

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 |
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| 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 Parisone

► 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.

