

Senate Minutes

May 5, 2016
Senate Chamber CE-339

Vice Chair, G. D’Cunha called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Stephen Augustine, Judy Bailey, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Allen Britten, Keith Brown, Taylor Burton, George Chen, Godwin D’Cunha, Margaret Dechman, Jane Farnsworth, Odette Griscti, Patrick Howard, John Hudec, Roy Karam, George Karaphillis, Dale Keefe, Carolin Kreber, Catherine Levetin-Reid, Brandon MacDonald, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, David McCorquodale, Esrra Mostafa, Arlene Mullan, David Mullan, Willena Nemeth, Vielka Salazar, Matt Shallo, Laura Syms, Claudette Taylor, Arja Vainio-Mattila, Wendy Wadden, David Wheeler, Tuma Young, Norm Smith

Regrets:

Debbie Brennick, Sylvia Burrow, Eddie Davis, Barb Glassey, Derrick Hayes, Pierre Jean, Allison MacDonald, Kyle MacDonald, Gordon MacInnis, Elaine MacNeil, Mary Jane Morrison, Elizabeth Quirk, Wei Shang, Richard Watuwa, Derek Zhang, Shawn Bethke

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Academic Committee

1. Listuguj Convocation
2. ENVS 2XXXA Canadian Environmental Perspectives
3. ENVS 2XXXB Intersectional Environmental Science
4. ENVS 3XXXA Environmental Writing: Past and Present
5. ENVS 3XXXB Environment and Business
6. ENVS 3XXXC Field Course in Environmental and Community Issues
7. ENVS 4XXXA Sustainability, Resources and Environment
8. ENVS 4XXXB Global Environmental Perspectives
9. ENVS 4XXXC Environmental Solutions – Capstone Project
10. ENVS 4900 Honours Thesis in BAS Environment
11. DRAM 2XXX Applied Theatre
12. DRAM 3XXX Collective Creation and Devising
13. DRAM 4XXX Advanced Topics in Applied Theatre
14. DRAM 4XXX Site Specific and Environmental Theatre
15. BIOL 3XXX Sustainable Land
16. BIOL2XXX Human Physiology for Nursing

With a question arising on the Listuguj Convocation, it was removed from the consent agenda and moved to the regular report of the Academic Committee. A question on the ENVS courses was also noted and they too were also moved to the regular agenda. The remainder of the items on 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 a closed session, **it was moved** by C. Taylor, seconded by J. Bailey to move back in to open session. **Motion carried.**

4. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

5. Special Presentations/Updates

Articulation Agreements: Eleanor Anderson & Isabella Yuan

In a PowerPoint presentation, E. Anderson detailed the types of agreements currently used at Cape Breton University. At present there are 145 valid agreements, with 102 partners, in 20 countries. The development and fostering of these agreements was detailed along with initiatives on creating new agreement. On the question of any impacts the recent announcement of free tuition within New Brunswick may have, she replied that this would be minimal and could in fact open more pathways to further education. Following the presentation E. Anderson and I. Yuan were thanked for their time and presentation.

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

6.1 Report of the President

President Wheeler recognized the efforts, time and dedication of faculty and staff in preparation of the graduation list just approved. Referring to the presentation on the articulation agreements, he noted the amazing work of the Recruitment and Marketing departments and that efforts are being realized by upward trends in previously declining markets. He circulated his report to the Board of Governors. He welcomed comments or questions either during this meeting or through email after being able to read the report more carefully.

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

Dr. Keefe also extended his congratulations to approved graduates and to the contributions to faculty and staff in all they do in assisting them to this point. He updated Senators on the Enrolment Services Integration project noting that much of the background work has been complete and the group is now reviewing the two models they have developed. Monthly updates are available on the Intranet under the Provost Office tab should anyone wish to view them.

7. Question Period – N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

7.1 It was moved by J. Bailey, seconded by B. MacLennan, for the approval of the minutes from the March 18, 2016 and the Special Meeting of April 7, 2016 meetings. **Motion carried.**

Abstentions: 1 Against: 1

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

In response to where the process of the logo process following the presentation to Senate and the brief discussion during the recent Board of Governor's meeting, President Wheeler noted that further market testing will occur with Alumni, the Student's Union and various focus groups. The hope is to have this work complete in the coming weeks with the ultimate goal to have a conclusion by the end of the term. Senators were thanked for their input and received as valuable to the process.

10. Report of the Executive Committee

L. Syms reported that the Executive Committee met on April 22nd to set the agenda for this Senate meeting.

11. Students' Union Report

New Students' Union President, R. Karam, provided a brief report on their first week in office and the planned activities for the coming months. Strategic planning Executive Retreat, the CFS matter has been settled with a mutually satisfactory agreement between CFS and the CBUSU. Although unable to disclose particulars of the agreement, it was noted that CBU will remain as a member of CFS.

12. Reports of Other Committees

(a) **Academic** – On behalf of the Chair, A. Mullan referred to the documents circulated with the meeting package.

