

MINUTES

Present: M. Bluechardt (Chair), P. Barry Mercer, A. Benzaquén, K. Blotnicky, P. Cantelo, E. Church, P. Crouse, A. Cuming, R. Farmer, T. Findlay, J. Fraser-Arsenault, H. Hafez, T. Harriott, T. Harrison, N. Jamieson, K. Kienapple, P. Lovelace, G. MacDonald, J. MacLeod, M. MacMillan, S. MacMillan, C. Matta, M. McGonnell, S. Orlov, D. Plumb, J. Sawler, C. Schneider, S. Seager, J. Sharpe, D. Shiner, B. Taylor, R. Zuk

Regrets: P. Cormier-MacBurnie, M. J. Harkins, B. Jessop, S. MacIntosh, L. Marshall

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm.

1. Indigenous Land Recognition

M. Bluechardt provided an acknowledgement that the Mount is built on traditional Mi'kmaq territory and paid respect to the Indigenous peoples of the land on which Senate meets.

2. Approval of Agenda

The order of items 7.3.1.1.1 and 7.3.1.1.2 was reversed on the agenda.

Moved by S. Orlov, seconded by E. Church, that Senate approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of January 26, 2018

Moved by T. Harrison, seconded by P. Cantelo, that Senate approve the minutes as circulated. CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. President's Announcements

M. Bluechardt spoke to the Girls 7th Annual Conference currently underway on campus; with approximately 320 girls on site and an additional 250 on a wait list, the event was deemed the largest of the seven held to date. Appreciation was expressed to the Alexa McDonough Institute team (and their volunteers) for their work on the event as well as all those faculty members and departments involved in ensuring the success of the event.

The MSVU Women's Volleyball team and their coaches, Derick Brooks and Jamie Brown, were recognized for winning their 7th Atlantic Collegiate Athletic

Association championship; they now advance to the National Championships in Grand Prairie in March. As well, Senate members were reminded that the men's and the women's basketball teams are competing in Truro over the weekend for a spot in the Provincial championships.

M. Bluehardt also recognized the efforts of those who participated in Caritas Day and thanked participants for their acts of kindness.

She concluded by outlining her various government relations meetings she, B. Jessop, and E. Church participated in and, in particular, the positive feedback received from the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education during his tour of Campus. The Mount is recognized within government for its efficiency and well managed finances. The benefit of hosting government officials on campus was highlighted.

6. Question Period

There were no questions.

7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

7.1. Senate Executive

7.1.1. Guests at Senate

M. Bluehardt reminded Senate members of the discussion held at the last Senate meeting on a question that arose about whether meetings are open to the public. Members of the Senate Executive Committee considered the feedback received from Senate and decided that, at this time, Senate meetings remain open to the Mount community, as outlined in the Bylaws. This will be monitored and should the need arise to revisit the discussion, a change to the Bylaws will be explored by Senate, at that time.

She noted that Senate Executive Committee members recommended that at the beginning of each Senate meeting, the Chair ask guests to self-identify; this will help ensure a full record of who was present at Senate.

M. Bluehardt then outlined a number of concerns and comments that came forward to Senate Executive about discussions at Senate that invoke passion or emotion. She reminded senators that it is important to hear from as many as possible and that all wishing to speak should have the opportunity to do so. She advised that the Secretary of Senate keeps a speakers' list and that she, as Chair of Senate, does monitor the meeting for those indicating their desire to speak. As well, she reminded senators that discussion should be respectful and senators should direct their comments through

her as Chair of Senate and not senator to senator which has, on occasion, proven to be intimidating to some.

She concluded by reiterating that questions and comments are encouraged and welcomed; however, this should always be done in a respectful manner.

