

Thompson Rivers University Senate¹ Summary of Activities

January 1—December 31, 2007



► Senate Responsibilities

The powers and duties of the Senate are outlined in the Thompson Rivers University Act. In summary, the management of the academic matters such as educational policies, criteria and curriculum are vested in the Senate.

► Meetings

The Senate meetings were held on the fourth Monday of each month (except July and August), including two additional special purpose meetings. As defined by the Thompson Rivers University Act, the Chair of Senate is the President and Vice-Chancellor; Roger Barnsley. The Vice-Chair position was determined by an election process, in which Dennis Acreman was elected for a one year term.

¹ "Senate" refers to the university council as established under section 8(1) of the Thompson Rivers University Act.

► Membership

The Senate was comprised of the following members:

Name	Term
Nancy Greene Raine, Chancellor	on-going
Roger Barnsley, President and Vice-Chancellor and Chair of Senate	on-going
Mark Evered, Provost and Vice-President, Academic	on-going
Cathy Ferguson, Alumni Member	Dec. 2008
Nancy Levesque, Library Director	on-going
Dennis Mayberry, Registrar	on-going
Gordon Tarzwell, Open Learning Administrator	on-going

Educational Administrators

Susan Duncan, School of Nursing	on-going
Ralph Finch, School of Trades & Technology	on-going
Grant Larson, School of Social Work & Human Service	on-going
Jack Miller, School of Education	on-going
Kathlyn Mitchell, Faculty of Student Development	on-going
Don Noakes, School of Advanced Technologies & Mathematics	on-going
Larry Prins, Faculty of Science	on-going
Ulrich Scheck, Faculty of Arts	on-going
David Twynam, School of Tourism	on-going
Murray Young, School of Business & Economics	on-going

Two Faculty Members of Each Academic Unit

Dennis Acreman, School of Advanced Technologies & Mathematics and Vice-Chair of Senate	Dec. 2008
Wayne Babinchuk, School of Advanced Technologies & Mathematics	Dec. 2008
Bruce Baugh, Faculty of Arts	Dec. 2008
Martin Whittles, Faculty of Arts	Dec. 2008
Warveni Jap, School of Business & Economics	Dec. 2008
Peter Tsigaris, School of Business & Economics	Dec. 2008
Laura Doan, School of Education	Dec. 2008

Patrick Walton, School of Education	Dec. 2008
Penny Powers, School of Nursing	Dec. 2008
Sharon Simpson, School of Nursing	Dec. 2008
Bruno Cinel, Faculty of Science	Dec. 2008
Donald Nelson, Faculty of Science	Dec. 2008
Mary Harber-Iles, School of Social Work & Human Service	Dec. 2008
Jeanette Robertson, School of Social Work & Human Service	Dec. 2008
Larry Iles, Faculty of Student Development	Dec. 2008
Iris Rich-McQuay, Faculty of Student Development	Dec. 2008
Jon Heshka, School of Tourism	Dec. 2008
Kimberly Johnstone, School of Tourism	Dec. 2008
Dennis Johnson, School of Trades & Technologies	Dec. 2008
Peter Poeschek, School of Trades & Technologies	Dec. 2008

4 Teaching Staff of the Open Learning Division

Rocky Mirza	Dec. 2008
Mark Salopek	Dec. 2008
Derek Knox	Dec. 2008
Diane Purvey	Dec. 2008

Student Representatives

Blair Campbell	Dec. 2007
Terry Monteleone	Dec. 2007
Natasha Pitt	Dec. 2007
Heather Robinson	Dec. 2007

Support Staff

Bernie Crawford	Dec. 2008
Andrew McKay	Dec. 2008



Approvals

► Awards

- › Lynne Wiltse, Teaching Excellence Award
- › Sandra Vermeulen, Teaching Excellence Award
- › Peter Tsigaris, Teaching Excellence Award
- › Peter Tsigaris, Scholarly Merit Award
- › Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal
– Teresa Parione

► Committees

- › Environmental Advisory Committee
(*joint committee with Board of Governors*)
- › 2007 Summer Executive Committee of Senate
- › Awards and Honours Committee
- › Instructional Development & Support Committee
- › Promotion Tenure and Faculty Standards Committee
- › Student Engagement Committee
- › Presidential Search Committee

► Honorary Degrees: Approved and Awarded

- › Rick Hansen, Honorary Doctor of Letters
(*Williams Lake Campus*)
- › Chad Gaffield, Honorary Doctor of Letters
- › Ian Tyson, Honorary Doctor of Letters
- › Daphne Odjig, Honorary Doctor of Letters
- › Peter Armstrong, Honorary Doctor of Laws
- › Gordon Gore, Honorary Doctor of Letters
- › Nancy Edwards, Honorary Doctor of Letters
- › Francis Pang, Honorary Doctor of Laws
(*Awarded at China Convocation*)

► Institutional Designations

- › Kathlyn Mitchell, Interim Dean of the Faculty of Student Development
- › Ulrich Scheck, Associate Vice-President, Academic (*Part-time*)
- › Jack Miller, Interim Dean, School of Education
- › Katherine Sutherland, Associate Dean of Arts
- › Gerry Desrochers, Director of Williams Lake Campus – two year term.

