

Senate Minutes

November 18, 2011
Senate Chamber

Chair, P. MacIntyre called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Al Alilovic, Robert Bailey, Bill Bailey, Ed Barre, Patricia Betts, Keith Brown, Dannie Brown, George Chen, Jane Connell, Patrick Delamirande, Jane Farnsworth, Maureen Finlayson, Allan Fraser, Bhreigh Gillis, Louis Guimond, John Harker, Patrick Howard, Adam Jamieson, Diane Janes, Mary Keating, Brittany Kerr, Sue Korol, Lucy MacDonald, Mary Suzanne MacEachern, Gordon MacInnis, Peter MacIntyre, John MacKinnon, Ron McCarron, David McCorquodale, Bernard Mulo Farenkia, Rod Nicholls, Joe Parish, James Preen, Sheila Profit, Tim Rawlings, Ron Rooth, Justin Roper, Mike Tanchak, Robert Campbell

Regrets:

Billy Crowley, Rany Ibrahim, David Johnson, Dale Keefe, Alexis Manley, Stephen McIsaac, Patricia Morrison, Jason Stevens, Eileen Smith-Piovesan

2. Matters to be considered in Closed Session

MOTION:

It was moved by M. Tanchak, seconded by D. Janes to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting confidential business. **Motion Carried.**

MOTION:

Following a discussion in closed session, it was moved by M. Tanchak, seconded by B. Bailey to move to Open Session. **Motion Carried.**

3. Matters Forwarded for Information – N\A

4. Special Presentations\Updates – N\A

5. Report of the President and Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

5.1 Report of the President

President Harker gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- President Harker reported on his participation on the standing committee of Acts and Bylaws for the AUCC, which has finalized the Statement of Academic Freedom. A copy of FAQs from

the AUCC was made available.

- Fall Convocation took place on October 29th and was very well attended.
- The Board of Governors met on November 4th where President Harker stressed to members the importance of getting the message out – not through advertising, but through substantive messaging - about the great things CBU does and has to offer. President Harker called on all those in the CBU community to do more and better in this regard.
- The ongoing discussions with Government toward a new MOU continue. President Harker is hoping the Government will find another stance besides further reductions and 'back-to-balance'. He believes that by the end of November Government will want to settle the discussion, but this will not mean they will soften their position in order to do so. Next week, President Harker will be releasing a report in Halifax detailing the economic contributions of higher education to the province, and making the connection between success and education investment.
- The official opening of the CSEE on November 4th was very well attended with many people taking note of the possibilities the centre will offer, and expressing interest in getting involved.
- Academics held a workshop in Halifax where President Harker participated in a panel discussion about how change and innovation can be fostered.
- CFI has awarded \$228,000 to Vielka Salazar's research program.

On the question regarding the extent to which the government was reminded of CBU's original mandate to provide the Cape Breton community with access to (general) post-secondary programs, President Harker replied that the government is still wedded to the elements of the O'Neil report calling for specialization, and that their interpretation of the term 'accessibility' has more to do with students having a say in the direction of programming.

5.2 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

Dr. Robert Bailey gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- Acknowledgements were given to the individuals supporting Movember, and a special acknowledgment was given in honour of Roger Winn.
- Dr. Bailey will be travelling to Ottawa with Rick Perrinowski to attend a workshop at the Canadian Bureau of International Education and to attend meetings with the Saudi Cultural Bureau to discuss the opportunities and challenges of having a large International student base. ICEAP will also be in attendance to work on strategies to help International and VISA students obtain the same successes as domestic students
- Pending the adoption of the newly revised Quality Assurance Policies and Procedures, a review of the SPS and SSOB has been initiated.
- An action plan for the digital senate project has been developed. MS SharePoint is being reviewed as a data warehouse for Senate using the Academic Committee to test pilot the project. The target go-live date is projected to be April 2012.

On a comment regarding the QA review being additional work for the Nursing Department, Dr. Bailey responded that the QA review is meant to be a logical extension of the planning process being carried out each year and will be beneficial in preparation for the accreditation

process.

