

Senate Minutes

February 12, 2016
Senate Chamber CE-339

Vice Chair, G. D'Cunha, called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Stephen Augustine, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Keith Brown, Sylvia Burrow, Taylor Burton, Kenzie Cameron, George Chen, Eddie Davis, Godwin D'Cunha, Margaret Dechman, Brandon Ellis, Jane Farnsworth, Barb Glassey, Derrick Hayes, Patrick Howard, John Hudec, Roy Karam, George Karaphillis, Dale Keefe, Carolin Kreber, Sam Libbus, Jill Ellsworth, Brittany MacAulay, Gordon MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Elaine MacNeil, David McCorquodale, Arlene Mullan, David Mullan, Willena Nemeth, Vielka Salazar, Wei Shang, Liam Shannon, Laura Syms, Claudette Taylor, Wendy Wadden, Richard Watuwa, Tuma Young, Norm Smith, Shawn Bethke

Regrets:

Judy Bailey, Debbie Brennick, Brennan Boudreau, Allen Britten, Odette Griscti, Catherine Levetin-Reid, Erna MacLeod, Mary Jane Morrison, Pierre Jean, Arja Vainio-Mattila, David Wheeler, Eileen Smith-Piovesan

Absent:

Norm Smith

Ms. Susanne Carlin was welcomed on behalf Pierre Jean of the Canadian Coast Guard College.

B. Ellis extended congratulations to Mr. Roy Karam who was successful in his campaign for the 2016/17 SU President and Mr. Taylor Burton as the SU Executive Vice President.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Academic Committee

- a) COMM 2XXX - Media Ethics – this item was removed from consent and added to the regular report of the Academic Committee report to address comments.
- b) Academic Calendar – Academic dates 2017 – 2018

The item of the consent agenda with the removal of the COMM 2XXX course proposal was accepted as presented.

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

It was moved by E. Davis, seconded by B. Ellis 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 K. Brown, seconded by T. Brann-Barrett to move back in to open session. **Motion carried.**

4. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

5. Special Presentations/Updates

5.1 Tanya Brann Barrett – Annual Research Report

In a PowerPoint presentation, T. Brann Barrett, detailed the 3rd Annual Research Report as a means of quantifying research at CBU. Responding to comments and questions as they arose, she highlighted and discussed research funds, industry engagement, collaborations, and the research environment at CBU. The full report will be circulated to the CBU community early next week.

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

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

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

- Many congratulations were extended to Stephen Augustine and Ashlee Consolo Willox on the tremendously successful Learning from Knowledge Keepers of Mi'kma'ki course offering.
- The SST Quality Assurance Report has been complete which concludes CBU's QA requirements to MPHEC.
- Questions and comments were welcomed on any of the recent town hall meetings.

On the question of the SST QA review and the timeline for its submission to MPHEC pending approval today, and when the moratorium will be lifted, D. Keefe replied that he anticipates this would be realized once the report was received next week.

In response to the status of the BACS/SPAL proposal, D. Keefe replied it is at the final stages of the MPHEC approval process and will hopefully be included on the agenda of the February 17th MPHEC AAC meeting.

After his report, D. Keefe gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Academic Reorganization with the following key items:

- The guiding principles for the process
- The current structure of the academic units and possible alternative structures
- The process, timeline for input gathering and implementation date
- Revitalization and implementation of a strategic enrolment management process and the areas of focus

In reply to training for the described changes, D. Keefe responded that the training aspects to be offered are being explored and discussed and that training will be provided.

On the question of where faculty fit in to the Strategic Enrolment Management with regard to first year student interaction and the peer mentors, D. Keefe replied the mentors are intended to enhanced student faculty relations and that the student would continue to have interactions through the first year advising centre.

Concerns were offered that an open ended survey for potential structures may not produce effective results and that pointed questions may result in more meaningful input. A request for cost structuring should also be part of the requested feedback.

7. Question Period – N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 It was moved by V. Salazar, seconded by R. Watuwa, the approval of the minutes from the December 4th and December 18th meetings. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 7

8.2 It was moved by B. Ellis, seconded by P. Bates, the approval of the minutes from the December 18th meetings. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 7

9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

10. Report of the Executive Committee

L. Syms reported that the Executive Committee met on January 29th to set the agenda for this Senate meeting along with the presentations of the Annual Research Report and the Academic Reorganization.

11. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, B. Ellis welcomed new member Taylor Burton as a replacement in the SU Executive Vice President position. During the recent election, approximately 600 students voted and Roy Karam was elected as the next SU President. It was also noted that Senators should expect a document from the SU on the freedoms of expression at CBU. In conclusion, he advised that there are no new updates on the CFS case at this time.

12. Reports of Other Committees

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

Recommendations:

1. **COMM 2XXX Media Ethics**

It was moved, by D. Hayes, seconded by B. MacLennan to approve the item removed from the consent agenda, COMM 2XXX-Media Ethics. A concern was expressed that proper consultation with ethicists and/or philosophers for possible cross listings or blendings was not sought and the proposal should be sent back to the proponents for more consultation and discussion. In response, D. Hayes noted that the Department and School votes noted in the proposal were unanimously recorded and if this is not the case it could be sent back. With no amendment to the motion the motion remained. **Motion carried.** Nays: 3 Abstentions: 2

2. **MUSI 2XXX - Introducing Dance**

It was moved by D. Hayes, seconded by B. MacLennan, to approve MUSI 2XXX-Introducing Dance. It was noted that the proposal was fully supported but that the question of a dedicated facility should be clarified prior to the vote. In response D. Keefe advised that this issue was not brought to his attention for analysis prior to this meeting and further discussion and consultation with the Facilities Department would be required. With the acceptance of the movers the **motion was deferred** to allow for further consultation on a dedicated space as discussed.

(b) **QA** – On behalf of the Chair, G. Chen, presented the report of the committee as circulated with the meeting material. The draft Cape Breton University Graduate Attributes included with the report is tabled until the next meeting to allow Senate members to bring the attributes to their respective schools/departments for feedback prior to the next meeting of the QA Committee. On the question of student consultation, it was noted this was achieved through the student representation on the committee. It was further noted that further consultation from the student body is most welcome and appreciated.

It was noted that the SST QA Report is being received as an informational item for acceptance and not one for approval.

(c) **Planning & Review** – V. Salazar referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.

(d) **Research – No report.**

(e) **Bylaws – No report.**

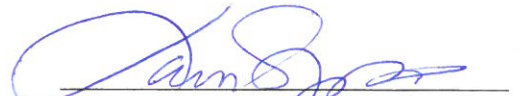
(f) **TLEC** – Chair, J. Hudec reported that the committee met he was elected as the new Chair and they have also set the agenda for items to be addressed. During the coming months the committee will update the Minimum Technology Standards for Online Course policy and the Electronic Device policy. The committee will also work to develop the standard student course and lab evaluations. D. McCorquodale echoed comments from previous meetings, to the new Chair on the importance of the lab evaluation tool and that the continued delays in its development must be addressed.

13. Board of Governors' Report – N/A

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

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



Laura Syms, Secretary