

# Senate Minutes

October 18, 2018  
Senate Chamber CE-339

The Chair, M. Mkandawire, 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:

Nagy Abdou, Catherine Arseneau, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Parteek Brar, Geoff Carre, Sheila Christie, Mary Beth Doucette, Bhreagh Gillis, Jasmine Hoover, David Johnson, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Angela Keylor, Carolin Kreber, Ronald Labelle, Breagh MacDonald, Brendan MacDonald, Gordon MacInnis, Judy MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Emily MacLennan, Stewart McCann, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Martin Moy, Joe Parish, Andy Parnaby, Rick Pierrynowski, Joanne Pyke, Vicky Salazar, Ann Sylliboy, Mike Tanchak, Claudette Taylor, Katie Unsworth, Tom Urbaniak, Audrey Walsh, Richard Watuwa, Terry MacDonald, John Mayich

### Regrets:

Patrick DeLamirande, David Dingwall, Odette Griscti, Pierre Jean, Alison Keough, Jane Lewis, Mary Jane Morrison, Terry MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Chester Pyne

### Absent:

Ankaer Ainiwear, Stephen Augustine, Amera Mohamed

## 2. Consent Agenda

To allow for discussion items of the Academic Committee report were moved to committee reports portion of the agenda.

## 3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

**It was moved** by P. Brar, seconded by C. Kreber, to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

**It was moved by** T. Brann-Barrett, seconded by M. Keating, 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 in advance of the meeting which detailed the changes to the CIC graduation list after Senate's approval.

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

**5.1 Parteek Brar** – This presentation was deferred to the next meeting of Senate.

#### **6. Report of the President and Vice-President Academic & Provost – N/A**

#### **7. Question Period – N/A**

#### **8. Approval of Minutes**

**8.1 It was moved** by M. Keating, seconded by C. Taylor, the approval of the minutes from the September 21, 2018 meeting. **Motion carried.**

#### **9. Business Arising from the Minutes**

B. MacDonald referred to a list that will be posted to the Senate SharePoint which detailed changes to the CIC Graduation List after approval during the September meeting.

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

T. Urbaniak reported that the Executive Committee met on October 5<sup>th</sup> to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The committee also discussed an agenda for special presentations to occur during future meetings. SU President, P. Brar, was requested to provide a presentation on the challenges and opportunities facing international students. The Committee also discussed questions for Question Period that will be presented to the Vice President Academic for response during the November meeting.

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

Students' Union President, P. Brar, noted a very busy schedule for the CBUSU. He advised that use of the Student's Union Food bank has increased and required the hiring of a coordinator. Bus pass purchases have seen a drastic increase; over 1000 pass have been purchased. The legal services have also been overwhelmed with requests for assistance with housing and leases. The SRC elections were held on October 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> and all seats have been filled. They also respectfully requested that Senate not hold meetings on Thursday afternoons. B. MacDonald replied that there are only two Senate meetings that take place on Thursday afternoons and are due to timing for the approving of the graduation lists for Convocation. He suggested that the Fall meeting could be moved to the Friday and that the Executive Committee could consider this when planning the schedule for next year.

## 12. Reports of Other Committees

(a) **Academic Committee** – M. Keating referred to the report circulated with the meeting document which was moved from the Consent Agenda.

### Items for Information:

1. Course Change MATH 1204
2. Course Change MATH 2103
3. Course Change MATH 2113
4. Course Change MATH 2214
5. Course Change GEOL 2101
6. Course Change GEOL 1205

### Recommendation:

Attendance Policy: CBU does not have an institution-wide mandatory class attendance policy. However, we strongly encourage students to attend. Certain programs or courses may wish or be required to make attendance mandatory. Such requirements must be clearly communicated in the course syllabi. We encourage TELC to come up guidelines for defining what is meant by participation when that forms part of the evaluation for a course.

**It was moved**, M. Keating, seconded by C. Taylor, that that because CBU does not have an institution-wide attendance policy, TLEC should develop guidelines for defining what is meant by participation when it forms part of the evaluation for a course, and how it relates to attendance versus participation. It was further suggested that it should be clearly stated by adding a statement that the policy will supersede the general CBU non-attendance policy. **Motion carried as amended.**

(b) **TLEC** – C. Taylor reported that the Committee met on October 10<sup>th</sup> to review their mandate and are waiting for the results of the Strategic Plan's presentation to the Board of Governors'; much of the Committee's work will be directed should the Plan be approved.

(c) **Bylaws** – On behalf of the Chair, T. Urbaniak reported that the Committee met and C. Pyne was elected Chair. He further reported that the Committee discussed the exception of a non-Senator elected as the Chair of a Standing Committee of Senate; this is not consistent with section seven of the terms of reference. To modify the Terms of Reference to allow for this situation, **it was moved** by T. Urbaniak, seconded by M. Tanchak, to add to the end of By-law Section 7 (Terms of Reference, Standing Committees of Senate): "Exceptions shall require a special resolution of the Senate in the interest of ensuring that Standing Committees are normally Chaired by Senators." **Motion carried.**

(d) **QA** – J. Gerrie reported that the Committee has receive confirmation from the Office of the Vice President Academic that the final reports for the MBA-CED and BACS will be ready for the November meeting of Senate. He noted that the reports will circulated in advance of the meeting to allow for a full review of the substantial documents.

(e) **Research** – On behalf of the Chair, T. Brann-Barrett drew attention to the circulated report which request input from Senators on the criteria for the President's Award for Excellence in Research and measuring the impacts of research using citations. Senate was also asked to provide input on the Research Assistance Committee's terms of reference relating to active researchers pre-dating the current assessment by

Deans of who is research active/inactive. Replies to E. Barre were requested before October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**(f) Planning and Review** - G. Carre reported that the committee continues to work on the Pre-Budget report that will be brought to Senate during the November meeting.

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

P. Bates reported that the Board of Governors' is scheduled to meeting on October 26<sup>th</sup> and he will have a full report at the next meeting of Senate. He did advise Senators that the Board is receiving periodic communications on the activities of all aspects of the University which is appreciated by the external members.

### **14. Adjournment**

Prior to adjournment G. MacInnis reminded Senators of the Beaton & Art Gallery event taking place on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. On behalf of President Dingwall, he thanked Senators for their continued efforts in assisting with the increased enrolment of international students.

There being no further business, it was moved by T. Brann-Barrett to adjourn the meeting at 2:35 pm.



David Johnson, Secretary