7.2. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

7.2.1. Communication Studies

7.2.1.1. Change to Admissions Requirements for MPR and MA (Communication)

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that Senate approve the change to the Admissions Requirements for MPR and MA (Communication Studies). CARRIED

7.2.2. Communication Studies (for Information)

7.2.2.1. Change to Prerequisites for GPRL 6101

K. Kienapple presented the change to prerequisites for GPRL 6101 for information purposes. S. Seager questioned if consultation had occurred regarding the removal of a MATH prerequisite; T. Harriott confirmed that consultation with Mathematics had taken place but was not documented in the memo.

7.3. Undergraduate Curriculum

7.3.1. Business and Tourism

7.3.1.1. Changes to Existing Program

7.3.1.1.1. New Calendar Entries for Nonprofit Leadership

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by D. Shiner, that Senate approve the new calendar entries for Business and Tourism's Nonprofit Leadership. CARRIED

7.3.1.1.2. Addition to List of Minors: Nonprofit Leadership

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by D. Shiner, that Senate approve the addition of Nonprofit Leadership to the list of professional minor options available to students in BA and BSc. CARRIED

7.3.1.1.3. Changes in Requirements of Management Major, Concentration and Minor

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by D. Shiner, that Senate approve the

changes in requirements of Business and Tourism's Management Major, Concentration and Minor. CARRIED

7.3.1.1.4. Addition of MOU and Articulation Agreement with Jiangsu University of Technology (JUT) of Changzhou, PRC **Moved** by B. Taylor, seconded by P. Cantelo, that Senate approve the addition of a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Articulation Agreement with Jiangsu University of Technology (JUT), to take effect once signed by the institution. CARRIED

7.3.1.1.5. New Articulation Agreement with Shaanxi Institute of International Trade and Commerce (SIITC)

C. Matta questioned the benefit of articulation agreements to the Mount. P. Barry Mercer advised that the agreements are 2 plus 2 agreements that will see the students transfer to the Mount for their third year so they serve as a recruitment tool.

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by P. Barry Mercer, that Senate approve the new Articulation Agreement with Shaanxi Institute of International Trade and Commerce (SIITC), to take effect once signed by the institution. CARRIED

7.3.1.1.6. New Articulation Agreement with Xi'an International University (XAIU) of Xi'an. **Moved** by B. Taylor, seconded by P. Barry Mercer, that Senate approve the new Articulation Agreement with Xi'an International University (XAIU), to take effect once signed by the institution. CARRIED

7.3.2. Communication Studies (for Approval)

7.3.2.1. Changes to Existing Program

7.3.2.1.1. New Minor in Science Communication

S. Seager questioned the possibility of having a minor with an Honours degree as it is not currently listed as a possibility.

B. Taylor confirmed that the new Minor is a possibility for any students in a Science or Arts degree.

J. MacLeod questioned the status of the Science Communication degree program and if the new minor is a reaction to the suspension of admissions to that program.

K. Kienapple explained that the need for students to begin making course decisions in grade 10 in order to have all the prerequisites they needed to qualify for entrance into the degree program was negatively impacting enrolment. Program enrolment remains suspended; however, students in any Science or Arts degree can still minor in the program.

R. Zuk questioned two courses for the Minor that are on the agenda for deletion.

B. Taylor clarified that in following the correct process for approval, the Minor with the existing courses is approved before the courses slated for deletion are removed and replaced with new courses. This assists the Registrar's Office with ensuring that the Academic Calendar is updated correctly.

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by K. Kienapple, that Senate approve the changes to the new Minor in Science Communication as proposed by the Department of Communication Studies.
CARRIED

7.3.3. English (for Approval)

7.3.3.1. New Course Proposal

7.3.3.1.1. ENGL 3211—Selected Topics in English

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the addition of

ENGL 3211—Selected Topics in English.
CARRIED

7.3.3.1.2. WRIT 3211—Selected Topics in Writing
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by
P. Cantelo, that Senate approve the
addition of WRIT 3211—Selected Topics in
Writing. CARRIED

7.3.3.1.3. ENGL 3212—Selected Topics in English
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by R. Zuk,
that Senate approve the addition of ENGL
3212—Selected Topics in English.
CARRIED

