

# Senate Minutes

February 2, 2018  
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:

Stephen Augustine, Pat Bates, Shania Boucher, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Ian Brodie, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, Cathy Chisholm, Ed Davis, Barb Glassey, Jordan Gracie, Odette Griscti, Derrick Hayes, John Hudec, Pierre Jean, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Carolin Kreber, Nat Leach, Brendan MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Gordon MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Stewart McCann, Katelyn McPherson, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Martin Moy, Rick Pierrynowski, Chester Pyne, Vicky Salazar, Eleanor Sidley, Tom Urbaniak, Wendy Wadden, Audrey Walsh, Shawn Bethke, Terry MacDonald

### Regrets:

Amar Anwar, Jacob Daley, Brooklyn Galbraith, Angela Keylor, Stuart Heath, Stephanie Inglis, Kennedy Semple, Kelsey Storimans

### Absent:

Debbie Brennick, Jane Lewis

**It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by E. Davis, to accept the agenda with the amendment of moving item 15 in to the closed session. **Motion carried.**

## 2. Consent Agenda – N/A

## 3. Confidential Business

**It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by B. MacLennan, to move in to Closed Session for the purpose of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

Following a confidential session, **it was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by B. MacLennan, to move back to Open Session. **Motion carried.**

#### **4. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session – N/A**

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

#### **6. Special Presentations/Updates**

##### **6.1 Stephen Augustine – Unama'ki College Update**

Referring to the 40-year timeline circulated during the meeting, S. Augustine provided members with a historical, present, and future view of the operations of Unama'ki College. He noted the recent new hires within Unama'ki College and how these roles will help grow and enhance the student experience. He also circulated a copy of the Unama'ki College Strategic Plan and responded to comments and questions as they arose. Many comments were offered in support of the Plan and an eagerness to assist in how CBU responds to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee report.

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

##### **7.1 Report of the President**

Interim President Keefe referred to the strong January enrolment numbers and recognized the efforts of the Registrar's Office, Enrolment Services, and Student Services with this unexpected influx of students from India. He noted that another large intake for May is predicated and Senate should consider the possibility of a trimester system to respond to this emerging trend. He also suggested that Academic Committee might consider a policy surrounding the first day of class after the December break. He recommended that five days between the opening and the first day of classes would provide ample time for departments and students to prepare.

He responded to comments and questions surrounding the possibility of a trimester operation with respect to staffing, course offerings, infrastructure, space utilization, increase supports for international students and discussions that should take place surrounding possible capped programs.

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

Interim Vice-President Academic & Provost reported on the recent meeting of the Nova Scotia Vice Presidents Academic held at Mount Saint Vincent University. Among other items, they discussed the results of the Changing the Culture of Acceptance report and how universities should respond to the recommendations. A reconstituted Unama'ki College Advisory Board met in January and they are pleased with the efforts CBU is concentrating on with respect to Unama'ki College.

#### **8. Question Period – N/A**

#### **9. Approval of Minutes**

**9.1 It was moved** by M. Keating, seconded by MJ Morrison, the approval of the minutes from the December 15, 2017 meeting. It was noted that J. Gracie was in attendance and the Research report was given by E. MacLeod. **Motion carried as amended. Abstentions: 4**

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

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

E. MacLeod reported that the Executive Committee met on January 19<sup>th</sup> to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The Committee also discussed a schedule for upcoming presentations to Senate, the committee memberships for 2018/19, and the Blanket Exercise discussed during the last meeting of Senate. V. Salazar suggested that the Executive Committee could look to provide a presentation that would assist in the development and recruitment of individuals for administrative positions.

## **12. Students' Union Report**

Students' Union President, E. Sidley, reported on a successful return to class Frost Week, that their Executive Boardroom was renamed after Ms. Wendy Wadden, an RFP for a health care and dental provider has recently closed, and the election for the new President and Vice President will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Goals for the coming term are to continue the international student focus groups and to continue discussions with Transit Cape Breton to enhance public transport to the University.

## **13. Reports of Other Committees**

**(a) Research** – E. MacLeod referred to the report circulated with the meeting documents noting there was nothing further to add.

**(b) TLEC** – Nothing to report.

**(c) QA** – Nothing to report.

**(d) Academic** – MJ Morrison referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material. She advised that, as directed during the December meeting, the Committee is working toward the development of a diagram that articulates the new course approval policy and is conducting further research on Dean's list policy.

**(e) P&R** – G. Carre reported that the Committee has begun to review all policies.

**(f) Bylaws** – T. Urbaniak drew attention to the written report circulated with the meeting material. He noted that the committee concurred with the department of Math, Physics and Geology that no updates or revisions were required to their bylaws. The Committee has also reviewed the Department of Biology bylaws and have returned them to the Department with suggestions. He also noted that further revisions were made to the Senate Meeting Rules and Procedures and the Terms of Reference for Standing Committees of Senate and that a Notice of Motion for approval of the revised documents will be given for the March meeting of Senate.

On the question of Senate's compositions in light of the recent changes to the Board of Governor's bylaws, T. Urbaniak reminded members that during the December meeting it was decided that until a composition is developed by Senate, a status quo will be maintained on all respects.

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

W. Wadden reported that a special meeting of the Board of Governors was held on January 31 where the report and recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee was table. The Board unanimously endorsed the recommendation that David C. Dingwall be the next president of Cape Breton University.

The Chair expressed thanks to W. Wadden who represented Senate on the Presidential Search Committee. Her commitment to this process, along with all other Committee members, was acknowledged.

On behalf of Senate, D. Hayes thanked Dale Keefe for his guidance and leadership during this time.

#### **15. Adjournment**

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

  
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Martin Mkandawire, Secretary