

Senate Minutes

April 30, 2015
Senate Chamber CE-339

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

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Hosam Al Arabi, Judy Bailey, Ed Barre, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Danny Brown, Keith Brown, Kenzie Cameron, Geoff Carre, George Chen, Ed Davis, Godwin D'Cunha, Margaret Dechman, Brandon Ellis, Barb Glassey, Odette Griscti, Louis Guimond, Derrick Hayes, Mike Henick, Sarah Hines, Rany Ibrahim, Dale Keefe, Doug Lionais, Bernie MacLennan, Elaine MacNeil, Pat Maher, David McCorquodale, Martin Moy, Mary Jane Morrison, Arlene Mullan, Andrew Petrie, David Rae, Laura Syms, Ammar Tayeb, Tom Urbaniak, Arja Vainio-Mattila, David Wheeler, Shawn Bethke, Norm Smith, Eileen Smith-Piovesan

Regrets:

Stephen Augustine, Debbie Brennick, Allen Britten, Jane Lewis, Brittany MacAulay, Gordon MacInnis, Erna MacLeod, Ron McCarron, Scott Moir, Sheila Profit, Wei Shang, Mark Silverberg, Tuma Young,

Absent:

Cyril MacDonald

2. Consent Agenda

It was moved by B. Ellis, seconded by D. Hayes to accept and approve the following items submitted by the Academic Committee and Nominating Committee as presented:

2.1 Academic Committee

1. Program Change Presentations to include a section for where other departments/schools were informed of changes and their comments
2. PETR 4XXX Petroleum Thermodynamics
3. HIST 2XXX: The First World War and the Shaping of the 20th Century
4. HIST 3XXX: Varieties of History
5. HIST 3XXX: A History of Blacks and Racial Segregation in Canada and the United States
6. ENGL 3XXX: Writing Modern America: Fiction to 1950
7. ENGL 3XXX: Writing Contemporary America: Fiction after 1950
8. ENGL 3XXX: Modern American Poetry: Voices and Visions
9. ENGL 3XXX: Contemporary American Poetry: Voices and Visions
10. ENGL 3XXX: Canadian Drama
11. ENGL 3XXX: Dramatizing Ireland: Plays from 1950 to the Present
12. NURS 4XXX Indigenous Perspectives of Health and Healing
13. SSTC 1XXX Co-op Work Term 1
14. SSTC 2XXX Co-op Work Term 2
15. SSTC 3XXX Co-op Work Term 3

2.2 Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recommends that Senate approve Andy Parnaby as a replacement for Dana Mount on the QA Committee. **Motion carried.**

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

It was moved by D. Keefe, seconded by R. Ibrahim to move in to closed sessions for the purposes of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

Following a closed session, **it was moved** by J. Bailey, seconded by B. Ellis to move back in to open session. **Motion carried.**

4. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

5. Special Presentations/Updates

Annual Research Report – Dale Keefe

In a PowerPoint presentation, D. Keefe detailed the Annual Research Report as a means of quantifying research at CBU. Research funds, industry engagement, collaborations, and the research environment at CBU were highlighted.

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

6.1 Report of the President

President Wheeler reminded members of a town hall meeting following Senate on the Four-Year Sustainability Plan and emphasized his hope that a collegial and united effort can be made to mitigate this plan and retain viability for CBU from the provincial and federal governments.

E. Davis echoed comments offered that provincial government has inadequately funded the university sector and leaving few options for institutions to remain viable. President Wheeler also replied to questions on how CBUs budget aligns with the strategic plan and the view of university presidents in Nova Scotia on Bill 100.

6.2 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Research (Provost):

Dr. Keefe acknowledged the recipients of the awards handed out during the President's Academy Recognition Dinner. He requested that Senators forward any suggestion on how to better the event for coming years to him. A session for incoming and outgoing department chairs will be held in June to better facilitate the transition and to share full details of a chair's responsibilities. Senators were reminded of the presentations from candidates for the Dean of Research, Teaching and Graduate Studies position on May 4th and 5th and of the a special meeting of Senate to be held on May 13th.

7. Question Period – N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

7.1 It was moved by A. Petrie, seconded by MJ Morrison, the approval of the minutes from the March 20, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 4**

9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

10. Report of the Executive Committee

The Chair reported that the Executive Committee met on April 17th to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The committee continues to update and review Senate committee terms of reference and is aiming to have a complete update ready for the June meeting. An online self-assessment survey is also being developed with June being the target completion date. A luncheon with the Executive Committee and the incoming and outgoing Students' Union members was held on April 21st in efforts to transition the new members to Senate. A notice will be circulated with details on a special Senate meeting to discuss integrated planning and student services.

11. Students' Union Report

B. Ellis reported offered congratulations to all graduates especially to student Senators Mike Henick and Hosam Al-Arabi; also this year's valedictorian. Thanks were also offered to all outgoing student Senators. An invitation was extended to attend the swearing in at 10:00 am tomorrow morning of the new executive. I was also noted the number of mental health issues the Students' Union has been involved with this past year and in efforts to enhance these initiatives, B. Ellis has been in contact with Asperia to explore what could be offered to their students to alleviate or assist with these issues. **It was moved** D. Hayes, seconded by H. Al-Arabi that Senate endorse and encourage talks between the Students Union and Student Services to continue on a path to find the best resolution on mental health policies for the students of CBU. **Motion carried.**

Mr. Ellis also commented on the recently approved budget and his disappointment in the discontinuing of the CBU volleyball team and tuition increases. In reply to a question on how they intend to engage government, Mr. Ellis noted that at this point they are waiting for the positioning of other Nova Scotia universities to begin discussion with their counterparts on how to proceed.

12. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Academic – Chair, D. Hayes, referred to the documents circulated with the meeting package.

Items for Information:

1. Course Change COMS41XX
2. Course Change COMS31XX
3. Course Change SPHK 31XX

Recommendations:

1. SPAL Program Proposal

It was moved by D. Hayes, seconded by B. Ellis to conditionally approve the Sport and Physical Activity Leadership program pending course approvals, as presented. **Motion carried.**

2. Nutrition Diploma Proposal

It was moved by D. Hayes, seconded by M. Henick to approve the Nutrition Diploma proposal as presented. On the question of the four nutrition courses and if these would be recognized by St. Francis Xavier E. Barre replied these discussions have taken place with St. FX and these courses have been accepted. It was also noted that strong first year advising would be essential to ensure that students understand the intent of this diploma. As presented the two biology courses listed for the second year would be functionally impossible and a friendly amendment was accepted to change the MICR 2101-Introductory Microbiology offering to the first year and the BIOL 2203 Human Anatomy to the second term of the first year. **Motion carried.**

(b) Bylaws – Committees are requested to ensure they have their terms of reference submitted to the Bylaws committee for next meeting.

(c) QA – Nothing to report.

(d) P&R – Nothing to report.

(e) TLEC – Nothing to report. The committee was asked to provide a formal response on the status of the update of teaching evaluation for laboratory instruction.

(f) Research – Nothing to report.

13. Board of Governors' Report

J. Bailey reported that the Board of Governors met on April 24th where Scott Thomas gave a status update on the policies. From his report President Wheeler highlighted the new Dean of SPS, Carolin Kreber and his zero tuition campaign. The Four-Year Sustainability and Financial Plans along with the 2015\16 proposed operation budget garnered much discussion and debate and the budget was approved following this very in depth discussion.

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 pm.

Sheila Profit, Secretary