

Senate Minutes

November 1, 2022
CE339 / MS Teams

The Vice Chair, E. Robertson, called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum and Land Acknowledgement

The Vice Chair 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.

Present:

Catherine Arseneau, Sahand Ashtab, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Nofisat Banjo-Saibu, Danielle Boudreau, David Dingwall, Mary Beth Doucette, Philip Eappen, Michael Henick, Jasmine Hoover, Himali Kadam, Harkanwal Kaur, Mary Keating, Karen Kennedy, Janet Kuhnke, Carolin Kreber, Kimberley Lamarche, Doug Lionais, Jason LoxtonGordon MacInnis, Richard MacKinnon, John MacMillan, Mandy Nguyen, Felix Odarety-Wellington, Peter Oyedijo, Andy Parnaby, Michelle Prendergast, Erin Robertson, Karen Rowe, Damanpreet Singh, Samarjeet Singh, Chloe Stewart, Laurianne Sylvester, Jamie Tunnicliff, Éric Thériault, Bilynda Whiting, Terry MacDonald

Regrets:

Carol Beaton, Ayse Ersoy, David Gerbasi, Jan Hancock, Samantha Hodder, Patrick Howard, Katherine Jones, John Nadeau, Marcia Ostashewski, Natalia Parsons, Rick Pierrynowski, Ann Sylliboy, Tom Urbaniak, John Mayich

2. Extend the deadline for students to withdraw from a fall three credit course without academic penalty

In follow-up to the email circulated on October 26, 2022 where by the Vice Chair of Senate detailed the request to extend the deadline for students to withdraw from a fall term 3-credit course without academic penalty from November 4th to November 14th. The financial penalty will apply and moving the deadline to avoid academic penalty does not change the financial penalty, which had passed already on October 16, 2022. The reason for the request is that many midterms have been rescheduled after Hurricane Fiona. Extending the deadline would give students more time to receive feedback on their performance before making the decision to withdraw from a course. The email requested that Senators reply and indicated whether they wished to proceed directly with online voting or defer for further discussion during a brief special meeting. A desire to have the vote done via a meeting was voiced and therefore, the

meeting was called.

It was moved by J. Loxton, seconded by M. Keating, is to extend the deadline for students to withdraw from a fall term 3-credit course without academic penalty from November 4th to November 14th. It was clarified that the financial penalty applies and moving the deadline to avoid academic penalty does not change the financial penalty, which has passed already on October 16, 2022. **Motion carried.**

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, **it was moved by**, D. Singh, seconded by P. Oyedijo, to adjourn the meeting at 11:55 am. **Motion carried.**

Jasmine Hoover
Secretary to Senate