

Senate Minutes

September 20, 2013
Senate Chamber CE-339

Vice President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost), R. Bailey called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm and welcomed new and returning Senators.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

The recording secretary took roll call and quorum was declared.

Present:

Amin Al-Turkistani, Stephen Augustine, Robert Bailey, Brennan Boudreau, Debbie Brennick, Robert Campbell, Geoff Carre, George Chen, Jane Connell, Dennis Curry, Eddie Davis, Godwin D’Cunha, Nicole Dixon, Maureen Finlayson, Oddtte Girscti, Barb Glassey, Louis Guimond, Derrick Hayes, Rany Ibrahim, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Jane Lewis, Doug Lionais, Alexis Manley, David McCorquodale, Scott Moir, Joe Parish, Joanne Pyke, Wei Shang, Scott Stewart, Mike Tanchak, Tom Urbaniak, David Wheeler, Julie-Anne Wroblewski, Eileen Smith-Piovesan, Shawn Bethke

Regrets:

Eleanor Anderson, Judy Bailey, Ed Barre, Keith Brown, Dannie Brown, Matt Latimer, Cyril MacDonald, Gordon MacInnis, Patricia McCann, Ben McNutt, Andrew Skinner

2. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

R. Bailey called for nominations for the Chair. S. Stewart nominated Doug Lionais for Chair. B. Boudreau nominated Tom Urbaniak for Chair; he declined. With no further nominations Doug Lionais was elected as Chair of Senate.

The duties of Chair were then passed to D. Lionais and he called for nominations for a Vice-Chair. G. D’Cunha nominated Tom Urbaniak for the position of Vice-Chair. With no further nominations Tom Urbaniak was elected at Vice-Chair.

Nominations for Secretary were then accepted. S. Stewart nominated Godwin D’Cunha for the position of Secretary and with no further nominations Godwin D’Cunha was elected Secretary.

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

It was moved by M. Tanchak, seconded by D. Curry to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by M. Tanchak, seconded by R. Ibrahim, to move back in to open session following a closed session discussion. **Motion Carried.**

4. Matters Forwarded for Information

A. Manley referred to a memo circulated with the meeting package detailing changes to the August CIC graduation list.

5. Special Presentations/Updates – n\a

6. Report of the President and Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

6.1 Report of the President

President Wheeler gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Congratulations were extended to the newly elected officers of Senate.
- Wendy MacKenzie's passing was acknowledged and the strong presence shown by CBU was most appreciated by her family. Discussions currently being held will result in an appropriate tribute to honour her memory.
- A tremendous start to the academic term was noted and recognition was given to everyone involved in a very successful frosh week.
- Enrolment figures appear to be strong with January numbers yet to come, holding the full picture.
- Many thanks were offered to those who assisted with the student visa issues during the summer months.
- Faculty, students and staff are encouraged to present a strong presence to show support for the Students' Union in their upcoming on campus debate.
- Development of the framework strategies continue internally and externally with a target implementation date set for January.
- Due to difficulties in Cairo the CIC convocation was postponed and regrettably, President Wheeler will be unable to attend in person but has sent a recorded video and the Canadian Ambassador will attend on his behalf.
- Dale Keefe and others are exploring possibilities for research in the area of international development.
- A President's Council on Teaching and Learning has been developed to address how CBU can remain current and on pace with regard to teaching and learning. Anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to submit your name to President Wheeler, Peter MacIntyre, Joanne Pyke or Matthias Bierenstiel.

6.2 Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

Robert Bailey gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- The Dean searches for SASS and SSOB continue with the interviews scheduled for the SASS dean over the coming weeks. SSOB interviews have not yet been scheduled. Acknowledgements were offered to Mary Keating, Interim Dean of SASS and George Karaphillis, Interim Dean of SSOB in how each has immersed themselves in their interim roles.
- The strategic action plan for academic programming continues with more to report in the coming weeks.
- Dale Keefe is working with the Research Committee to develop a research strategy.

- The delivery of CBU's BACS degree at Listuguj First Nation was launched this term. Many thanks were extended to Jane Connell, Rod Nicholls, Mary Keating and Stephen Augustine for this significant achievement.
- QA reviews continue for SSOB and SPS with a December 2013 target completion date.
- The Nursing department continues with the accreditation process with a predicted end date of February 2014.

7. Question Period – N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 It was moved by G. D'Cunha, seconded by R. Ibrahim, the approval of the minutes from the June 14, 2013 meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 7

9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

10. Report of the Executive Committee – N/A

11. Students' Union Report

On behalf of the Students' Union, Vice-President B. Boudreau gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- An online tutoring program is being offered to assist those who may have difficulties travelling to campus often.
- Discussions with MBA students have taken place to have them sign up with the Students Union.
- Successful efforts will see on campus voting which will be available to students and faculty.
- As mentioned, a debate will take place on Monday, September 23rd and faculty, students and staff are encouraged to attend.
- The newly implemented scanning system is running successfully. The newest initiative to be announced will be termed Orange Army Points. This initiative will see students receive more points for attending less popular events over the more popular events.
- Students Nova Scotia are holding discussion to replace the Chair and CBU's SU President, Matt Latimer has been elected as Treasurer.
- Frosh week was a tremendous success with higher than expected participation. Many thanks were extended to the Alumni Association, Athletics, Library, Communications department, the President's Office and each of the Schools for their support.
- Appreciation and thanks were also offered for the continued efforts in including the student voice in major events and decisions.

12. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Academic – No report.

(b) Bylaws – *Pro-temp* Chair, J. Connell, reported verbally that the committee met where she was elected as Chair. Further review of the Graduate and Academic Committee was discussed and is hoped to be presented to Senate in the near future. Outstanding bylaw updates were reviewed and the committee will be contacting these School and Departments.

(c) Nominating – *Pro-temp* Chair, G. Karaphillis referred to the slate of committee members presented in the meeting material. It was noted that the TLEC committee does not include a faculty member from SST. **It was moved** by S. Stewart, seconded by R. Bailey, that Senate accept and approve the slate of committee members as presented.

Motion carried. Abstentions: 3 Opposed: 1

(d) Planning & Review – Chair *protemp*, J. Parish, reported the committee will meet next week and will have the draft document that was circulated during the June meeting for presentation at the next meeting of Senate.

(e) QA – No report.

(f) Research – No report.

(g) TLEC – No report.

13. Board of Governors' Report

M. Keating reported verbally that the Board met on June 21, 2013 highlighting the following:

- A more formalized process is being developed by the Tributes Committee
- President Wheeler presented the strategic action plan for CBU
- The treasurer's report reflected positively
- The auditor's report stated a clean report was issued by the auditors
- An agreement was reached with the NSGEU maintenance group

On the question of the Senate representative on the Board of Governors it was noted this election takes place at the second meeting of Senate, 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting where faculty will meet to elect representatives.

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 18th.

There being no further business, it was moved by B. Boudreau to adjourn at 2:32 pm.



Godwin D'Cunha, Secretary