

Minutes of the First Meeting of Senate
(ABRIDGED; complete Minutes can be found at
<http://www.upei.ca/home/files/home/senate-sept18-2009min.pdf>)
Held Friday, September 18, 2009
ITEC Lecture Theatre, Roberston Library, 3:00 p.m.

Present: M. Brinklow McKnight, D. Buck, D. Coll, K. Critchley, T. Cullen, B. Davetian, G. Doran, M. Doyle, L. Edwards, G. Evans, J. Faria, T. Goddard, K. Gottshcall-Pass, F. Gray, R. Herbert, K. Kielly, R. Kurial, C. Lacroix, M. Leggott, A. López, M. Murray, J. MacAulay, J. MacDonald, R. MacDonald, S. MacDonald, B. MacLaine, W. MacLauchlan, C. MacQuarrie, M. O'Halloran, D. Reynolds, K. Schultz, J. Sentance, M. Shaver, D. Sims, A. Smith, H. Stryhn, M. Sweeney-Nixon, S. Thomas, J. Velaidum

Regrets: G. Bradshaw, D. Seeler, A. Trivett

Absent: C. Song

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10. Election of Presidential Search Committee

The Chair introduced this item. We are beginning the year with a couple of elections, one being Senate membership on the Presidential Search Committee. Senate is a nominating committee as a whole and we could proceed to nominations and elections today or we could serve notice today and call for nominations to be sent to the Secretary of Senate prior to the next meeting of Senate. All nominations coming forward would be captured on the VRE prior to the October 16 meeting.

In response to a question from the floor, the Chair clarified that a nominee need not be a member of Senate; however, only a Senator may bring forward a nomination. The student position can be either an undergraduate or a graduate student. Administrators are colleagues in senior roles who are neither faculty or students. The majority felt that there should be time for consultations, phone calls, visits to seek agreement to let names stand, etc. It was decided that the Secretary of Senate would send out a notice to receive nominations until Thursday, October 8 at 4:00 and names will be posted on the VRE. On a separate election matter, S. Thomas will put out a call for nominations for the search committee for Vice President Academic. The Chair reminded Senators that there is a vacancy for a Senate representative on the Board of Governors, to be elected at the October meeting.