Items for Information:

1. Changes to BIOL4203
2. Changes to BIOL3203
3. Changes to BIOL2203

Recommendations:

1. Listuguj Convocation

It was moved by A. Mullan, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila to approve a special convocation for the in-community group of BACS students in Lituguj on June 30th in Listuguj. On the question of budget implications for CBU for this event, A. Mullan replied the only expenses CBU would incur would be those of travel costs for representatives to attend. All other costs would be borne by the community. **Motion carried.**

2. ENVS 2XXXA Canadian Environmental Perspectives

It was moved by A. Mullan, seconded by B. MacLennan to approve ENVS 2XXXA Canadian Environmental Perspectives as presented. It was noted that the individual courses presented with the consent agenda report were incomplete, however those listed with the Bachelor of Arts and Science in the Environment proposal were the most up-to-date. It was therefore suggested that consideration of all the ENVS course proposals with the program proposal. **An amended motion** was accepted to consider and approve all of the ENVS course proposals and the

Bachelor of Arts and Science in the Environment program proposal and presented in the Academic Committee report for the regular agenda. **Amended motion carried.**
Abstentions: 3

3. Bachelor of Arts (BACS) Applied Theatre

It was moved by A. Mullan, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila to approve the Bachelor of Arts (BACS) Applied Theatre program as presented. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 1**

4. DRAM 3XXX Arts Management in Creative Economy

5. MUSI 3XXX Arts Management in Creative Economy

It was moved by A. Mullan, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila to approve DRAM 3XXX and MUSI 3XXX Arts Management in Creative Economy as presented. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 1**

6. BET (Energy Production and Efficiency and the Environment)

It was moved by A. Mullan, seconded by D. McCorquodale to approve the BET (Energy Production and Efficiency and the Environment) proposal as presented. **Motion carried.**
Abstentions: 1

7. BET Chemical and Advanced Chemical

It was moved by A. Mullan, seconded by A. Britten to approve the BET Chemical and Advanced Chemical proposal as presented. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 1**

8. CBU Board of Governors Proposed New Policies

It was moved by A. Mullan, seconded by W. Wadden that the Board of Governors proposed new policies be sent to Schools to allow for discussions at a School meeting and a time line of October 30th to provide feedback which could be included in the development of existing proposals and other areas. President Wheeler advised that these policies will be voted on in June by the Board of Governors and input would be most welcome from Senate, however if they wish to do so the time line would have to be in advance of that meeting. It was also noted that when these policies were circulated to Senate a request for feedback was made at that time with a June response date. After consideration of President Wheeler's comments it was agreed to **withdraw the motion.**

- (b) Bylaws** – On behalf of the Chair, T. Young referred to the documentation circulated with the meeting material. **It was moved by** T. Young, seconded by K. Brown to approve the revised bylaws for the Nursing Department as presented. **Motion carried.**

It was noted that an orientation session for Senators should be initiated for the new members prior to the new academic year.

- (c) TLEC** – Chair, J. Hudec referred to the documentation circulated with the meeting material. **It was moved by** J. Hudec, seconded by R. Karam to approve the revised Electronic Device Policy as presented. The changes suggested during the last meeting of Senate were taken back to the committee and implemented to ensure what was felt as a negative tone was removed and was in support of both faculty and students. **Motion carried.**

J. Hudec also updated Senators on the status on the development of the lab course evaluation. The committee has devised an eight point evaluation and a draft was sent to the Schools with a request for feedback. The committee will be meeting to review the received feedback and will then request further feedback from administration and the bargaining units. Advice and further input from Senate is most welcome and encourages. It was noted that the scope of the lab settings should be considered to include any non-science labs. It was also noted that the content of the questionnaire would be of academic concern and the content would not be of concern to the bargaining units.

(d) **P&R** – During the April 26th meeting of the committee it was unanimously vote to present a motion to Senate. **It was moved** by V. Salazar, seconded by K. Brown that all chairs of standing committees of Senate provide transition files either through binders, electronic files or through SharePoint to the incoming Chair, or to the Pro-Temp Chair determined during the June meeting of Senate. **Motion carried.**

(e) **Research** – Nothing to report.

(f) **QA** – Nothing to report.

13. Board of Governors' Report

J. Bailey reported that the Board of Governors met on April 22nd and highlighted the following from the Public Meeting:

- Members were provided an update on the status of the Public Sector Pension Plan Discussion
- President Wheeler's report highlighted the successes of students and colleagues achieving promotion and tenure. Other notes from the report resulted in discussions on recruitment impacts, enrolment concerns and costs incurred from the logo process.
- There was a peaceful student protest against the tuition fees approved by the Board of Governors in April 2015.
- Mr. MacInnis presented the Treasurer's report which included various expenditures and budgetary targets to date.
- A detailed CBU 2016/17 Authorized statement of Net Expenditures was presented and approved.
- A proposal in response to the Federal Post-Secondary Institutions Strategic Investment Fund was presented and approved by the Board with the provision that the Executive Committee would move forward with the submission only if there were no financial impacts to CBU.

In response to a question of possibilities to increase residence rates, Mr. MacInnis replied that various options are being explored. D. Keefe replied to a question on the Authorized Statement of Net Expenditures presented to the Board of Governors as one not intended to replace an operating budget but rather a temporary plan until the CBUFA/CBU working group has completed its deliberations and produces a final report.

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:23 pm.



Laura Syms, Secretary