

# Senate Minutes

**June 21, 2019**  
**Senate Chamber CE-339**

Chair, M. Mkandawire, 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:**

Catherine Arseneau, Pat Bates, Parteek Brar, Geoff Carre, Patrick Delamirande, Maby Beth Doucette, Emma Drohan, Jasmine Hoover, Stephanie Inglis, David Johnson, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Angela Keylor, Jane Lewis, Brendan MacDonald, Gordon MacInnis, Richard MacKinnon, Bernie MacLennan, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Amera Othman, Andy Parnaby, Rick Pierrynowski, Joanne Pyke, Chester Pyne, Samuel Shaji, Gurpreet Singh, Michael Tanchak, Tom Urbaniak, Audrey Walsh, Richard Watuwa, Terry MacDonald

### **Regrets:**

Stephen Augustine, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Ian Brodie, Sheila Christie, David Dingwall, David Gerbasi, Odette Griscti, Carolin Kreber, Judy MacInnis, Mary Jane Morrison, Shantanu Pandey, Joe Parish, Vicky Salazar, Hussam Sherief, Ann Sylliboy, Scott Rodney

### **Absent:**

Jaya Kaushik, Martin Moy, Joshua Nyamukapa, Claudette Taylor

## **2. Consent Agenda – N/A**

## **3. Confidential Business**

## **4. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session**

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

## **6. Special Presentations/Updates – N/A**

## **7. Report of the President and Vice-President Academic & Research (Provost)**

### **7.1 Report of the Vice-President Academic (Provost)**

Vice-President Academic, R. MacKinnon, reported that he met with 41 high school students from India are visiting campus today. On June 12 the University held a well-attended luncheon for CBU retirees. He attended a VPA meeting in Halifax and found it very interesting to collaborated with the VPAs of the Nova Scotia Universities. On June 19<sup>th</sup> he attended a ceremony where the CBU Chancellor, Annette Verschuren, was inducted in to the Canadian Business Hall of Fame. Finally, he noted that early in July negotiations on a new contract will begin with CBUFA.

### **8. Question Period– N/A**

### **9. Approval of Minutes– N/A**

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

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

#### **11.1 2019-2020 Standing Committee of Senate – Membership**

D. Johnson referred to the committee membership circulated during the meeting, noting there are a few vacancies yet to be filled. The various changes noted will be updated and posted to SharePoint. It was suggested that the Executive Committee and Bylaws Committee incorporate an indigenous representative on each of the committees. It was also noted that the committee membership should include at least one member of the previous committee. **It was moved** by D. Johnson, seconded by S. Shaji, to accept the 2019-2020 List of Standing Committee of Senate as presented with the various changes, **motion carried.**

### **12. Students' Union Report - N/A**

### **13. Reports of Other Committees**

#### **a) Academic – No report.**

#### **b) Planning & Review**

G. Carre referred to the report circulated in advance of the meeting regarding Academic implications of the budget. He gave a brief review of each of the recommendations the Committee suggested during the budget planning process and those that were addressed by the budget. The largest concerns were space, quality, and breadth. On the question of enrolment projections, G. MacInnis responded that these are reported on a five-year basis. In reply to a question on the changing of our 'space culture', G. Carre responded this is not meant to be just the physical space but rather how space is used. On the question of international enrolment funding and provincial caps, G. MacInnis responded this has not been a policy that is being enforced by the Province.

c) QA – No report.

**d) Bylaws**

**1. Department of L’nu, Political Science and Social Studies Bylaws**

**It was moved** by C. Pyne, seconded by A. Parnaby, that Senate approve the bylaws for Department of L’nu, Political Science and Social Studies Bylaws as presented. A friendly amendment was accepted that the name is Department of L’nu Political and Social Studies. Members discussed the complex history of the Department of Mi’kmaw Studies which lead to the new department name change. Questions on student compensation for committee work and the lack of a vice chair were also discussed. A friendly amendment of addition to 3.4 “With guidelines to be created through consultation with the School in accordance with CBU policy.” was accepted. **Motion carried. Against: 2**

**2. Changes to the terms of reference that reflect changes in administrative structure around the Dean of Research**

**It was moved** by C. Pyne, seconded by M. Tanchak, the suggested changed to the terms of reference with regard to the Dean of Research and the Associate Dean, Research and Graduate Studies be accepted. **Motion carried.**

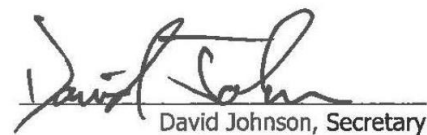
e) Research – No report.

f) TLEC – No report.

**14. Board of Governors’ Report – N/A**

**15. Adjournment**

Senators and the Chair were thanked for their dedication to Senate over the year and with no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 pm.



David Johnson, Secretary