

# Thompson Rivers University Senate<sup>1</sup> Summary of Activities

January 1—December 31, 2006



## ► 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, including two additional special purpose meetings. The inaugural meeting of the Senate was held on January 23, 2006. The Chair of Senate is the President and Vice-Chancellor Roger Barnsley, as defined by the Thompson Rivers University Act. The Vice-Chair position was determined by an election process, whereby Katherine Sutherland was appointed for a one year term. During the summer months, Senate established a Summer Executive Committee to deal with urgent matters with the understanding that all actions be reported to the entire membership.

<sup>1</sup> "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, Chair of Senate.....	on-going
Mark Evered Provost and Vice-President, Academic.....	on-going
Nancy Levesque, Library Director.....	on-going
Dennis Mayberry, Registrar.....	on-going
Cathy Ferguson, Alumni Member.....	Dec. 2008
Colin James, Associate Vice-President, Open Learning.....	on-going

### Educational Administrators

Helen Allen/Grant Larson School of Social Work & Human Service.....	on-going
Susan Duncan, School of Nursing.....	on-going
Ralph Finch, School of Trades & Technology.....	on-going
Kathryn McNaughton, School of Education.....	on-going
Don Noakes School of Advanced Technologies & Mathematics.....	on-going
Larry Prins, Faculty of Science.....	on-going
Susie Safford, Division of Student Development.....	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

Bruce Baugh, Faculty of Arts.....	Dec. 2008
Katherine Sutherland Faculty of Arts, Vice-Chair of Senate.....	Dec. 2008
Bryan Daly, Faculty of Science.....	Dec. 2008
Donald Nelson, Faculty of Science.....	Dec. 2008
Dennis Acreman School of Advanced Technologies & Mathematics.....	Dec. 2008
Wayne Babinchuk School of Advanced Technologies & Mathematics.....	Dec. 2008

Name	Term
Warveni Jap, School of Business & Economics.....	Dec. 2008
Peter Tsigaris, School of Business & Economics.....	Dec. 2008
Jack Miller, School of Education.....	Dec. 2008
Laura Doan, School of Education.....	Dec. 2008
Penny Powers, School of Nursing.....	Dec. 2008
Sharon Simpson, School of Nursing.....	Dec. 2008
Mary Harber School of Social Work & Human Service.....	Dec. 2008
Christopher Walmsley School of Social Work & Human Service.....	Dec. 2008
Jon Heshka, School of Tourism.....	Dec. 2008
Ted Wykes, School of Tourism.....	Dec. 2008
Dennis Johnson, School of Trades & Technologies.....	Dec. 2008
Peter Poeschek, School of Trades & Technologies.....	Dec. 2008
Kathlyn Mitchell Division of Student Development.....	Dec. 2008
Iris Rich-McQuay Division of Student Development.....	Dec. 2008

### 4 Teaching Staff of the Open Learning Division

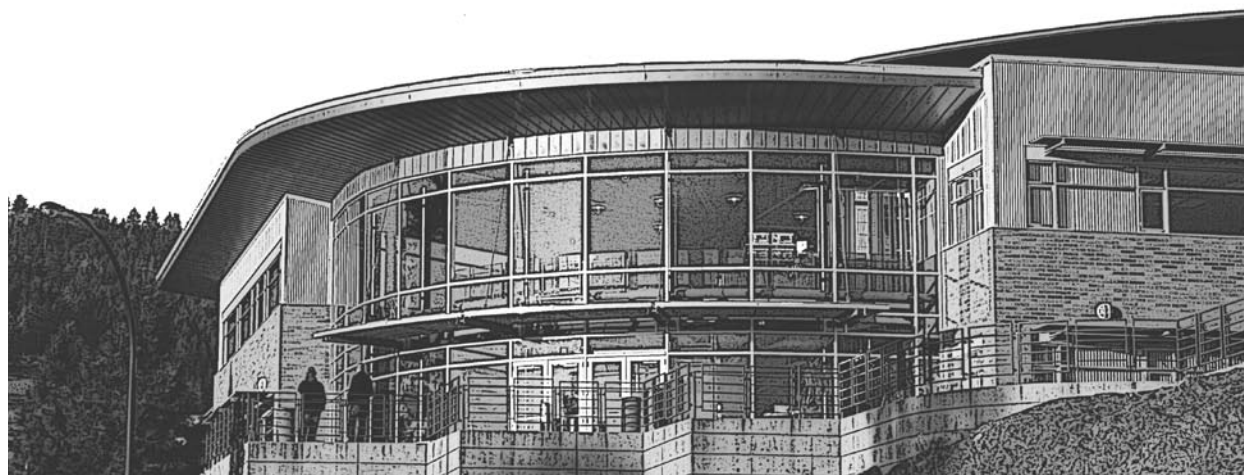
Rocky Mirza.....	Dec. 2008
Mark Salopek.....	Dec. 2008
Derek Knox.....	Dec. 2008
Diane Purvey.....	Dec. 2008

### 4 Student Representatives

Kristine Gardner.....	Dec. 2006
Dinushini Maligaspe.....	Dec. 2006
Kyle Nishimura.....	Dec. 2006
Vacancy	

