

# Senate Minutes

May 3, 2018  
Senate Chamber CE-339

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

The Chair declared quorum and 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:

Nagy Abdou, Amar Anwar, Stephen Augustine, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Parteek Brar, Debbie Brennick, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, Cathy Chisholm, Ed Davis, David Dingwall, Bhreagh Gillis, Derrick Hayes, John Hudec, Stephanie Inglis, Pierre Jean, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Dale Keefe, Angela Keylor, Carolin Kreber, Nat Leach, Brendan MacDonald, Gordon MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Emily MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Elaine MacNeil, Stewart McCann, Martin Mkandawire, Amera Mohamed, Mary Jane Morrison, Martin Moy, Rick Pierrynowski, Chester Pyne, Vicky Salazar, Tom Urbaniak, Wendy Wadden, Audrey Walsh, Shawn Bethke, Terry MacDonald

### Regrets:

Ankear Ainiwear, Ian Brodie, Brooklyn Galbraith, Barb Glassey, Odette Griscti, Alison Keough, Jane Lewis, Katie Unsworth

**It was moved** by E. Davis, seconded by A. Anwar, to accept the agenda with amendments of the addition of 6.3 Steering Committee Nominations and to move 14 Confidential Business to 2.a, **motion carried as amended.**

Chair, D. Hayes, on behalf of Senate, formally welcomed President Dingwall to his first meeting of the CBU Senate. He also welcomed the new Students' Union Senators in attendance: Parteek Brar, Naby Abdou, Bhreagh Gillis, Emily MacLennan, and Amera Mohamed.

On behalf of Senate, S. Augustine, Associate Vice President, Indigenous Affairs, presented Dr. Dale Keefe with an eagle feather as sign of respect, thanks, and respect for his leadership and guidance during his tenure as Interim President.

## **2. Consent Agenda**

**It was moved** by V. Salazar, seconded by W. Wadden, to accept items from the Consent Agenda as follows:

### **2.1 Bylaws Committee**

Revised By-laws of the Biology Department be adopted.

### **2.2 Academic Committee**

#### **Recommendations:**

1. Privacy Agreement for Students
2. Proposed Changes for English Major/Minor
3. New Course Proposal – PHIL 2XXX – The Philosophy of Love and Friendship
4. New Course Proposal – PHIL 2XXX – Philosophy of Sex
5. New Course Proposal – MIKM 1XXX – Conversational Mi'kmaq: Beginners I
6. New Course Proposal – MIKM 1XXX – Conversational Mi'kmaq: Beginners II
7. New Course Proposal – MIKM 2XXX – Conversational Mi'kmaq: Intermediate I
8. New Course Proposal – MIKM 2XXX – Conversational Mi'kmaq: Intermediate II
9. New Course Proposal – MIKM 3XXX – Conversational Mi'kmaq: Advanced I
10. New Course Proposal – MIKM 3XXX – Conversational Mi'kmaq: Advanced II

A friendly amendment was accepted to change distribution requirements rather than degree requirement to section four of item two of the Academic Committee report and to the numbering of the MIKM course proposals. **Motion carried as amended.**

## **3. Closed Session**

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

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

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

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

### **5.1 Articulation Agreements – Eleanor Anderson**

The Chair welcomed Ms. Eleanor Anderson, Director of Enrolment Services, who provided information on articulations agreements at CBU. In a PowerPoint presentation, Ms. Anderson detailed the various agreements offered by CBU, the many partners associated with the agreements, and resulting enrolment number statistics. She also detailed the process for maintaining and renewing current agreements.

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

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

President Dingwall thanked Senate for their warm welcome and detailed his activities prior to, and after, his installation on April 6<sup>th</sup>. He noted that he has had 27 sessions with various internal and external groups throughout the University community. He drew particular attention to two issues of substance requiring attention: the relationship with the Provincial government, and the development of a strategic plan for Cape Breton University. He then provided an overview of the process and direction for the development of the strategic plan and encouraged Senators to participate in all stages.

**It was moved**, by D. Keefe, seconded by M. Keating, that whereas, CBU has not had a strategic plan since 2001; whereas, President Dingwall has outlined a process to develop a strategic plan through intensive internal and external consultation; whereas, the process will conclude with a plan being presented to Senate and the Board of Governors in October for approval; and whereas, the CBU Board of Governors endorsed this process on April 27, 2018; be it hereby resolved that Senate endorses the process and commits to full participation throughout the process. **Motion carried.**

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

Vice President Academic & Provost, D. Keefe, reported that with the completion of the 2017/18 enrolment numbers, CBU has seen its highest numbers in this term since 2005. He noted that numbers are up in all five demographic categories with the exception of Cape Breton Island students. Individual course enrolments are up by approximately 6%, and new student enrolments are reporting 1349; the highest level since 2000. An early estimation of Spring/Summer is expected to exceed the 2017 numbers. He expressed thanks to the School Deans, the Registrar's Office, and Student and Enrolment Services, for their extra efforts with this unexpected increase. Confidentially, he informed Senate that, Dr. Heather Sparling, will be renewed for her Canadian Research Chair. He noted this will be formally announced by CRC in the coming months. The Chair will send a congratulatory note to Dr. Sparling on behalf of Senate.

