

# Senate Minutes

**November 17, 2017  
Senate Chamber CE-339**

The Vice Chair, E. MacLeod, called the meeting to order at 1:35.

She 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.

Angela Keylor from the School of Professional Studies, was welcomed to her first meeting of Senate.

## **1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum**

### **Present:**

Amar Anwar, Pat Bates, Shania Boucher, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Debbie Brennick, Ian Brodie, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, Cathy Chisholm, Brooklyn Galbraith, Jordan Gracie, Stuart Heath, John Hudec, Stephanie Inglis, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Angela Keylor, Carolin Kreber, Nat Leach, Jane Lewis, Richard MacKinnon, Gordon MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Stewart McCann, Katelyn McPherson, David McCorquodale, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Martin Moy, Sheila Profit, Chester Pyne, Vicky Salazar, Tom Urbaniak, Wendy Wadden, Audrey Walsh, Terry MacDonald

### **Regrets:**

Stephen Augustine, Ed Davis, Barb Glassey, Jacob Daley, Derrick Hayes, Pierre Jean, Brendan MacDonald, Kennedy Semple, Eleanor Sidley, Kelsey Storimans, Shawn Bethke

## **2. Consent Agenda**

### **2.1 Academic Committee**

1. HIST 2XXX: The History Workshop
2. POLS 3XXX: Cultural Policy and Arts

**It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by S. McCann, to accept and approve the consent agenda as circulated. **Motion carried.**

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

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

**It was moved by B. MacLennan, seconded by B. Galbraith, 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**

**It was moved by W. Wadden, seconded by M. Keating, to move in to Closed Session. Motion carried.**

It was suggested that due to the wording of the document indicating students as being disqualified that this document should be presented and discussed in a closed session. It was agreed this discussion would be presented to the Registrar for future consideration.

**It was moved by W. Wadden, seconded by S. Profit, to receive the report from the Registrar detailing the changes to the graduation list after Senate's approval. Motion carried.**

There being no further confidential business, **it was moved by W. Wadden, seconded by S. Profit, to move back to Open Session. Motion carried.**

#### **5. Special Presentations/Updates – N/A**

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

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

Interim President referred to his report posted to the Senate SharePoint. He congratulated both men's and women's soccer teams on a very successful year. He noted that during the October meeting of the Board of Governor's a revision was approved to their bylaws which included how Senate's membership is determined. He also acknowledged Chief Terry Paul induction to the Order of Canada. Earlier in the day, CBU welcomed Member of Parliament Rodger Cuzner and staff from the Honourable Mark Eykings's Office, to learn about research being led at Cape Breton University. The session was being held as part of a Universities Canada led initiative, Bold Thinking, Better Solutions, to showcase the need to invest in university research in order to build a stronger Canada. He also noted that the Board of Governors will be holding their December meeting and retreat at the Canadian Coast Guard College. During the retreat, the Kairos Blanket Exercise will be performed and he invited Senators to participate.

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

Interim Vice-President Academic & Provost reported that he met with visiting agents from Egypt, Dubai and Turkey in hopes to bring students from these countries to CBU. He attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Building Reconciliation Forum at the University of Manitoba along with various other meetings and workshop. He requested that the Bylaws Committee review the most recently approved school and departmental bylaws for SASS due to inconsistencies and conflicts that exist with the CBU-CBUFA Collective Agreement.

T. Urbaniak reported this item was brought to the Bylaws Committee as a point of information. SASS has agreed on a Notice of Motion for their next school meeting at which time they will examine their internal structure along with these bylaws.

**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 October 19, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 8**

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

**10. Report of the Executive Committee**

M. Mkandawire reported that the Executive Committee met on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The committee also discussed the terms for Senators and he referred to the email circulated earlier in the day which confirmed the approval of the terms for Senators as July 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Students' Union Report**

Students' Union Executive Vice President, B. Galbraith reported that they have been busy with fundraising, the Orange Army point system, the myWellness program, and planning upcoming events.

**12. Reports of Other Committees**

**(a) Planning & Review** – G. Carre referred to the report circulated with the meeting material. He detailed this document as Senate's submission to the Budget Advisory Committee for their consideration of what Senate deems academic priorities for this process.