6. Question Period – N/A

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion:

It was moved by B. Bailey, seconded by J. MacKinnon approval of the minutes from the October 21, 2011 meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 5

8. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

9. Report of the Executive Committee

M. Keating reported that Executive committee met on November 4th to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. Highlights of the meeting included:

- A discussion on the requirements for Senate approval versus the criteria for information-only items
- A change in policy regarding reports to Senate. It was decided that reports will be verbal if they contain no specific recommendations

10. Students' Union Report

In B. Crowley's absence, J. Roper gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- The ANSSA bi-annual student assembly was hosted by CBU three weeks ago. Student leaders from across Canada were in attendance and the event was very successful
- The Last Class Stache Bash event will be held on December 1st with all funds raised being donated to Movember
- Security prevention measures put in place at The Pit have been successful and there have been no further temporary closures or issues

11. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Research – Chair, J. Preen, reported that the committee met on November 8th and referred to the report circulated with the Senate package. The report detailed informational items on changes to the sub-committee memberships and listed the 7 grants allocated to researchers. The updated guidelines for RP grants were circulated with the Senate package and the Chair recommended Senate approve the submitted changes as detailed in the report.

It was moved by J. Preen, seconded by B. Bailey to accept the new guidelines. The committee Chair addressed concerns for the guidelines to acknowledge the need of graduate students (therefore) outside of CBU. J. Preen referred to revised item 10(d), intended to address that concern. R. Bailey recommended that details about the location and affiliation of potential student-hires be included in proposals, and in the guidelines. President Harker added that fostering research with CBU undergraduate students was an important difference-maker in terms

of the university's attraction. Further comments were made that the guidelines were a move in the right direction, but that several issues remained. J. Preen noted the committee will continue to work to streamline the RP grant process. On the concern raised about the need for more sophisticated computing, R. Nicholls noted the very generous \$8000 upper funding limit.

Motion carried.

(b) Academic – Chair, D. Janes, reported the committee met on October 14th, 21st and 28th and referred to the report circulated with the Senate package.

Recommendations:

- 1. ENGI 2103 (formerly 206) – Technical Engineering Economics**
- 2. ENGI 2171 (formerly 247) – Thermo-fluid Engineering I**
- 3. ENGI 2173 (formerly 248) – Thermo-fluid Engineering II**
- 4. ENGI 2174 (formerly 278) – Environmental Science**

It was moved by B. Bailey, seconded by D. McCorquodale that Senate approve the four Engineering courses. **Motion carried.**

- 5. MBAC 62XX – Tourism Management & Planning**
- 6. MBAC 62XX – Cultural Tourism Marketing**

It was moved by D. Janes, seconded by J. MacKinnon that Senate approve the two MBA courses. **Motion carried.**

- 7. PUBH 3XXX – Fire, Safety and Security**
- 8. PUBH 4XXX – Safety Systems**

It was moved by D. Janes, seconded by J. Roper that Senate approve the two Public Health courses. **Motion carried.**

9. Bachelor of Arts Community Studies Degree in Music

It was moved by D. Janes, seconded by A. Fraser that Senate accept the degree structure of the Bachelor of Arts Community Studies Degree in Music.

It was suggested that the new courses should be included in the structure for approval. A friendly amendment was made to add the three courses to the structure. **It was moved** by D. Janes, seconded by P. Betts to revise the motion by adding the three courses to the Bachelor of Arts Community Studies Degree in Music structure. **Motion carried**

It was moved that Senate approve the structure of the degree plus the three new courses. After a lengthy discussion on the programs and structure it was suggested that without Senate seeing the New Course Approval forms, the recommendation should be tabled until the next Senate meeting.

It was moved by M. Tanchak, seconded by D. Janes to table the recommendation until the December 16th Senate meeting. **Motion carried.**

(c) Planning & Review – Chair, M. Keating, reported verbally that there are no recommendations coming forward at this time. The committee continues to look at the Affiliation Agreements and various templates. Senate will be seeing an update on the pre-budget report to be delivered in February. No questions or comments.

(d) Bylaws – B. Bailey reported verbally on behalf of the Chair. The committee has reviewed the bylaws for the School of Education and returned with their comments and questions. The review of SST has been completed and will be returned with questions and comments. The majority of the questions being sent back to the departments are requests to identify what has been changed.

(e) TLEC – P. Howard reported verbally on behalf of the Chair. The sub-committees created to support TLEC have met and will be bringing their findings to the meeting scheduled for next week; a report and recommendations are expected for the next Senate meeting. No questions or comments.

(f) Quality Assurance – Chair, P. Delamirande reported verbally that the committee has met three times since September to review the policy which will be forwarded to Bylaws once complete. It is the hope of the committee to have the completed policy for the next Senate meeting. The committee has also been examining the BHS review.

(g) Nominating – Chair, A. Fraser, reported verbally that the committee has met and continues to maintain the composition of the committees where appropriate. It was reported that the committee does have applications from staff and faculty wanting to serve on committees that are currently full. A necessary change on page three of the Standing Committees of Senate list to the name of the SPS was noted.

12. Confidential Business – N/A

13. Adjournment

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 16th.
There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.



Ron Rooth, Secretary