

# Senate Minutes

May 4, 2017  
Senate Chamber CE-339

Vice Chair, E. MacLeod called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

## 1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

### Present:

Amar Anwar, Stephen Augustine, Pat Bates, Shania Boucher, Sylvia Burrow, George Chen, Cathy Chisholm, Eddie Davis, Jane Farnsworth, Brooklyn Galbraith, Barb Glassey, Jordan Gracie, Odette Griscti, Pierre Jean, George Karaphillis, Dale Keefe, Carolin Kreber, Jane Lewis, Brendan MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Gordon MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Stewart McCann, David McCorquodale, Katelyn McPherson, Martin Mkandawire, Sean Modesto, Joseph Parish, Eleanor Sidley, Arja Vainio-Mattila, Wendy Wadden, Shawn Bethke, Terry MacDonald

### Regrets:

Tanya Brann-Barrett, Jacob Daley, Derrick Hayes, Stuart Heath, Stephanie Inglis, Catherine Leviten-Reid, Ron McCarron, Mary Jane Morrison, Kennedy Semple, Wei Shang, Kelsey Storimans, Claudette Taylor, Audrey Walsh

### Absent:

Dannie Brown, John Hudec

Referring to the email circulated earlier in the day, the Vice Chair called for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Father Greg MacLeod, a long-time supporter and advocate for Cape Breton University and Cape Breton Island.

Dr. Richard MacKinnon and the 2017/18 student Senators we welcomed to their first meeting of Senate in their new roles.

**It was moved** by E. Davis, seconded by A. Anwar, to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

## 2. Consent Agenda

**It was moved** by S. Augustine, seconded by S. McCann, to accept and approve the following items submitted via the consent agenda:

### 2.1 Academic Committee

1. New Course Proposal PHYS 2XXX
2. LPN to BScN Pathways Course
3. New Course Proposal FRNC 2XXX I
4. New Course Proposal FRNC 2XXX II

**Motion carried. Abstentions: 1**

### **3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session**

Following a closed session, **it was moved** by E. Davis, seconded by P. Bates to move back in to open session. **Motion carried.**

### **4. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A**

### **5. Special Presentations/Updates**

#### **5.1 Gordon MacInnis – Year End & Budget Update**

Responding to comments and questions as they arose, G. MacInnis provided Senators with a presentation on the 2017/18 CBU budget, approved by the Board of Governors on April 28<sup>th</sup>. He gave an account of the budget proposal, including sector background information and its current status, CBUs reactions to the sector and planned future directions.

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

#### **6.1 Report of the President**

Interim President, D. Keefe, referred to his report posted to SharePoint and welcomed any comments or questions. He thanked Senate for recognizing Fr. MacLeod with a moment of silence. He also welcomed Dr. MacKinnon and the new student Senators.

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

R. MacKinnon reported that he will be exploring innovative initiatives through articulation agreements that could assist with enrolment in declining programs. He also noted he is excited to take on the role of Interim Vice President Academic and will have more to report during the next meeting of Senate.

### **7. Question Period – N/A**

### **8. Approval of Minutes**

**8.1 It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by J. Parish, for the approval of the minutes from the March 17, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 6**

### **9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A**

### **10. Report of the Executive Committee**

M. Mkandawire reported that the Executive Committee met on April 12<sup>th</sup> to set the agenda for this Senate meeting.

## 11. Students' Union Report

New Students' Union President, E. Sidley, provided a brief report on their first week in office. The executive met to set out their strategic plan for the coming year and they are looking forward to get started and working with Senate.

## 12. Reports of Other Committees

- (a) **Planning & Review** –Chair, S. Burrow, referred to the documents circulated with the meeting package. She noted that the revisions to the CBU Matrix and the SASS Matrix are in response to the Librarians' request to be included earlier in the consultations.

**It was moved**, by S. Burrow, seconded by C. Chisholm, to approve the revised version of the CBU Decision Matrix to prioritize consultation with the CBU Library earlier in the timeline for the approval process. **Motion carried**

**It was moved** by S. Burrow, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila, that Senate adopt the new SASS Decision Matrix, with the change of the Library consultation to the second column, to prioritize consultation with the CBU Library earlier in the timeline for the approval process. **Motion carried.**

- (b) **Research** – On behalf of the Chair, M. Mkandawire, referred to the informational report included with the meeting material drawing attention to the list of Successful RP Grant Recipients for Winter 2017.

- (c) **Academic** – On behalf of the Chair, B. MacDonald, referred to the documents included with the meeting material.

### Items for Information:

1. Calendar of Events 2018-2019
2. Prerequisite Change for BIOL
3. Cross Listing BIOL 3503 to PYSC 3XXX

### Recommendations:

#### 1. BA Policy RE: 1000 Level Courses

**It was moved** by B. MacDonald, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila, to accept the policy for the BA program as attached. In addition, Academic Committee recommends that other schools review language around 1000 level courses in their respective programs. In response, a question on the BA/BACS, it was noted that this applies only to the BA degrees. **Motion carried.**

- (d) **Bylaws** – Nothing to report.

- (e) **QA** – Nothing to report.

- (f) **TLEC** – Nothing to report.

**13. Board of Governors' Report**

W. Wadden referred to her report of April 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Governors posted on SharePoint and welcomed any comments or questions. She drew attention to the Presidential Search Committee being formed and that their first meeting is being organized for the coming week. It was clarified that the Board of Governor's bylaws indicate that the Search Committee has nine months of the date of constitution to deliver their report.

**14. Confidential Business – N/A**

**15. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 pm.



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Martin Mkandawire, Secretary