

Senate Minutes

September 20, 2019
Senate Chamber CE-339

The Chair, M. Mkandawire, called the meeting to order at 1:35.

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:

Aman Anwar, Pat Bates, Sheila Christie, David Dingwall, Mary Beth Doucette, Emma Drohan, Karen Foss, Jim Gerrie, Stephanie Gilbert, Jasmine Hoover, David Johnson, George Karaphillis, Mary Keating, Geoff Lee-Dadswell, Brendan MacDonald, Gordon MacInnis, Judy MacInnis, Richard MacKinnon, Bernie MacLennan, Emily MacLeod, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Joshua Nyamukapa, Amara Othman, Shantanu Pandey, Joe Parish, Andy Parnaby, Rick Pierrynowski, Dena Richardson, Bill Robinson, Scott Rodney, Samuel Shaji, Gurpreet Singh, Éric Thériault, Tom Urbaniak, Audrey Walsh, Richard Watuwa, Terry MacDonald

Regrets:

Catherine Arseneau, Stephen Augustine, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Patreek Brar, Debbie Brennick, Patrick Delamirande, Carolin Kreber, Ann Sylliboy

Absent:

Jaya Kaushik, Janet Kuhnke, John Mayich

Following the roll call and declaration of quorum, the Chair welcomed new and returning Senators to the first meeting of Senate for 2019-20.

2. Senate Orientation

In follow up to the Senate Retreat, the Executive Committee designated this first meeting of Senate as an orientation for Senators. Members were provided with presentations and informational reports on:

- Role, Mandate and Responsibility of a Senate
- Duties of Senators at an Academic Institution
- Legislative and Governance Framework
- Academic Governance: Senate's Mandate
- Senate-Board Continuum
- Senate Meetings and Procedures
- Committees
- Documentation and Senate Document Achieving
- Role of CBU Senate in Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Efforts
- Role of Students in the Senate

- Being an Effective Senator
- Preview of Senate 2019-2020
- Update/Revisions to Policies and Regulation
- The Budget Process and Outlook

3. Senate Business

a) Confidential Business

It was moved by T. Urbaniak, seconded by B. MacLennan, to move in to Closed Session for the purposes of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

Following a closed session, **it was moved** by M. Keating, seconded by G Lee-Dadswell, to move out of closed session. **Motion carried.**

b) Academic Committee

1. Academic Calendar

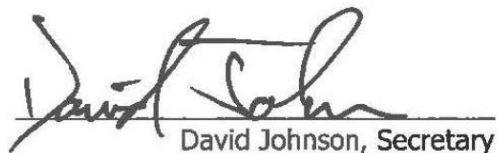
It was moved by M. Keating, seconded by E. Drohan, that Senate approve the Calendar of Events for 2020-2021 recognizing that it is contingent upon CBUFA agreement on the September start date. A point of clarification was presented on one less day of study time and that the suggested motion is for the coming year only. **Motion carried**

c) Research Committee

E. Barre referred to the committee report circulated with the meeting material. **It was moved** by É. Thériault, seconded by MB Doucette, to approve the revisions to the President's Award for Excellence in Research as presented. **Motion carried. Against: 1**

d) Adjournment

With no further business, **it was moved by** A. Anwar to adjourn at 3:00 pm.



David Johnson, Secretary