

Senate Minutes

November 15, 2013
Senate Chamber CE-339

Chair, D. Lionais, called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Amin Al-Turkistani, Eleanor Anderson, Judy Bailey, Ed Barre, Brennan Boudreau, Debbie Brennick, Keith Brown, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, George Chen, Jane Connell, Dennis Curry, Ed Davis, Godwin D'Cunha, Nicole Dixon, Odette Griscti, Barb Glassey, Rany Ibrahim, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Matt Latimer, Jane Lewis, Doug Lionais, Gordon MacInnis, Alexis Manley, Patricia McCann, David McCorquodale, Ben McNutt, Scott Moir, Martin Moy, Andy Parnaby, Joanne Pyke, Wei Shang, Andrew Skinner, Mike Tanchak, Tom Urbaniak, David Wheeler, Julie-Anne Wroblewski, Shawn Bethke

Regrets:

Stephen Augustine, Robert Bailey, Robert Campbell, Jane Farnsworth, Maureen Finlayson, Louis Guimond, Dale Keefe, Ben McNutt, Eileen Smith-Piovesan

Absent:

Derrick Hayes, Scott Stewart

2. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

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

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

3. Matters Forwarded for Information

3.1 MEMO: Changes to the Graduation List

A. Manley referred to the memo for the information of Senate which was circulated with the meeting documentation. The memo detailed changes and one addition to the Graduation List after its approval during the October 18th meeting of Senate.

4. Special Presentations/Updates – N/A

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

5.1 Report of the President

President Wheeler gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- A tremendous Convocation was held on October 26th where 267 credentials were granted and two honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws, *honoris causa* were presented to Shawn A-in-chut Atleo, National Chief, Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Howard Wetston, Chair and CEO, Ontario Securities Commission.
- Congratulations were offered to the women's soccer team reaching the semi-finals in Toronto.
- The Board of Governors will be holding a retreat next week to discuss future strategies and the draft documents will be tabled. After final edits these documents will be circulated to the CBU community. The Fiscal Framework draft was circulated to Senators for their information.
- Senators were reminded of the Innovation Fund and encouraged to bring forth any ideas they may have that may result in growth and development for CBU.
- President Wheeler believes that the issues that have risen with regard to the strike vote could be quickly and fairly resolved. He noted his views as to what he believes is a fundamental misunderstanding to what is being proposed. He also noted that what was reported in the Capet Times was a misunderstanding and incorrect.

On the question of a growth scenario discussion paper and where Senate's involvement will be in this process, President Wheeler replied with his belief that Senate and the academic community should be fully engaged in strategy, development and choice.

With regard to the internationalization strategy and VISA policies, K. Brown replied that a strong need for policy clarification by the Government of Canada may be forthcoming due to the pressures being received by Canadian universities. Areas of targeted growth, building on current strengths, and working with Government on area of focus that include education, are all identifiers that are being explored to reach the target.

With regard to the Innovation Fund threshold, President Wheeler replied the 100-200 students was not per annum rather per program and is based on the target of recruiting 1000 students.

In reply to the possibility of the Province increasing funding, President Wheeler advised that many scenarios are possible but he does not believe there will be a further cut. The hope is that program innovation will compliment the direction of government which may result in special funding.

5.2 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

On behalf of Dr. Bailey, G. MacInnis reported the following:

- The search for the Dean of SASS should be concluded with the next two weeks and the successful candidate should be in place for July 1, 2014. Interim Dean Keating has agreed to continue in this role until this time.

- The search for the Dean of SSOB has been short-listed to four candidates and will follow the same structure as the search for the SASS dean. Interim Dean Karaphillis has also agreed to continue in this role until July 1, 2014.
- As noted in a message circulated to the CBU community earlier in November, Dr. Bailey will not be putting his name forth to be considered for a second term as Vice President Academic.

