

Senate Minutes

**December 15, 2017
Senate Chamber CE-339**

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

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:

Pat Bates, Shania Boucher, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, Cathy Chisholm, Ed Davis, Brooklyn Galbraith, Jordan Gracie, Derrick Hayes, John Hudec, Stephanie Inglis, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Angela Keylor, Carolin Kreber, Nat Leach, Brendan MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Gordon MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Stewart McCann, Katelyn McPherson, David McCorquodale, Mary Jane Morrison, Martin Moy, Chester Pyne, Vicky Salazar, Eleanor Sidley, Tom Urbaniak, Audrey Walsh, Shawn Bethke, Terry MacDonald

Regrets:

Amar Anwar, Stephen Augustine, Debbie Brennick, Jacob Daley, Barb Glassey, Stuart Heath, Pierre Jean, Jane Lewis, Martin Mkandawire, Kennedy Semple, Wendy Wadden

Absent:

Ian Brodie, Sheila Profit, Kelsey Storimans

On behalf of Senate, the Chair thanked Dean McCorquodale for his many contributions to Senate during his tenure as Dean and wished him well as he returns to teaching.

It was moved by E. Davis, seconded by D. Brown, to accept the agenda with removal of the Special Presentation. **Motion carried.**

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Planning and Review

That Senate approve the modifications to the Decision Matrix (addition of a column designating those responsible for alerting the Registrar's office).

The consent agenda was accepted and approved as circulated.

3. Confidential Business – N/A

4. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

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

4.1 Approval of the Confidential Minutes

It was moved by B. Galbraith, seconded by E. Davis, approval of the Confidential Minutes of the November 17, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 2**

It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by G. Carre, to move to Open Session following the completion of confidential business. **Motion carried.**

5. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

6. Special Presentations/Updates

6.1 Stephen Augustine – Unama’ki College Update

Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict, S. Augustine was unable to attend this meeting of Senate. His presentation will be rescheduled for a Senate meeting in early 2018.

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

7.1 Report of the President

Interim President referred to his report posted to the Senate SharePoint. He circulated a copy of the recommendations from a report released by the Council of Nova Scotia University Presidents (CONSUP), in conjunction with the Province of Nova Scotia, titled Changing the Culture of Acceptance the Sexual Violence Prevention. He acknowledged Mr. Norm Smith who was CBU’s original representative on the Committee and Mr. John Mayich who took over after Mr. Smith’s retirement. He noted that CBU’s initiatives are much in line with the recommendations and that an advisory committee will be established early in the new year that will report how CBU is responding to the recommendations.

7.2 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Provost

Interim Vice-President Academic & Provost reported on recent events he has attended including the All Canadian Breakfast which celebrated the many accomplishment of CBU athletes. A very well attended holiday alumni event was held at Breton Brewing which indicates a strong alumni growth. He also noted that negotiations continue with organizations to build on the growth of India students focused on all offerings at CBU.

8. Question Period – N/A

9. Approval of Minutes

9.1 It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by G. Carre, the approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 2**

10. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

11. Report of the Executive Committee

E. MacLeod reported that the Executive Committee met on December 1st to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The committee also discussed changes to the graduation list conversation which took place during the November meeting of Senate. It was suggested that only names of approved names be included on the list. The Committee also developed a slate of presentations for future meetings.

12. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, E. Sidley, reported that they hosted the Harvest Dinner, the Honours Banquet, and attended Canadian Federation of Students meeting in Ottawa. Events surrounding consent culture, international student focus groups, and mental wellness clinics have been held with more planned for the coming term. She also noted this is the 20-year anniversary of the CBUSU Women's Centre.

13. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Academic Committee

Recommendations:

1) Proposed Class/Exam Schedule Fall/Winter 2019/2020

It was moved by MJ Morrison, seconded by B. MacLennan, to approve the proposed class/exam schedule Fall/Winter 2019/20. This schedule assumes that the pilot of Fall break is successful and that permission is granted for the early start in September 2019. On the question of the timing of the suggested Fall break, MJ Morrison replied it was determined through survey results and comparison to other universities. **Motion carried.**

2) Revision to the Introduction of New Courses Policy

It was moved by MJ Morrison, seconded by B. MacLennan, to approve the revisions to the Introduction of New Courses policy. It was agreed that a chart or table, like that of the Decision Matrix, be developed to clearly illustrate the revisions. **Motion carried.**

3) Revision of the Dean's List Criteria Policy

It was moved by MJ Morrison, seconded by B. MacLennan, to approve the revisions to the Dean's List Criteria policy. B. MacDonald noted the suggested changes are in response to a request from the Jennifer Keeping Centre. After a full discussion, MJ Morrison suggested that the concerns raised would be brought back to the Committee for further review and that revisions with more inclusive language would be brought back later. **Motion carried. Yeas: 18, Nays: 11, Abstentions: 3**

4) Program Modifications – Diploma in Public Administration and Management

It was moved by MJ Morrison, seconded by C. Kreber, to approve modifications to the Diploma in Public Administration and Management program. It was suggested that to satisfy the concerns of Senate and in keeping with the spirit and intent of the proponent, it was suggested that the motion be voted on and if approved, it be subject to the changes of wording in the Student Outcomes. **Motion carried.**

Abstentions: 1

(b) **Bylaws** - T. Urbaniak referred to the report circulated with the meeting documents. He noted that a working draft of the Senate Meeting Rules has been posted to SharePoint. Senators were asked to provide input to the Committee on these rules prior to their next meeting on January 8, 2018. He also noted that due to the recent updates in the Board of Governors Bylaws, Senate must now develop a composition bylaw. It was agreed that until this composition is developed that a status quo be maintained on all respects. During the Committee's deliberations, it was suggested the Committee consider and develop a clear definition of the Budget Advisory Committee.

(c) **Planning & Review** – Nothing to report.

(d) **Research** – E. MacLeod referred to the report circulated with the meeting documents which included the RP Grant recipients, Fall 2017. He also noted that the Committee has begun its work of reviewing CBU's Policy for Research Groups, Institutes, and Centres as directed during the November meeting of Senate.

(e) **TLEC** – J. Hudec referred to the report circulated with the meeting documents noting there was nothing further to add.

(f) **QA** – V. Salazar referred to the report circulated with the meeting documents noting there was nothing further to add.

14. Board of Governors' Report

S. Inglis reported that the Board of Governors met on December 7th and 8th for their regular meeting and a retreat at the Canadian Coast Guard College. On Thursday evening, members attended a dinner with guest speaker Alex Usher. During the retreat on Friday, members were given various presentations which generated a healthy discussion and they also participated in the Kairos Blanket Exercise. It was suggested that the Executive Committee consider having Senate participate in this exercise.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, it was moved by D. Brown to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm.



Martin Mkandawire, Secretary