

Senate Minutes

January 25, 2019
Senate Chamber CE-339

M. Mkandawire, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

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:

Catherine Arseneau, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Parteek Brar, Geoff Carre, Sheila Christie, Patrick Delamirande, David Dingwall, Bhreagh Gillis, Odette Griscti, Jasmine Hoover, David Johnson, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Carolin Kreber, Bhreagh MacDonald, Brendan MacDonald, Terry MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Emily MacLennan, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Andy Parnaby, Rick Pierrynowski, Joanne Pyke, Chester Pyne, Vicky Salazar, Michael Tanchak, Claudette Taylor, Katie Unsworth, Tom Urbaniak, Audrey Walsh, Richard Watuwa

Regrets:

Stephen Augustine, Ian Brodie, Mary Beth Doucette, David Gerbasi, Alison Keough, Angela Keylor, Jane Lewis, Gordon MacInnis, Judy MacInnis, Bernie MacLennan, Martin Moy, Joe Parish, Marlene Powell, Scott Rodney, Ann Sylliboy, John Mayich

M. Mkandawire thanked members for their understanding in the time change for this meeting. He also noted that Stewart McCann will be stepping down from Senate and Scott Rodney will be his replacement.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Academic Committee

It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by M. Tanchak, to accept the following item from the consent agenda: new course proposal: Modern English Canadian Poetry. **Motion carried.**

3. Confidential Business – N/A

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

5. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

6. Special Presentations/Updates – N/A

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

7.1 Report of the President

President Dingwall thanked members of Senate for their accommodation in changing the start time for the meeting. He provided updates and information on the following items:

1. CBU's work with the CIC in Cairo
2. The continuing situation in China
3. Funding relief for St FX and King's
4. Professional development and succession planning
5. Process enhancement at CBU through Lean Enterprise
6. Continued development Wellness policy
7. The need to expedite the Volunteer Advantage Program
8. Max Bell Centre and health coverage for international students
9. Housing
10. How CBU can assist with immigration
11. Transportation
12. Future discussion Global Collaborative Centre
13. Renovations for B-Block
14. Food services and selections
15. The Pit lounge
16. WiFi improvements
17. The new ERP system
18. Follow-up on the recommendations of the Pre-budget Report
19. World Tourism Institute

Following his report, he addressed comments and questions on possible synergies with St. FX, how CBU might respond to a recent new article suggesting CBU explore the options of a medical school, the planned renovations to B-Block, and the Lean Enterprise.

7.2 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Provost

Vice-President Academic & Provost reported that he has been involved in the recent branding sessions and that in response to the Strategic Plan, the development of the Academic Plan is underway. He then welcomed comments and questions.

8. Question Period

8.1 What is the plan for the leadership of the Library?

R. MacKinnon responded that following the conclusion of the workplace assessment, a decision will be made on the direction for the Library.

9. Approval of Minutes

9.1 It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by P. Delamirande, the approval of the minutes from the

December 14, 2018 meeting. The following revision, to section 10, was accepted: " ... the recent roundtable on welcoming students to Cape Breton, including recommendations and tangible offers of assistance from community and business leaders. Notes from the roundtable will be posted on the Senate SharePoint." **Motion carried as amended. Abstentions: 4**

10. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

11. Report of the Executive Committee

D. Johnson reported that the Executive Committee met on January 11th to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. He read a report from the meeting in follow-up to the December meeting of Senate. This report detailed discussions on presentations during Senate meetings, the Executive Committee's role with respect to committee reports and other agenda items. The full report will be posted to the Senate SharePoint under the January 25th date.

In follow-up to the conversation on the duties and responsibilities of the Executive Committee, it was suggested that the Bylaws Committee review the relationships of all committees with reflection of the comments and concerns expressed. **It was moved** by M. Keating, seconded by P. Delamirande, that the Bylaws Committee review the relationships of all committees of Senate and in particular, the function and process of the Executive Committee. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 1**

12. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, P. Brar, reported on a very busy return to classes. The new Students' Union app has been launched with approximately 700 downloads to date. Chia mornings at 8:30 in the Pit have begun, SU Council has been working with Scott Thomas on changes to the Sexual Violence Policy, and nominations are open for the annual elections. The Union has received many requests of support for academic appeals in relation to plagiarisms and failures and requested they requested a comparison to previous years.

A. Parnaby responded that there does seem to be an increase of academic integrity breeches and that efforts are being made to identify the root cause. It was suggested that during the orientation process this item become a more prominent informational item for new students. A. Parnaby and P. Brar agreed to meet to review the current number of appeals in comparison to previous year.

13. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Bylaws – C. Pyne referred to the report circulated with the meeting material. He noted that the Committee received the first draft of the SASS school bylaws and will be meeting to review the suggested changes. **It was moved**, by C. Pyne, seconded by M. Keating, that Senate's Terms of Reference, section 17 xii, be revised to read: Policies and frameworks for affiliation and articulation agreements and arrangements with other educational institutions and professional bodies. It was clarified that this motion is not intended to suggest that Senate has the authority to approve such agreements, but rather providing Academic Committee a role in recommending to Senate what the policies and frameworks should be with respect to the frameworks for articulation and affiliation agreements. **Motion carried. Nays: 1 Abstentions: 2**

(b) **QA** – J. Gerrie referred to the MBA and BACS quality assurance reports posted to the Senate SharePoint. He provided a brief overview of the process in the developments of these reports. **It was moved** by G. Karaphillis, seconded by P. deLamirande, to accept the MBA and BACS Quality Assurance Reports as circulated. R. MacKinnon referred to his response to the reports and that individuals have been identified to address the recommendations. Many thanks were extended to the Committee and all those involved in each of these reviews. **Motion carried unanimously.**

(c) **Academic** – M. Keating referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material.

Items for information:

- i. Course change to ENVS 3103
- ii. Course change to GEOL 3101
- iii. Articulation agreement with University de St. Anne

(d) **TLEC** – On behalf of the Chair, R. Watuwa reported that the Committee met on January 15th where the Committee discussed its membership and that they have begun a discussion on a revision to the syllabus policy.

(e) **P&R** – G. Carre reported that the Committee has been discussing their role in the planning process. They are waiting for the completion of the policy repository.

(f) **Research** – E. Barre referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting package noting there was nothing further to add.

14. Board of Governors' Report

Dr. Christie reported that during the January 18th meeting of the Board of Governors' members acknowledge the extreme efforts by all units of the University in response to the huge influx of international students. Members were provided with a follow-up from the eight individuals who attended the Disney Institute leadership training (including Senator Mary Jane Morrison). She also noted that renovations of a new Welcoming Centre will soon begin.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned the meeting at 11:20 am.



David Johnson, Secretary