7.3.3.1.4. WRIT 3212—Selected Topics in Writing
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by R. Zuk,
that Senate approve the addition of WRIT
3212—Selected Topics in Writing.
CARRIED

7.3.3.2. Deletion of Courses

7.3.3.2.1. WRIT 3331—Studies in Writing I
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by R. Zuk,
that Senate approve the deletion of WRIT
3331—Studies in Writing I. CARRIED

7.3.3.2.2. WRIT 3332—Studies in Writing II
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by R. Zuk,
that Senate approve the deletion of WRIT
3332—Studies in Writing II. CARRIED

7.3.4. History (for Approval)

7.3.4.1. New Course Proposal

7.3.4.1.1. HIST 2288—The Soviet Experiment:
Russia and the USSR in the Twentieth
Century.
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by
A. Benzaquén, that Senate approve the
addition of HIST 2288—the Soviet
Experiment: Russia and the USSR in the
Twentieth Century. CARRIED

7.3.5. Mathematics and Computer Science (for Approval)

7.3.5.1. New Course Proposal

7.3.5.1.1. MATH 2462/EDUC 2462—Fundamental
Concepts of Mathematics 1

7.3.5.1.2. MATH 2463/EDUC 2463—Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics 2
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by J. Sharpe, that Senate approve the addition of MATH 2462/EDUC 2462 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics 1 and MATH 2463/EDUC 2463 Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics 2. CARRIED

7.3.5.2. Deletion of Course

7.3.5.2.1. MATH 2243/EDUC 2461—Fundamental Concepts in Mathematics
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by T. Harriott, that Senate approve the deletion of MATH 2243/EDUC 2461—Fundamental Concepts of Mathematics. CARRIED

7.3.5.3. Changes to Existing Program

7.3.5.3.1. Changes in Requirements: Combined Mathematics Major
Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by T. Harriott, that Senate approve changes in requirements for the Combined Mathematics Major. CARRIED

7.3.6. Modern Languages (for Approval)

7.3.6.1. Changes to Existing Program

7.3.6.1.1. Changes in Requirements: Honours Degree, French

S. Seager questioned the ability of a student to apply for the degree before completing 10 credits. B. Taylor confirmed that a student can apply for the degree once the student has completed 10 credits, but with the approval of the Department Chair, could possibly apply before having completed the 10 credits.

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by P. Cantelo, that Senate approve the changes in requirements for the Honours Degree in French. CARRIED

- 7.3.7. Changes (for Information)
 - 7.3.7.1. Biology
 - 7.3.7.1.1. New Prerequisites and Description for BIOL 4444—Climate Change and Plants
 - 7.3.7.2. Business and Tourism
 - 7.3.7.2.1. New Course Name and Description for BUSI 2202/THMT 2202—Communications Management
 - 7.3.7.2.2. New Description for BUSI 3360—Finance I
 - 7.3.7.2.3. New Description for BUSI 3361—Finance II
 - 7.3.7.3. Communication Studies
 - 7.3.7.3.1. Removal of Lab for PBRL 3016—Research Methods in Public Relations
 - 7.3.7.4. Psychology
 - 7.3.7.4.1. New Prerequisites for PSYC 3302—Behaviour Modification
 - 7.3.7.5. Sociology/Anthropology
 - 7.3.7.5.1. New Prerequisites for SOAN 3511—Qualitative Approaches
 - 7.3.7.5.2. New Cross-listing for SOAN 2530 with POLS 2530—Canadian Social Policy

B. Taylor presented the changes to the courses noted above for information purposes.

- 7.4. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators
 - 7.4.1. Revision to Senate Bylaw 14.4 (Notice of Motion)
 - E. Church provided a notice of motion for the proposed revision to Senate Bylaw 14.4.