### 2 Support Staff

Bernie Crawford.....	Dec. 2008
Andrew McKay.....	Dec. 2008



# Approvals

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## ► Committees

- > Selection Committee for the Associate Vice-President, Research & Graduate Studies
- > Adoption of the former UCC standing committees for TRU
- > Ad hoc Committee for the Review of the Academic Decision Making Process and Standing Committee Structure
- > Ad hoc Committee for the Review of Transferring Credentials to TRU
- > Ad hoc Committee for Suspension Appeal
- > Ad hoc Committee for Planning Task Force
- > Selection Committee for Teaching Excellence Awards
- > Selection Committee for Emeritus Designation
- > Ad hoc Committee for Class Scheduling Policy
- > Summer Executive Committee
- > Steering Committee (Interim)
- > Budget Committee
- > Academic Planning and Priorities Committee
- > Honorary Degree Selection Committee
- > Promotion and Tenure Committee
- > Sabbatical Leave Committee
- > Steering Committee
- > Research Committee
- > Educational Programs Committee

## ► Honorary Degrees

- > Manny Jules, *Honorary Doctor of Laws*
- > Fraser Mustard, *Honorary Doctor of Laws*
- > John Ciriani, *Honorary Doctor of Letters*
- > Suzanne Fortier, *Honorary Doctor of Letters*
- > Nathan Matthew, *Honorary Doctor of Letters*
- > Janet De Silva, *Honorary Doctor of Laws*

## ► Institutional Designations

- > Dr. Dennis Acreman, *Assistant Professor*
- > Dr. Linda Deutschmann, *Professor*
- > Dr. Louis Gosselin, *Associate Professor*
- > Dr. Jim Hu, *Assistant Professor*
- > Dr. Leonard Hutt, *Assistant Professor*
- > Mila Kwiatkowska, *Assistant Professor*
- > Eileen Leier, *Associate Professor*
- > Dr. Christopher Montoya, *Assistant Professor*
- > Dr. David Scheffel, *Professor*
- > Iain Stewart-Patterson, *Assistant Professor*
- > Dr. Peter Tsigaris, *Associate Professor*
- > Dr. Christopher Walmsley, *Associate Professor*

## ► Medals

- > TRU Faculty Medals:
  - Bachelor of Arts – Devon Stonehocker
  - Bachelor of Business Administration – Samara Quinton
  - Bachelor of Education – Leanne Neighbour
  - Bachelor of Fine Arts – Wendy-Anne Skjerpen
  - Bachelor of Journalism – Marcel Tetrault
  - Bachelor of Natural Resources – Tiera Machell
  - Bachelor of Nursing – Jenna Ziegler
  - Bachelor of Science – Daniel Graves
  - Bachelor of Social Work – Nicole Hagan
  - Bachelor of Tourism Management – Andrew Krenz
- > Governor General's Silver Medal – Barbara Campbell
- > Governor General's Collegiate Bronze – Lyra Lemery
- > Lieutenant Governor's Silver Medal – Ann Scott

## ► New Programs

- > Bachelor of Arts Co-op Option
- > Canadian Travel Experience Certificate
- > Teaching as a Second Language Certificate
- > Bachelor of Technology (Trades and Technology Leadership)
- > Bachelor of Business Administration (Open Learning) Leadership Concentration
- > Bachelor of Business Administration (Open Learning) Marketing Concentration
- > Bachelor of Arts Honours Program in Mathematics
- > Bachelor of Science Honours Program in Mathematics
- > Certificate and Diploma in Special Education
- > Bachelor of Arts Minor in Anthropology
- > Bachelor of Business Administration Major in Information Technology
- > Human Service Diploma
- > Police and Justice Studies Diploma

## ► Policies

- > Adoption of the former UCC and BCOU policies for TRU
- > Recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval: BRD 15-5 Adjunct Faculty
- > Recommendation to the Board of Governors for approval: BRD 15-1 Definition of Scholarly Activity
- > ED 2-5 Transferring Credentials to TRU (amendment)
- > New policy on Policy Development and Approval
- > ED 2-0 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (amendment)
- > ED 8-0 Educational Standards in Credit Courses and Programs (amendment)
- > ED 5-0 Academic Integrity (amendment)

## Approvals, continued

### ► Others

- › Change of reporting structure for the Physical Education Department from the Division of Student Development to the School of Education
- › The academic governing body to be referred to as “Senate” within the institution
- › Approval of the document entitled, “Waypoints for the Future: Revisiting TRU’s Mission, Values and Strategic Plan”
- › Bryan Daly and Iris Rich-McQuay were appointed to represent Senate on the Planning Council for Open Learning for a 3-year term
- › Senate Bylaws as amended
- › Removal of the Open Learning designation on credentials unique to the Open Learning Division
- › Nomination procedures for the Senate standing committees
- › TRU may grant replacement credentials to graduates of BCOU and BCOC
- › The Chair of Senate was delegated the authority to approve the recommendation from the Awards Committee for the Lt. Governor’s Silver Medal
- › Schedule of Events – 2007/2008
- › Report to the Campus 2020 Initiative
- › The Adventure Programs Department was renamed Adventure Studies Department
- › An excused leave of absence from Senate was approved for Warveni Jap, Ted Wykes and Christopher Walmsley

## Presentations

- › Cliff Neufeld, Vice-President, Administration & Finance, presented the TRU Operating Budget 2006–2007 and the Capital Projects Update 2006–2007
- › Tom Friedman, Donna Petri and Lynn Joly collaboratively presented the Senate responsibilities arising from the new TRUFA collective agreement
- › Mark Evered presented the recommendations on behalf of the ad hoc Committee for the Review of the Academic Decision Making Process and the Senate Standing Committee Structure

