all three schools discuss this proposal at their academic councils and forward any questions or concerns they may have. This proposal will be brought back to a later meeting.

Their being no other business it was moved by J. Medves that the meeting be adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

David R. Edgar
Secretary to the Faculty