

Special Meeting of Senate Minutes

**April 19, 2013
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Chair, D. Johnson, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm offering a welcome to visitors and gave a brief overview of the meeting's proceedings.

1. Presentations

Dr. Bailey thanked all Senators and visitors for participating in the meeting. He presented the Academic Plan as a draft document of change and evolution, much like that of the changes CBU has experienced this year. All comments, reflections and questions were welcomed on its content.

President Wheeler envisions the Academic Plan as a place where plans and visions for CBU are integrated and the document becoming a full integration of academics and resources. With the forecasted budgetary pressures and uncertain trend lines becoming strong concerns, this document will initiate changes of renewal and signal anticipated changes for the future.

Planning and Review Committee Chair, Joe Parish detailed the composition of the committee and its mandate. The pre-budget report was presented as circulated to Senate and the CBU community for discussion and questions to Senators and visitors.

2. Discussions

Chair, D. Johnson, opened the floor for comments or questions. Highlights of these discussions are as follows:

- Academic programming review to identify any programs that may no longer serve a critical role to its own or any other discipline.
- Definition for the revitalization of internationalization is in development.
- Projected time lines for infrastructure and classroom renewal with a proactive vision.
- Evolution of a relevant and vigilant quality assurance process.
- Development of a Nova Scotia Summer Campus under the Nova Scotia Innovation Plan, to serve students better and staffing for this plan.
- Examination of staff and faculty appointments with a view of strengthening academic programs.
- Review of staffing requirements and seeking faculty with multiple disciplines to facilitate cross listings for faculty.
- Exploring the possibilities of modernizing and growing CBU's online program offerings.
- Faculty resources for the growing international student body.
- Enhancement to recruitment and retention of quality domestic, national and international students.
- A proactive approach to sustainable and renewable updates to lab equipment.
- Finding the correct balance and effective planning regarding long term and short term faculty appointments.

- Students in undergraduate degree programs choosing a major or Concentration in second year of study.
- The access needed to graduate students to compete for research grants.
- Growth and sustainability of graduate education programs.
- Engage and retain students of the Unama'ki College and a stronger integration of the UC within CBU.
- The renewed focus on the Verschuren Centre and more focused attention given to its significance to CBU.
- Student supports outside the classroom.

3. Adjournment

With no further questions\comments for the Special Meeting of Senate, Chair, D. Johnson thanked the authors of the documents, the panel and all participants in the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.



Godwin D'Cunha, Secretary