

Senate Minutes

March 1, 2019
Senate Chamber CE-339

M. Mkandawire, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

Present:

Nagy Abdou, Catherine Arseneau, Pat Bates, Parteek Brar, Geoff Carre, Sheila Christie, Patrick Delamirande, Mary Beth Doucette, David Gerbasi, Bhreagh Gillis, Odette Griscti, Jasmine Hoover, Stephanie Inglis, David Johnson, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Carolin Kreber, Jane Lewis, Bhreagh MacDonald, Brendan MacDonald, Judy MacInnis, Richard MacKinnon, Emily MacLennan, Bernie MacLennan, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Martin Moy, Joe Parish, Andy Parnaby, Rick Pierrynowski, Chester Pyne, Scott Rodney, Vicky Salazar, Michael Tanchak, Claudette Taylor, Katie Unsworth, Tom Urbaniak, Audrey Walsh, Richard Watuwa, Terry MacDonald, John Mayich

Regrets:

Stephen Augustine, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Ian Brodie, David Dingwall, Angela Keylor, Gordon MacInnis, Joanne Pyke, Ann Sylliboy

Absent:

Alison Keough, Marlene Powell

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.

2. Consent Agenda – N/A

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 Vice-President Academic & Provost

7.1 Report of the Vice-President Academic & Provost

R. MacKinnon reported that budget planning has begun and that the Academic Plan continues to be developed. A response has been sent to MPHEC on the BET Chemical and the hope, is that final decision will be received soon. He reported on the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Atlantic Memorial Park group and the workings of the Cultural Innovation Working Group he is part of. He congratulated Dr. Silver Donald Cameron, The first chair holder of the Farley Mowat Chair in the Environment at Cape Breton University.

On the question of the Pre-budget Report, R. MacKinnon reported the process is still in very early stages, but he expects the recommendations will be considered.

8. Question Period

8.1 What specific policy initiative is being undertaken to address pressure for assuming overload duties?

R. MacKinnon responded that he was unaware of pressures to assume overloads but would certainly be looking in to it further with the Provost group. He noted that this is not something that can be addressed through a policy because it is a contractual in nature. The two agreed to meet outside Senate discuss further.

9. Approval of Minutes

9.1 It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by P. Bates, the approval of the minutes from the January 25, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 6**

10. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

11. Report of the Executive Committee

D. Johnson reported that the Executive Committee met on February 8th to set the agenda for this Senate meeting. The Committee also agreed to request a presentation from the VP of Finance on the status of finances at CBU, the need to hold a special meeting to review the workings of Senate, and committee vacancies.

It was moved by D. Johnson, seconded by M. Keating, to approve the appointment of Scott Rodney and Barb Jamieson to the Academic Committee, and De-Ann Sheppard to the Planning and Review Committee. **Motion carried.**

It was moved, by C. Taylor, seconded by M. Keating, that the March 29th meeting of Senate be in the format of a workshop/retreat with extended hours of 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm. **Motion carried. Nays: 2 Abstentions: 2**

MJ Morrison reported that the Volunteer Advantage Committee has met six times since it was established. The Committee has focused on consistency and available resources. They have begun a

needs assessment of active volunteer organizations and will complete an internal scan of volunteer activities. A final report should be expected within the next two months.

12. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President, P. Brar, reported they the most successful Students' Union election for the CBUSU saw a 42.5% student turn out and they have a full council with no need for a bi-election. He was excited to report on a host of successful events: Student Research Day, Healthy Living Week, Multicultural Week, and Pride week.

P. Brar was congratulated on his successful campaign to represent the Students' Union as their President for a second term.

13. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Academic – M. Keating referred to the report circulated with the meeting material. She noted that the change to the BSC Math will be moved to recommendations rather than as an item for information.

Item for Information:

The Psychology Department has changed its prerequisites to respond to the fact that several students transfer in with unspecified first year Psychology. The pre-requisites for 2000 level courses are PSYC1101/1103; under this proposal the prerequisites will be PSYC 1101 and any other PSYC at the 1000 level. The department has also adjusted pre-requisites for 3000 level courses.

Recommendations:

1. Change to their BSC Math Arts elective requirements

It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by S. Rodney, to approve the changes to the BSC Math Arts elective requirements to read: Core Courses - (non-math) (12 credits), 9 credits from the B.Eng. Writing Electives list, 3 credits PHIL2221 or PHIL2223. A friendly amendment was accepted that the calendar reflect that academic advising should be sought with regard to the Writing Electives list. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 7**

2. Fall Reading Week

It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by P. Brar, to accept the Fall Reading Week pilot be continued on a permanent basis, contingent on a negotiated Fall term start date between CBUFA and the Employer. It was clarified that under the present MOU, if this motion is passed, Senate must send a request to CBUFA to renew the MOU with respect to start date for another year. **Motion carried.**

3. Proposed Timetable

It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by C. Kreber, to accept the proposed template as circulated. The process and notable changes in the proposed template, as outlined in the memorandum, were detailed in a presentation by the Registrar, B. MacDonald. Concerns were expressed with the common collaborative time and challenges that may arise from it, class times that fall outside collective agreement hours of work, transit for students attending evening classes. **Motion carried Nays: 4 Abstentions: 7**

(b) P&R – Nothing to report.

(c) **Bylaws** – C. Pyne referred to the report circulated with the meeting material.

Recommendations:

1. That Senate approve the bylaws for the School of Arts and Social Sciences

It was moved by C. Pyne, seconded by A. Parnaby, to approve the revised bylaws for School of Arts and Social Sciences. **Motion carried.**

2. That Senate approve the bylaws for Department of Literature, Folklore, and The Arts

It was moved by C. Pyne, seconded by A. Parnaby, to approve the bylaws for the Department of Literature, Folklore and The Arts. **Motion carried.**

3. That Senate approve the bylaws for Department of Experiential Studies in Community and Sport

It was moved by C. Pyne, seconded by S. Inglis, to approve the bylaws for the Department of Experiential Studies in Community and Sport. **Motion carried.**

4. That Senate approve the bylaws for Department of L'nu, Political, and Social Studies

C. Pyne respectfully requested to withdraw this item from consideration at this time. The Bylaws Committee has been challenged due to lack of consultation with the wider L'nu community. The Committee will determine if this consultation occurred and will return the bylaws at a future meeting of Senate. **Motion carried**

(d) **TLEC** – No report.

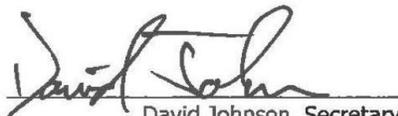
(e) **Research** – Nothing further to report other than informational report circulated with the meeting material.

(f) **QA** – No report.

14. Board of Governors' Report – N/A

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.


David Johnson, Secretary