

# Senate Minutes

Chair, D. Lionais, called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

## 1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

### **Present:**

Judy Bailey, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Debbie Brennick, Allen Britten, Keith Brown, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, George Chen, Ed Davis, Godwin d'Cunha, Margaret Denchman, Brandon Ellis, Odette Griscti, Derrick Hayes, Mike Hennick, Sarah Hines, Rany Ibrahim, Doug Lionais, Brittany MacAulay, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Pat Maher, Alexis Manley, Ron McCarron, David McCorquodale, Martin Moy, Mary Jane Morrison, Sheila Profit, David Rae, Wei Shang, Mark Silverberg, Laura Syms, Tom Urbaniak, Arja Vainio-Mattilla, David Wheeler, Tuma Young, Eileen Smith-Piovesan, Shawn Bethke

### **Regrets:**

Stephen Augustine, Hosam Al-Arabi, Ed Barre, Barb Glassey, Louis Guimond, Dale Keefe, Cyril MacDonald, Gordon MacInnis, Mitch Mader, Scott Moir, Andrew Petrie, Mark Silverberg, Ammar Tayeb; Jane Lewis, Elaine MacNeil

## 2. Consent Agenda

### **2.1 Research Committee**

### **2.2 Nominating Committee**

**It was moved** by E. Davis, seconded by D. Hayes to accept the reports of the Research and Nominating Committees as presented. Due to questions on the submissions of the Research Committee, the report was removed from the consent agenda and moved to the committee reports.

**Motion Carried.**

## 3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

**It was moved** by B. Ellis, seconded by T. Young to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

**It was moved** by A. Manley, seconded by D. Hayes, to move back in to open session following a discussion in closed session. **Motion Carried.**

## 4. Matters Forwarded for Information

A. Manley referred to the memos presented for the information and circulated with the meeting documentation. These memos detailed the changes to the CIC and CBU graduation lists after approval.

## **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:

- Senators were given a moment to reflect on the two recent and very sad losses to the CBU community.
- The Fall Convocation was a wonderful success and Wab Kinew and Frank MacKenna were awarded honorary degrees
- A retreat of the university presidents will be held where the Province will reveal the results of their Provincial Consultation process.

President Wheeler offered his thoughts and opinions on the possible outcomes of the process noting these are speculation at this point and the results remain to be seen.

On the question of opportunities that could arise from the Island Sandbox project, President Wheeler and Dean Rae noted this initiative is a mechanism to promote, support and explore the culture of entrepreneurship on Cape Breton Island and to create a notable impact on the local economy through entrepreneurship.

## **7. Question Period – N/A**

## **8. Approval of Minutes**

**8.1 It was moved** by M. Hennick, seconded by G. Carre, the approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 6

## **9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A**

## **10. Report of the Executive Committee**

Vice Chair, T. Urbaniak reported the Executive Committee met on October 31, 2014 to set the agenda for this meeting of Senate. The committee also discussed the Board of Governors members of Senate sitting on Senate committees to address Dr. Davis's request. An agenda of presentations for the President's Council groups has been established. The committee consisting of members from Senate, the Board of Governors and administration proposed by the President was also discussed.

## 11. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, B. Ellis reported verbally with the following highlights:

- The Student Engagement Centre had a wonderful opening only to have a pipe burst and flood the area. The clean-up is near completion and the centre should be open in the near future.
- The student councils now fully represented and approximately 25% of the membership is from the international student body.
- Due to an internal issue the Pit Grill has been closed and the executive is working diligently to resolve the issues and hopes to have it reopened as soon as possible.
- Trial dates of December 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> have been set for the CFS litigation. John Westall will be representing the CBUSU and has given an optimistically hopeful opinion for a successful outcome.
- The SU has been speaking with Student Services to determine the best ways to communicate mental health services available to students and ways to ensure as much of the students body is made aware as possible.

In reply to a question if faculty could have the information to forward to their students, B. Ellis replied that they would absolutely provide that and welcomed any support faculty can provide.

## 12. Reports of Other Committees

**(a) Planning & Review** –Chair, G. Carre, referred to report circulated with the meeting documents. The report contained the committee's views and submissions for the pre-budget report and Senators were asked for their thoughts, opinions, or suggestions on the presented issues being considered. After a thorough discussion, G. Carre noted he would take the thoughts and opinions offered back to the committee to be included in the pre-budget report.

**(b) Bylaws** – Chair, J. Bailey, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material and noted there was nothing further to add.

**(c) TLEC** – Chair, P. Maher, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material and noted there was nothing further to add.

**(d) QA** – Chair, G. Chen reviewed the report circulated with the meeting material.

**(e) Academic** – No report.

**(f) Research** – On behalf of the Chair, G. D'Cunha referred to the documents circulated with the meeting documents.

1. **It was moved** by G. D'Cunha, seconded by D. Hayes to accept the revised President's Award for Excellence in Research document as presented.

It was noted that in the last line of the opening paragraphs the document reads "...will take place at the Spring Convocation.", this should be updated to the President's Academy Recognition Dinner.

On the question as to why research chairs are eligible for this award it was noted that the committee wanted it to be open to as many individuals as possible. G. D'Cunha noted he would take the comments and opinions offers on this point back to the committee for further discussion.

Accepting the amended change to the location for presentation, **motion carried.**

2. **It was moved** by G. D'Cunha, seconded by T. Brann-Barrett to accept the revised Integrity in Research and Scholarship policy as presented. It was noted that the change in title of the VP Academic is not reflected in 11.1 and a friendly amendment was accepted to change the wording to the Vice President Academic. **Motion carried.**

## 12. Board of Governors' Report

J. Bailey reported that the Board of Governors met on October 16<sup>th</sup> and highlighted the following from the meeting:

- President Wheeler gave a status report
- Gordon MacInnis presented the Treasurer's Report
- The CBU Investments continuing to perform well
- A Board retreat will be held in December
- Donnie MacIsaac gave a presentation on Campus Deferred Maintenance

## 13. Confidential Business – N/A

## 14. Adjournment

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2014.  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:04 pm.

  
Sheila Profit, Secretary