► New Programs

- › Bachelor of Arts Minor in Gender Studies
- › Bachelor of Science Honours Program in Computing Science
- › Bachelor of Arts Major in Philosophy
- › Master of Science in Environmental Science
- › Diploma in Automation Electronics Technology
- › Diploma in Telecommunication and Networking Technology
- › Heavy Duty Mechanic/Commercial Transport Vehicle Mechanic Course
- › Adventure Sports Certificate
- › Adventure Management Diploma
- › Industrial Electrician Apprenticeship
- › Glazier Apprenticeship Training
- › Residential Construction Levels 1 & 2 Certificate
- › Automotive Service Technician
- › Post-Graduate Certificate in Outdoor and Experiential Education

► Policies

- › Recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval: Changes to BRD 15-3 Emeritus Designation.
- › ED 9-1 Academic Achievement Awards (*amended*)
- › ED 16-2 Honorary Degrees (*amended*)
- › ED 3-2 Satisfactory Academic Progress (*amended*)
- › ED 3-11 New Policy on Submission of Final Grades

► Presentations

- › Lynn Joly, Associate Vice-President Planning and Human Resources and Tom Friedman, President of TRU Faculty Association, presented a report on Senate Responsibilities Arising from the TRUFU Collective Agreement, Financial Exigency and Program Redundancy.
- › Judith Murray, Vice-President Open Learning presented an update on the Open Learning Division.
- › Cathie Fornssler, Secretariat Office of the University of Saskatchewan, gave a presentation on the implementation of the new curricular approval structure in use at the University of Saskatchewan.
- › Cliff Neufeld, Vice-President of Administration and Finance presented the TRU Revenue and Expenditure Plan 2007–2008.
- › Lynn Joly, Associate Vice-President Planning and Human Resources and John Sparks, Associate Vice-President Legal Affairs reported on Presidential Search Procedures proposed by the Board.

Approvals >continued<

► Others

- > Larry Prins appointed Chair of Steering Committee.
- > Degree Quality Assessment Board (DQAB) approved new degree proposal for the Bachelor of Technology (*Trades and Technology Leadership*).
- > The selection process of the Scholarly Activity Awards forwarded to the Research Committee until such time as the Awards and Honours Committee of Senate is established.
- > Senate Summary of Activities for 2006.
- > Jon Heshka appointed Chair of Educational Programs Committee.
- > Wayne Babinchuk appointed Vice-Chair of Academic Planning and Priorities Committee.
- > "Guidelines Concerning Representation on Senate" as Appendix A – Senate Bylaws under Article IX (2) (f).
- > An excused leave of absence from Senate was approved for Derek Knox.
- > Standing Committee Reporting Schedule to Senate.
- > Recommendation to the Board for the adoption of the proposed Revenue and Expenditure Plan for TRU for the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year.
- > Bachelor of Technology in Applied Computing Science program renamed "Bachelor of Computing Science".
- > General Features of the Academic Divisional Councils approved and attached to Senate Bylaws as Appendix B.
- > TRU Strategic Plan 2007 – 2012 approved and recommended to the Board.
- > Curriculum and program durations as prescribed by the BC Industry Training Authority approved for the following programs: Culinary Arts, Levels 1, 2, & 3, Automotive Partsperson, Automotive Service Technician, Power Sports Marine Equipment, Residential Construction and the combined Welding C+ Welder Fitter program.
- > Schools, Divisions and Faculties (*excluding the Open Learning Division*) accept a single final grade and that it be left to the individual student to decide if they wish to write the government exam except in those cases where the province require students to write provincial exams, effective September 2008.
- > D. Johnson appointed to represent Senate on the Planning Council of Open Learning – term ending January 2009.
- > Amendment to Terms of Reference for the Budget committee of Senate to provide for two students nominated by TRUSU.
- > Division of Student Development renamed Faculty of Student Development.
- > Co-operative and Career Education Department renamed Career Education Department.
- > Response to the Campus 2020 Report endorsed by Senate.
- > Schedule of Events 2008/2009.
- > Chief Enrolment Officer hired.
- > Removal of the Open Learning designations on the Bachelor of General Studies and the Bachelor of Music.



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