

Senate Minutes

March 17, 2017
Senate Chamber CE-339

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Amar Anwar, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Dannie Brown, Sylvia Burrow, Taylor Burton, George Chen, Cathy Chisholm, Jane Farnsworth, Barb Glassey, Odette Griscti, Derrick Hayes, Katie Hillman, John Hudec, Stephanie Inglis, Pierre Jean, Roy Karam, George Karaphillis, Dale Keefe, Allison MacDonald, Brandon MacDonald, Kyle MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Gordon MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Stewart McCann, David McCorquodale, Martin Mkandawire, Sean Modesto, Mary Jane Morrison, Joseph Parish, Matt Shallo, Arja Vainio-Mattila, Wendy Wadden, Audrey Walsh, Shawn Bethke, Terry MacDonald

Regrets:

Stephen Augustine, Ed Davis, Carolin Kreber, Catherine Levetin-Reid, Brendan MacDonald, Ron McCarron, Claudette Taylor, Derek Zhang

Absent:

Jane Lewis, Esrra Mostafa, Wei Shang

On behalf of all Senators, the Chair expressed sincere thanks to the current student Senators as this is their last meeting of Senate and he also welcomed incoming Student Senators, Eleanor Sidley, Brooklyn Galbraith, Kennedy Semple, Jason Daley, and Kelsey Storimans attending as visitors.

Dr. Richard MacKinnon was congratulated as the incoming Interim Vice President Academic effective May 1, 2017.

An addition to the agenda as circulated the item listed below was added:

14. Confidential Business

14.1 Presidential Search Committee

With no further additions **it was moved** by R. Karam, seconded by M. Shallo, to approve the agenda as amended. **Motion carried**

2. Consent Agenda – N/A

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

It was moved by W. Wadden, seconded by M. Shallo, 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 B. MacDonald, seconded by W. Wadden 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 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 (Provost)

6.1 Report of the President

Referring to the report circulated on the Senate SharePoint, Interim President D. Keefe officially welcomed Dr. Richard MacKinnon to the Interim Vice President Academic position effective May 1, 2017. He also recognized Mr. Steve Augustine's appointed to Associate Vice-President for Indigenous Affairs and Unama'ki College. He then noted the enrolment statistics detailed in the report and that talks continue with University of South Wales, Salford University, York St. John University, and Liverpool Hope University to explore offering a Masters level programing at CBU during the summer of 2017.

7. Question Period – N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 It was moved by M. Shallo, seconded by D. Brown, the approval of the minutes from the February 10, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 4**

9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

10. Report of the Executive Committee

E. MacLeod reported that the Executive Committee met on March 3rd to set the agenda for this meeting of Senate. The committee also discussed the special presentations and it was agreed that the Research Report be presented today and that an update on the budget be presented by G. MacInnis during the May meeting.

11. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, R. Karam, expressed many thanks to all Senators. He noted that the current and incoming executives have been working on their budget for 2017/18. He echoed

congratulations to Eleanor Sidley, President Elect and Brooklyn Galbraith Executive Vice President Elect on their successful campaigns. He has received results from the appeals committee for their appeal of the results of the referendum to decertify from Students' Nova Scotia and the CBUSU will not be members of SNS moving in to next year.

12. Reports of Other Committees

- (a) **Planning and Review** –Chair, S. Burrow referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting discussion the committee is now focusing on relating to the CBU Decision Matrix and a review process for newly approved courses and programs.
- (b) **Academic** - Chair, MJ Morrison, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting the committee is meeting with T. Brann-Barrett to discuss how students will proceed with the open access courses, changes to degree requirements, CBU partnership agreements with Beijing Shihui International Education group and three China universities and a renumbering change to MATH2XXX.
- (c) **Bylaws** – Nothing to report.
- (d) **Research** – Chair, E. MacLeod, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.
- (e) **QA** – Chair, G. Chen referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting there was nothing further to add.
- (f) **TLEC** - Chair, J. Hudec, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material noting the committee continues to work on a course evaluation process and evaluation of small classes at CBU and internal teaching awards which they hope to have recommendations during the next meeting of Senate.

13. Board of Governors' Report

W. Wadden reported that the Board of Governors met on March 10th and highlighted the following from the meeting:

- G. MacInnis was appointed as Secretary to the Board of Governors
- The Interim President submitted a report very similar to the report given to Senate
- The accomplishments women's basketball teams were recognized
- Members were invited to attend the many events for Research month
- R. Karam reported the success of the myWellness campaign and many Board members were very interested in this program.
- CBU Investments are tracking well
- The move to the PSSP will take effect in early April 2017.
- The Nominating Committee has been tasked with the development of the Presidential Search Committee.
- Of special note, all CBU BEd students were placed in First Nation schools and private schools in the areas during the work-to-rule by the NSTEU and in particular, the Eskasoni schools, who typically place one or two students per year, placed 27 CBU BEd students.

It was suggested that maybe it should be considered to have a portion of every CBU BEd student's placement within a Frist Nation school in the area.

14. Confidential Business

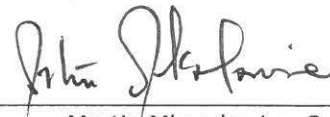
14.1 Presidential Search Committee

Prior to this discussion, D. Keefe, S. Inglis and W. Wadden recused themselves from the meeting. **It was moved** by M. Shallo, seconded by B. MacDonald, to move in to closed session for the purposes of this discussion. **Motion carried.**

Following a discussion and vote, **it was moved** by M Shallo, seconded by B. MacDonald to move back in to open session. **Motion carried**

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by D. Brown to adjourned at 3:04 pm.



Martin Mkandawire, Secretary