In follow up to the reported increases in the spring/summer sessions, it was suggested that CBU and Senate should consider a trimester system for certain programs.

### **6.3 Steering Committee Nominations**

Referring to the addition of this item to the agenda, and the document circulated by President Dingwall, D. Hayes called for nominations of Senators to serve on the Steering Committee which will assist in the development of a strategic plan for Cape Breton University. He then opened the floor for nominations.

Bernie MacLennan was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

Erna MacLeod was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

Mary Keating was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

Mary Jane Morrison was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

Tom Urbaniak was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

Debbie Brennick was nominated; however, the nomination was graciously declined because she begins her sabbatical in July 2018.

Audrey Walsh was nominated and the nomination was accepted.

With no further nominations, the Chair indicated a vote would be necessary to elect five members from the six nominees. Before the vote was called, President Dingwall suggested he would accept the six

nominees rather than the requested five, with Senate's approval. **It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by S. Augustine, to approve Derrick Hayes, Geoff Carre, and the slate of the six nominees to serve on the Steering Committee, which will assist in the development of a strategic plan for Cape Breton University. It was also noted that should the term of any Senate member expire in June 2018, they will continue as a member of this Committee until the discharge of duties in October 2018. **Motion carried.**

## **7. Question Period – N/A**

## **8. Approval of Minutes**

**8.1 It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by S. Inglis, the approval of the minutes from the March 23, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 1**

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

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

E. MacLeod reported that the Executive Committee met on April 20<sup>th</sup> to set the agenda for this Senate meeting.

## **11. Students' Union Report**

The new Students' Union President, P. Brar, provided a brief report on their first week in office. He thanked Senators who attended the Oath of Office on May 1<sup>st</sup>. He noted that they will continue the work of the previous President in working with Cape Breton Transit. The Union will also meet to begin their strategic plan for the coming year. He noted that they are planning to attend the student governments round-table discussions with DLAE.

## **12. Reports of Other Committees**

**(a) Bylaws** – On behalf of the Committee Chair, M. Moy, referred to the report circulated with the meeting material. He detailed the report as Senate's composition needing to fill a legal void with the recent changes to the Board of Governor's bylaws. The recommendation suggests that the Bylaws Committee continue to study the implications of the Principles of Reconciliation for Senate composition while maintaining a faculty majority. **It was moved** by M. Moy, seconded by C. Pyne, that the draft Senate Composition By-laws be approved as presented. It was impressed that in this review, that the Committee ensure the 50 plus one percent faculty representation is maintained. A friendly amendment was accepted to change, under non-voting membership, the Director of the Teaching and Learning Centre to the Educational Developer for the Centre of Teaching and Learning. **Motion carried with noted condition.**

**(b) Academic** – MJ Morrison referred to the informational items of the Committee report, and noted there was nothing further to report.

### **Informational Items:**

1. Course Change – HIST from 1105 to 2XXX
2. Course Changes: FRNC 2104 to 2204; 2105 to 2205; 2106 to 2206; 2107 to 2207
3. Revised Graphic for new course proposal

Following a discussion on the graphic for the new course proposal, it was suggested that Academic Committee suggest any implications for the change to the Planning and Review and Bylaws Committees. Their findings will be presented at the next meeting of Senate.

**(c) QA** – The Committee Chair reported that the Committee has sent recommendations to the Vice President Academic on the review of ORGS. He also noted the Committee is now focused on beginning reviews for the Library and Hospitality and Tourism Management.

**(d) Research** – E. MacLeod referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material, noting there was nothing further to add.

**(e) TLEC** – Nothing to report.

**(f) P&R** – G. Carre reported that the Committee anticipates they will be circulating a number of policies for review and/or update.

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

W. Wadden reported that the Board of Governors met on April 27<sup>th</sup>. She noted this was the first meeting for President Dingwall. During the meetings, the 2018/19 Operating Budget was approved, the Students' Union reported they have surpassed their fundraising target, and the Investment Committee reported positively. P. Bates added that he is encouraged by recent meetings he has been involved with respect to research and innovation.

### **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by W. Wadden to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 pm.

  
Martin Mkandawire, Secretary