

Senate Minutes

December 18, 2015
Senate Chamber CE-339

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Judy Bailey, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Keith Brown, Sylvia Burrow, Kenzie Cameron, Godwin D'Cunha, Jane Farnsworth, Barb Glassey, Odette Griscti, Patrick Howard, John Hudec, Roy Karam, George Karaphillis, Dale Keefe, Carolin Kreber, Gordon MacInnis, Elaine MacNeil, David McCorquodale, Mary Jane Morrison, Willena Nemeth, Elizabeth Quirk, Vielka Salazar, Liam Shannon, Laura Syms, Claudette Taylor, Arja Vainio-Mattila, Wendy Wadden, David Wheeler, Eileen Smith-Piovesan, Shawn Bethke

Regrets:

Debbie Brennick, Allen Britten, George Chen, Eddie Davis, Margaret Dechman, Brandon Ellis, Louis Guimond, Derrick Hayes, Brittany MacAulay, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Arlene Mullan, David Mullan, Catherine Levetin-Reid, Richard Watuwa

Absent:

Stephen Augustine, Saleh Algamdi, Brennan Boudreau, Jill Ellsworth, Wei Shang, Tuma Young, Norm Smith

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Academic Committee

1. SASS course retirements
2. FRNC3XXX Conversation Avancee
3. FRNC 3XXX Redaction, vocabulaire et style
4. COMM 3XXX Public History in Media
5. COMM 3XXX Memory and History in the Public Sphere
6. BScN Admission policy
7. Proposal to Change the Date of Fall Convocation
8. Program reactivation

The items of the consent agenda were accepted as presented.

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

It was moved by C. Taylor, seconded by J. Bailey to move in to closed sessions for the purposes of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

Following the discussion in closed session, **it was moved** by C. Taylor, seconded by K. Brown to move back in to open session. **Motion carried.**

4. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

5. Special Presentations/Updates

5.1 Recruitment Activities – Eleanor Anderson

In response to a request from the Recruitment department, Eleanor Anderson was invited to provide Senate with an overview of efforts from the Recruitment Department over the past year. In a PowerPoint presentation she detailed the changing realities of the market place, the challenges these changes have created and the many efforts and initiatives taken to manage the change.

Following the presentation E. Anderson responded to comments and questions concerning articulation agreements, local high school enrolment declines, the aboriginal markets, and efforts to build on credit course enrolments. In conclusion, Senate was encouraged to forward any further comments, questions or suggestions to E. Anderson.

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

6.1 Report of the President

Following the presentation from recruitment, President Wheeler expressed gratitude to the efforts being made in the marketing and recruitment departments as well as the level of faculty engagement in these efforts. He then circulated his report to the Board of Governors and welcomed any comments or questions. Referring to his editorial in the Chronical Herald, he noted that he continues to argue the importance of higher education a point also echoed in recent reports from OneNovaScotia and the auditor general.

In response to any possible partnerships or if there may be an appetite for regional economic development with respect to the proposed container terminal, President Wheeler said that these types of conversations have surfaced and a strategy absolutely could be developed.

Dr. Keefe responded that there are no incentives for faculty to concentrate research efforts on economic development for Cape Breton Island but is absolutely supported as it is the natural culture here at CBU.

6.2 Report of the Vice-President, Academic & Provost

D. Keefe gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Many thanks were extended to all those who attended the Special Senate on December 4th
- A decision has been made to upgrade RADAR as CBU's ERP and Student Information system
- Many thanks and best wishes were extended to Louis Guimond on his retirement from the CCGC
- Stephanie MacQuarrie, Matthias Bierenstiel and Martin Mkandawire have received significant funding from CFI

On the question of the improvements being made to RADAR, D. Keefe replied that over the next 18 months the upgrades will take place starting with hardware and software during the winter term. New improvements and functionalities will be handled by a steering committee to be led

by Debbie Rudderham. During that process the committee will be requesting feedback, comments and suggestions as well as providing training opportunities.

7. Question Period - N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

7.1 It was moved by J. Farnsworth, seconded by P. Bates the approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2015 meeting. **Motion carried.**

9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

10. Report of the Executive Committee

L. Syms reported that the Executive Committee met on December 4th to set the agenda for this meeting of Senate. The committee also discussed the request from the recruitment department for their presentation.

11. Students' Union Report

On behalf of the Students' Union President, E. Quirk gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Last Class Stash event, in partnership with NSCC, successfully raised over \$1000 for a local charity.
- The honours banquet was held on November 27th and was very well attended and many thanks were extended to Dawn McDougall for her organization of this event.
- Student societies have increased student engagement. The kitten room for destressing students during exams put on by the Pre-Vet Society was very well received.
- The CFS appeal continues and developments are expected early in the new year.
- Various campaigns and activities for the new term have been planned.

12. Reports of Other Committees

- (a) **Academic** – On behalf of the committee Chair, G. D’Cunha referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.
- (b) **Planning & Review** - Chair, V. Salazar, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add to it. The committee is currently developing a strategy to gather and evaluate all course proposals that have been approved by Senate during the last two years.
- (d) **TLEC** – Chair, C. Kreber, referred to the report circulated with the meeting and advised Senate that the committee is working on an agenda for the 2016 term. **It was moved** by C. Kreber, seconded by W. Nemeth to approve the revised TLEC terms of reference as presented. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 1**

D. McCorquodale noted the urgency that will be placed on the committee in providing a survey instrument for lab instruction.

Senators were reminded of the transition binders suggested in Planning & Review's pre-budget report and emphasized their importance in continuing committee work from year to year. It was also noted that an overlap of committee membership written in to the bylaws would be helpful.

(e) **Bylaws** – Nothing to report.

(f) **QA** – Chair, MJ. Morrison, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.

(g) **Research** – Nothing to report.

13. Board of Governors' Report

J. Bailey reported that the Board of Governors met on December 10th and highlighted the following from the meeting:

- G. MacInnis presented the Treasurer's report and responded to questions on the Saudi Arabian enrollments, the VRIP process, the RADAR project, continuing talks with LAE and government with respect to the funding formula, and end of term payment requirements for students.
- Options for members to consider and analyze with respect to the 2015/16 financial shortfall.
- A retreat was held on December 11th when members were presented with various items pertaining to recruitment & marketing, integrated academic planning, a four year sustainability plan update and a joint presentation from President Wheeler and Tricia Donovan on digital education technologies and the virtual campus. It was noted that all presentations would be of great interest to Senate.

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.



Laura Syms, Secretary