6. Question Period - N/A

7. Approval of Minutes

7.1 It was moved by R. Ibrahim, seconded by M. Tanchak, the approval of the minutes from the October 18, 2013 meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 2

8. Business Arising from the Minutes

8.1 SharePoint

With regard to the usage of SharePoint, J. Connell advised Senate that the Executive Committee decided that to alleviate the issues with having to open each document individually, a compiled document would also be uploaded to the site. Should a Senator wish to print the copy they can open this one document to do so and that the recording secretary will not be circulating hard copies.

9. Report of the Executive Committee

On behalf the Vice Chair, T. Urbaniak, G. D’Cunha reported that the Executive committee met on November 1st to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. Highlights of this meeting and topics of discussion were as follows:

- Discussion and decision on the questions\issues raised on SharePoint.
- Discussions on the Senate retreat continue with a tentative January or February date.

10. Students’ Union Report

Students’ Union President, M. Latimer gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- The introduction of House Councils are being explored for the residences to increase the quality of student life on campus.
- All SRC members were elected during the October bi-election and the first meeting was held.
- A student assembly will be held to discuss and address any general student issues.
- With regard to the Caper Times article, it was noted they are an autonomous body and comments were offered by the Students’ Union with a respectful wish to both parties that a resolution could be reached as soon as possible.
- Conversations with administrations and other students’ unions have taken place to develop a unified voice with respect to seeking additional funding from Government.

- Capers Helping Capers has reached the half way mark of their \$20,000 target and a curling event for the cause is being planned.

11. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Academic - on behalf of Chair, S. Stewart, N. Dixon referred to the documents circulated with the meeting package.

Items for information were presented as follows:

- De-crosslist PSYC 2117 and PSYC 3301 with POLS 2117 and POLS 3133 respectively. Delist PSYC 2117 and PSYC 3301 from active calendar.
- Change in exclusions for PUBL 2104.

1. Approve Change to Program (<25%), Bachelor of Engineering Technology

It was moved by N. Dixon, seconded by M. Tanchak to approve the change to program (<25%), Bachelor of engineering Technology as presented. **Motion Carried.**

2. Approve change to Program (<25%), Bachelor of Education, Aboriginal Concentration

It was moved by N. Dixon, seconded by D. Brennick to approve the change to program (<25%), Bachelor of Education, Aboriginal Concentration as presented. **Motion Carried.**

3. Approve EMGM 4xxx: Health Emergency Management Globally

It was moved by N. Dixon, seconded by D. Brennick to approve EMGM 4xxx: Health Emergency Management Globally as presented. **Motion Carried.**

4. Approve EMGM 4xxx: Health Emergency Management in Canada

It was moved by N. Dixon, seconded by D. McCorquodale to approve EMGM 4xxx: Health Emergency Management in Canada as presented. **Motion Carried.**

(b) Bylaws

Chair, J. Connell reported verbally that the committee has met to review the graduate committee proposal which has been returned to the proponent with comments received from Senate. SPS school bylaws have been received and under review by the committee. Remaining departments and schools are reminded if their bylaws have not been reviewed to please submit at your earliest convenience.

(c) Nominating

Chair, M. Moy reported the committee met where he was elected as Chair and referred to the report circulated with the meeting documentation. It was noted that the first recommendation was being removed from its report and **it was moved** by M. Moy, seconded by M. Latimer to accept the

recommendations of Jane Farnsworth replace Joe Parish on the Planning and Review Committee and Maureen Finlayson be added to the membership of the Nominating Committee. **Motion carried.**

On the question of representation from Unama'ki College it was noted that this information was brought to their attention and the committee will follow up again.

(d) Planning and Review – Nothing to report at this time.

(e) Research

The committee met where Robert Campbell was elected as Chair.

(f) QA

The committee met where George Chen was elected as Chair.

(g) TLEC


On behalf of Chair J. Pyke, D. Brown reported that the committee met where J. Pyke was elected as Chair. The committee received a request that it be stipulated in the bylaws that a librarian sit on the committee and this request will be submitted to the Bylaws Committee.

12. Board of Governors' Report – N/A

13. Confidential Business

14. Adjournment

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2013.
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:26 pm.



Godwin D'Cunha, Secretary