- 7.5. Information Technology and Services

S. Orlov updated Senate members on support of Mac computers. He advised them that IT&S does support Macs but not to the same level as PCs. IT&S can help Mac users connect to the network, use services, download software, connect devices to e-mail, etc; however, IT&S cannot support Mac hardware which should be done through the Apple store for warranty purposes.

IT&S often directs researchers to PCs because of the level of support that can be provided including imaging them, pushing updates, providing antivirus software, accessing central printing, etc.

He advised of Webprint software purchased in 2011 that allows web printing from personally owned laptops (Mac, PC, Linux) while in the library; locations have been expanded to include the Seton Education CRC lab, Seton 315/316, the Crow's Nest, and the EVA 132 lab). IT&S

has also purchased “Everyone print” which supports printing from iPads; this service was successfully tested in Facilities Management and is currently slated for testing in the Department of Communication Studies. The expectation is that this service will expand to include researchers or departments who have users that have expressed interest in printing directly from their Macs. Printing capabilities are promoted on the TV at the library entrance, on IT&S web pages, through signage, and on handouts.

He also advised that IT&S reiterates that people must communicate with IT&S when problems occur and that IT&S is looking at the possibility of performing a wireless refresh in Seton and other buildings on campus.

Finally, he advised that SCOITS members provided feedback as to the best time to implement required password changes.

R. Farmer questioned how every faculty member could be informed of these activities. A brief discussion was held on the various ways that information is currently distributed and whether the current level of assistance with iPads (or other Apple products) would change. The Research Office offered to assist in ensuring that the information on how to print is distributed to researchers and expressed appreciation for IT&S’s efforts to expand printing capabilities (from laptops and iPads) to other locations on Campus. (J. MacLeod, S. Orlov, G. MacDonald)

7.6. Library

7.6.1. Revisions to Senate Bylaw 14.6 (Notice of Motion)

S. MacMillan provided a notice of motion for the proposed revision to Senate Bylaw 14.6 for a change in the Terms of Reference for the Senate Library Committee.

8. Other Reports

8.1. Board of Governors

R. Farmer updated Senate members on the outcomes from last night’s Board meeting including two presentations (on the new Nonprofit Leadership Program and on winter enrolment), an update from the Board Chair on her activities and on the President’s evaluation process, and an update on the new Centre for Applied Research in Human Health of which the Board and a number of senators toured prior to the Board meeting.

He spoke to the review of enrolment, operating funds and financial results for the 10 months ended January 31, 2018, and reports received including the President’s report, Board committee reports and constituency reports from alumnae, students and faculty.

8.2. Students' Union

A. Cuming spoke to working with the University to create an anti-oppression workshop to promote inclusive language in the classroom, efforts to have menstrual products offered by the university, and meetings held with the Provincial government to advocate for key student issues.

An update was also provided on the outcomes of the recent Students' Union elections for the year beginning May 1, 2018: N. Jamieson, President; M. Mitchell, Vice President Advocacy; E. Murray, Vice President Communications; and Q. Stewart, Vice President Student Life. Remaining vacant positions within the Students' Union will be filled during the fall election.

9. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

10. Items for Communication

Senate approved

- Minutes of the January 26, 2018, meeting
- Changes to the admission requirements for MPR and MA (Communication)
- Numerous undergraduate curriculum changes
- MOU and Articulation Agreement between MSVU's Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management and Jiangsu University of Technology (JUT) of Changzhou, PRC
- Articulation agreement between MSVU's Bachelor of Business Administration and Shaanzi Institute of International Trade and Commerce (SIITC) of Xi'an, PRC
- Articulation Agreement between MSVU's Bachelor of Tourism and Hospitality Management and Xi'an International University (XAIU) of Xi'an, PRC

Senate received for information

- Change in prerequisite for a GPRL course
- Several undergraduate curriculum changes
- Notice of motion re changes to Terms of Reference for CAPTPAA and SLC

11. Adjournment

Moved by P. Barry Mercer, seconded by B. Taylor, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 p.m.