Recommendation 1:

**It was moved** by J. Gracie, seconded by S. Profit, that Senate recommend that the proposed student experience initiatives be given due consideration by administration when engaged in relevant planning and budget decisions. In response to point F, D. Keefe questioned the source of this information noting that recruitment always markets all programs. J. Gracie responded this resulted from a Committee discussion not from information gathering and the suggestion was that current efforts should be enhanced. **Motion carried.**

Recommendation 2:

**It was moved** by S. Inglis, seconded by W. Wadden, that Senate recommend that CBU increase funding for alumni outreach. It was suggested that the recommendation should be more specific in what the increase should address. On the motion: a friendly amendment was put forward by T. Urbaniak to revise the motion to read, "that CBU should invest in a strategic plan for alumni outreach". **Motion carried as amended.**

Recommendation 3:

**It was moved** by S. Inglis, seconded by W. Wadden, that Senate recommend that Mi'kmaw/L'Nu Initiatives should be maintained and increased. It was suggested that the recommendation could be

broadened in efforts to respond to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. S. Inglis noted this recommendation was specifically intended to maintain, and hopefully grow, the Mi'kmaw/L'Nu language training at CBU. Following a thorough discussion, it was suggested that Senate should hold a special meeting in efforts to begin the development of a strategic plan to respond to the TRC recommendations. **Motion carried.**

Recommendation 4:

**It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by A. Anwar, that Senate recommend that CBU provide additional support to assist in the development of internships and practicum opportunities across the CBU degree programs and the community at large. It was suggested, if this recommendation is implemented, that the Nursing program be included because, at this time, professors are currently expected to do this within their department. In response for clarity on the recommendation, W. Wadden responded that the recommendation is not for an additional placement officer rather an individual that would develop internship and practicum opportunities with employers. On the motion: a friendly amendment was accepted to add and coordination to the motions to read, that Senate recommend that CBU provide additional support to assist in the development *and coordination* of internships and practicum opportunities across the CBU degree programs and the community at large. **Motion carried as amended.**

Recommendation 5:

**It was moved** by G Carre, seconded by S. Inglis, that in line with the BOG commitment to the broad aspects of sustainability, Senate recommend that CBU develop a plan, a systematic approach, to foster synergistic relationships and collaborative projects among various elements of the University working towards a long-term commitment to sustainability, recognizing that these efforts offer long-term social, environmental, financial and health returns. **Motion carried**

**(b) Research** – M. Mkandawire referred to the report circulated with the meeting package. He provided Senator with a review of Recommendation one.

Recommendation 1:

**It was moved** by M. Mkandawire, seconded by C. Kreber, that Senate advise CBU's administration (a) to investigate the implications of amending CBU's Research Proposals and Agreements Policy to allow faculty to earn income from research contracts and (b) to involve the Senate Research Committee in the process of review and decision-making. Following a very thorough discussion with many concerns and comments being voiced, it was suggested the implications and possible implementation of this policy are an administrative responsibility. **Motion defeated: 7-Yeas / 22 – Nays / 3 Abstentions**

Recommendation 2:

**It was moved** by M. Mkandawire, seconded by C. Kreber, that Senate approve the establishment of the Centre for Sound Communities as a Research Institute. It was noted that the centre does research through music and dance by exploring the role of cultures through artistic performances in the building of community identity. On the motion: a friendly amendment was put forward by G. MacInnis to include the following: for a term to be specified following Senate's consideration of term limits for all research groups and centres. **Motion carried.**

**It was moved** by T. Urbaniak, seconded by W. Wadden, that the Research Committee review the Institutes and Centre Policy and establish a recommendation for terms for review and renewal of institutes and centres. **Motion carried.**

(c) **TLEC** – J. Hudec referred to the report circulated in advance of the meeting. He provided an updated of the process in the development of the proposed lab evaluation to date. **It was moved**, by J. Hudec, seconded by C. Kreber, that Senate approve the proposed Lab Course Evaluation for use pending approval by the CBUFA Executive. From Senate's governance perspective, concerns were noted that the approval from CBUFA is not required. On the motion: a friendly amendment was put forward to change the ending to "*for use at Cape Breton University.*" and that the revised the motion to read, "that Senate approve the proposed Lab Course Evaluation for use at Cape Breton University". **Motion carried as amended.**

(d) **Bylaws** – T. Urbaniak referred to the report circulated with the meeting documents noting there was nothing further to add.

(e) **QA** – No report.

### **13. Board of Governors' Report**

P. Bates reported that in efforts to connect with all Cape Breton Island communities, the October meeting was held at the Wagmatcook Cultural and Heritage Centre. The Chair of the Presidential Search Committee noted their work is on track and expect to have a recommendation early in the new year. S. Augustine gave an update on Unama'ki College and two new members, Mr. Steve Parsons and Ms. Ann Sylliboy, were welcomed. He also referred to D. Keefe's note on the blanket exercise being planned for the December retreat and also encouraged Senators to attend.

### **14. Confidential Business – N/A**

### **15. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by W. Wadden to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 pm.

  
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Martin Mkandawire, Secretary