

Senate Minutes

October 19, 2017
Senate Chamber CE-339

The Chair, D. Hayes, called the meeting to order at 1:35.

He began with the acknowledgement that Cape Breton University is located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) people first signed with the British Crown in 1726. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi'kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Amar Anwar, Pat Bates, Debbie Brennick, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Ian Brodie, Geoff Carre, Cathy Chisholm, Brooklyn Galbraith, Barb Glassey, Jordan Gracie, Derrick Hayes, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Carolin Kreber, Brendan MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Katelyn McPherson, David McCorquodale, Martin Mkandawire, Martin Moy, Sheila Profit, Vicky Salazar, Kennedy Semple, Eleanor Sidley, Tom Urbaniak, Audrey Walsh, Terry MacDonald, Shawn Bethke

Regrets:

Stephen Augustine, Shania Boucher, Dannie Brown, Jacob Daley, Ed Davis, Stuart Heath, John Hudec, Stephanie Inglis, Pierre Jean, George Karaphillis, Nat Leach, Jane Lewis, Gordon MacInnis, Stewart McCann, Mary Jane Morrison, Chester Pyne, Kelsey Storimans, Wendy Wadden,

Quorum was declared and **it was moved by** A. Anwar, seconded by P. Bates to accept the agenda as presented. **Motion carried.**

2. Consent Agenda – N/A

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

It was moved by B. Galbraith, seconded by M. Keating to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by P. Bates, seconded by K. McPherson to move to Open Session following the completion of confidential business. **Motion carried.**

4. Matters Forwarded for Information

4.1 Changes to CIC Convocation list after approval

B. MacDonald referred to the informational memo circulated which detailed the changes to the CIC graduation list after Senate's approval.

5. Special Presentations/Updates

5.1 Enrolment Number – Richard MacKinnon

In a PowerPoint presentation, R. MacKinnon provided Senators with a detailed overview of the 2017 F/W enrolment numbers with a comparison to recent year's historical data. The numbers were compared by domestic versus international, new students versus returning students, undergraduate versus graduate, and to the budget and by program. He showed the AAU comparison of all universities, and CBU is remaining constant with slight increases. *An increase of new-to-CBU student numbers broken down by domestic, international, undergraduate and graduate students is being reported.* In conclusion, he noted that the January numbers will impact these numbers but to what degree cannot be known at this time.

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

6.1 Report of the President

As a footnote to the enrolment presentation, Interim President Keefe reported that these numbers reflect a 6% increase to the budgeted targets and are very positive. He expressed many thanks to all those involved in another very successful open house held on October 14th. On October 16th he attended the CIC convocation and he noted the ceremony is available for viewing online.

6.2 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Provost

R. MacKinnon noted that the revised Emergency Management program, approved during the January meeting of Senate, was approved by MPHEC today. He reported on the various meeting and conferences he has attended that he, Interim President Keefe and VP MacInnis continue to meet with the various rotary clubs in the area.

7. Question Period – N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 It was moved by B. Galbraith, seconded by M. Keating, the approval of the minutes from the September 22, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 5**

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

Referring to the motion tabled during June meeting, and then again during the September meeting, E. MacLean requested that her motion be withdrawn and it be sent back to the Research Committee for further consultation. As seconded of the original motion, T. Brann-Barrett agreed and the **motion was withdrawn.**

10. Report of the Executive Committee

E. MacLeod reported that the Executive Committee met on October 6th to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The committee also discussed the terms for Senators and the possibility of changing the terms with a start date of July 1st. V. Salazar noted this was a recommendation was previously presented to Senate by the Planning and Review Committee.

11. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, E. Sidley, noted a very busy schedule for the CBUSU. She attended the Minister's round table in Halifax but unfortunately, there was no direct on-one-one time with the Minister. She also noted that the Pit has seen an increase in sales, they have implemented a trivial night and re-painted.

12. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Academic Committee – On behalf of the Chair, D. Hayes, referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material, noting there was nothing further to add.

(b) Research – E. MacLeod referred to the report as circulated nothing there was nothing further to add.

(c) TLEC – On behalf of the Chair, A. Anwar, reported the Committee met to further discuss the lab evaluations approved by Senate but not accepted by CBUFA. They hope to have a revised version presented at the next meeting of Senate. The Committee has also been in contact with T. MacDonald to review the resources and training with respect to the Office 365 suite now available to all CBU faculty and staff. Senators were asked to submit their interest in any of these training opportunities to any member of the TLEC committee. The committee is also exploring the evaluation process for small classes. B. MacDonald offered to provide the Committee with a list of classes with five or less students.

(d) Bylaws – T. Urbaniak referred to the written report submitted with the meeting documents. The committee is also discussed the vacancy on Senate of the SASS Dean. The Committee, after discussion with the Executive Committee, agreed that if an individual happens to fill two Senate *ex-officio* positions on an interim basis, there is no need to seek replacement for the vacant position.

(e) QA – No report.

(f) Planning and Review - G. Carre reported that the committee is working to complete the Pre-budget Report with a target completion date of October 27th.

13. Board of Governors' Report

D. Keefe reported that the next Board of Governor's meeting is being held on October 27th at the Wagmatcook Cultural & Heritage Centre.

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by E. Sidley to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 pm.


Martin Mkandawire, Secretary