

Senate Minutes

December 12, 2014
Senate Chamber CE-339

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

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Judy Bailey, Ed Barre, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Debbie Brennick, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, Ed Davis, Godwin D’Cunha, Brandon Ellis, Mike Henick, Sarah Hines, Dale Keefe, Jane Lewis, Doug Lionais, Brittany MacAulay, Gordon MacInnis, Elaine MacNeil, Mitch Mader-Ramsay, Pat Maher, Alexis Manley, David McCorquodale, Martin Moy, Mary Jane Morrison, Andrew Petrie, Sheila Profit, David Rae, Wei Shang, Tom Urbaniak, Arja Vainio-Mattila, Tuma Young, Shawn Bethke

Regrets:

Hosam Al-Arabi, Stephen Augustine, Allen Britten, Keith Brown, George Chen, Margaret Dechman, Barb Glassey, Odette Griscti, Louis Guimond, Derrick Hayes, Rany Ibrahim, Cyril MacDonald, Bernie Macennan, Erna MacLeod, Ron McCarron, Scott Moir, Mark Silverberg, Eileen Smith-Piovesan, Ammar Tayeb, David Wheeler

Absent:

Laura Syms

The Chair welcomed Dr. David Gerbasi who was attending on behalf of Louis Guimond.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Academic Committee

It was moved by B. Ellis, seconded by J. Bailey to accept and approve the following items submitted by the Academic Committees as presented:

- 1) ENGL 2601 Oral Literature (for information)
- 2) French Language Acquisition Regulations
- 3) MUSI 2XXX Roots Music & Acoustic Pop
- 4) MUSI 2XXX Singer-Songwriter
- 5) Certificate in Quantitative and Qualitative Psychology Research Methods
- 6) Proposed Calendar of Events 2016-2017

Motion Carried.

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session – N/A

- 4. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A**
- 5. Special Presentations/Updates**

5.1 President's Council on Multiculturalism – Shawn Bethke

In response to a request from Senate, Shawn Bethke presented an overview of the President's Council on Multicultural Learning. He detailed the creation and purpose of the council along with its vision, mandate, the five pillars, make up and future goals.

5.2 President's Council on Teaching & Learning – Peter MacIntyre

Also in reply to Senate's request, Peter MacIntyre presented an overview of the President's Council on Teaching and Learning. He described the creation of the council, its purpose, council members and its current and future activities.

Following the presentations S. Bethke and P. MacIntyre responded to comments and questions concerning student representation and roles on both councils, a system of reporting, classroom technologies, possible collaborations with the Canadian Coast Guard College, representation of a Dean on both councils, and the need for the development of Terms of Reference. In conclusion, Senate was encouraged to forward any further comments, questions or suggestions to any member of the councils.

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

6.1 Report of the -President Academic & Research (Provost)

Dale Keefe gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Dean McCorquodale has been elected Chair of the Council of Science Atlantic
- A joint team from CBU, NSCC Marconi and UIT, paired with students from Loughborough University in Leicestershire, U.K. won Island Sandbox's Social Storm Hackathon.
- A group from CBU visited DMZ in Ryerson's (Canada's top university business incubator) in collaboration with the Island Sandbox.
- The Honours Society banquet was held on November 27th.
- The Deans presented School visions to the Board of Governors on December 5th.
- Stephanie McQuarrie and Corrine MacIsaac were finalists in the Discovery Awards held on November 20th.
- The induction ceremony of Ashlee Cunsolo-Willox to the Royal Society of Canada's College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists was held on November 21st.
- The newest issue of Research matters is complete and will be available online in coming days.
- The Annual Research Report and Explorations Breakfast will be scheduled for early in the New Year.
- The searches for new Dean of SPS and VPA are progressing and an update can be expected in early 2015.
- Many thanks and deep appreciations were extended to Alexis Manley for her service to Senate. This Senate meeting marks her last as the current VP Student Services & Registrar as she is returning to teaching in 2015.

7. Question Period - N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

7.1 It was moved by M. Henick, seconded by A. Petrie, the approval of the minutes from the November 14, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 1

9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

10. Report of the Executive Committee

Vice Chair, T. Urbaniak, reported that the Executive Committee met on November 28th to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The committee also discussed an interest in meeting with Donnie MacIsaac to request his presentation given to the Board of Governors, also be presented to Senate.

11. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, B. Ellis gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Therapeutic dogs were back during exam time and were very well received and appreciated.
- Proceedings with the CFS legal issues have been postponed until January 19, 2015.
- Thanks and appreciation was also extended to VP Manley.
- With deep regret, SU VPP, Mitch Mader-Ramsay has tendered his resignation on the executive to further his education in Australia.
- Various initiatives for the New Year surrounding mental health awareness through promotion and communications.
- Deep sympathies were extended to Vice-Chair, T. Urbaniak on the loss of St. Mary Polish Church.
- Discussions continue on the possibility of introducing a Fall reading week and the Student's Union is in full support of its implementation.

In reply to a follow up question on the Pitt grill being closed, S. Hines was happy to announce that a new chef has been hired and will be joining staff in early 2015. An online ordering system has also been developed and will be launched in the New Year. Discussions on a delivery service were explored an unfortunately do not appear to be manageable at this time. The SU will continue further possibilities in the new year given the level of interest expressed by Senators.

12. Reports of Other Committees

- (a) **QA** – On behalf of the Chair, J. Lewis referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.
- (b) **Bylaws** - Chair, J. Bailey, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.

- (c) **Planning & Review** – Chair, G. Carre, reported that the committee continues its work on the pre-budget report.
- (d) **TLEC** – Chair, P. Maher, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.
- (e) **Research** – Chair, Ed Barre, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.
- (f) **Nominating** – Nothing to report.
- (g) **Academic** – On behalf of the committee Chair, D. Brennick referred to the documentation circulated with the meeting material. **It was moved** by D. McCorquodale, seconded by W. Shang to approve Chem140X - Petroleum Chemistry as presented. **Motion carried.**

13. Board of Governors' Report

J. Bailey reported that the Board of Governors met on December 4th and highlighted the following from the meeting:

- Along with the regular meeting a retreat was also held on December 5th and Deputy Minister, Bernie Miller was in attendance.
- The Nominating Committee met and recommended Robert Sampson and Pat Bates as new members.
- Options were presented for upcoming budgetary considerations with a special meeting to be held early in the new year for decision on these options.

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 pm.



Sheila Profit, Secretary