

MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, P. Barry, C. Blayney, K. Blotnick, P. Cantelo, P. Crouse, A. Cuming, M. Eskritt, R. Farmer, M. Forrest, J. Fraser-Arsenault, R. Green, M. J. Harkins, N. Jamieson, K. Kienapple, R. MacKay, S. MacMillan, J. Sharpe, L. Steele, B. Taylor, P. Watts, M. Whalen

Regrets: C. Broughton, E. Church, R. Gechtman, T. Harrison, B. Jessop, N. Kayhani, G. MacDonald, A. MacGillivray, S. MacIntosh, J. Mills, D. Rodrigues, J. Sawler

Guests: M. Bluechardt

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. Incoming President, M. Bluechardt (guest), and new student senators, A. Cuming and N. Jamieson were welcomed. Faculty senators completing their terms, C. Blayney, M. Eskritt, R. Gechtman, R. Green, M. J. Harkins, N. Kayhani, A. MacGillivray, R. MacKay, J. Mills, D. Rodrigues, L. Steele, and M. Whalen were thanked for their service to the Senate and the University. P. Watts, retiring this year, and S. Badali, not reoffering as Dean, were also recognized and thanked for their service.

Presentation of Award for Service in University Governance

R. Lumpkin presented M. Eskritt with the Award for Service in University Governance. Her contribution to the shared governance tradition, so important in universities, was recognized.

1. Indigenous Land Recognition
R. Lumpkin 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
Moved by R. Green, seconded by K. Blotnick, to approve the agenda as circulated.
CARRIED
3. Approval of Minutes of April 28, 2017
Moved by K. Blotnick, seconded by P. Watts, to approve the meeting minutes April 28, 2017, as circulated. CARRIED
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin informed senators that the Senate self-evaluation will be available next week and encouraged all to participate. She emphasized the value of this planning and assessment tool in the strengthening of Senate operations.

Senators were thanked for their participation in last week's Convocation events.

R. Lumpkin spoke to the increasing number of children crossing the stage with their parents and noted that Honorary Degree Recipients were moved by the experience and impressed by the warmth, diversity and inclusiveness of the Mount's convocation ceremonies.

Finally, she thanked Senate for their support over the course of her term as Chair of Senate at the Mount, reflected on the passionate discourse, dialogue and debate around the Senate table during that time, and praised Senate members for their thought, care and commitment to the Mount's mission that is obvious in Senate discussions. She wished them well as they, and the 14 new senators, begin a new year. She received a standing ovation from Senators.

6. Question Period

Two questions being raised by R. Farmer regarding nominations were deferred to agenda item 7.4 Nominations.

7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

7.1. Senate Executive

7.1.1. Announcement of Senate Master Graduation List approval

R. Lumpkin reported that Senate Executive did meet to approve the Convocation Master list. She reported that 594 students were approved and 73 were on the enabling list; the actual number of students who graduated at the Spring convocation was 616.

7.2. Academic Policy and Planning

7.2.1. Nonprofit Leadership Proposal

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that Senate approve a Major, Concentration, Minor, and Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership.
CARRIED with one abstention

7.3. Undergraduate Curriculum

7.3.1. Business and Tourism

7.3.1.1. New Course Proposals

7.3.1.1.1. BUSI 2601 – Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector

7.3.1.1.2. BUSI 2602 – Nonprofit Leadership: People and Management

7.3.1.1.3. BUSI 3603 – Nonprofit Leadership: Governance and Strategy

7.3.1.1.4. BUSI 3604 – Nonprofit Financial Management

P. Watts clarified that the proposal did not indicate that the courses would be offered online right away; with all other courses that comprise the program available online, she assumed that they would be. She noted the value to working adults in having the courses offered online.

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by K. Blotnick, that Senate approve the four courses, BUSI 2601, BUSI 2602, BUSI 3603 and BUSI 3604 as part of the Nonprofit Leadership proposal, proposed by the Department of Business and Tourism and Hospitality Management. CARRIED.

7.3.2. Family Studies and Gerontology

7.3.2.1. Changes to Existing Program

7.3.2.1.1. Requirements for Minor in Family Studies

7.3.2.1.2. Requirements for Minor in Gerontology

Moved by S. Badali, seconded by P. Barry, that Senate approve the change to requirements for the Minor in Family Studies and the Minor in Gerontology, as proposed by the Department of Family Studies and Gerontology. CARRIED

7.3.3. Course Changes

7.3.3.1. Mathematics and Computer Science

7.3.3.1.1. New prerequisites and description for MATH 2221

7.3.3.1.2. New description for MATH 2222

S. Badali presented, for information, the new prerequisites and description for MATH 2221 and the new description for MATH 2222.

7.3.4. UCC Guidelines Revisions (for information)

7.3.4.1. Revised Form: New Course Offerings

S. Badali presented, for information, the revised form for new course offerings. P. Watts noted that the acronym for DLCE, in template/course offerings, will eventually require revision.

7.4. Nominations

7.4.1. Report on Elections by the Faculty Complement

C. Blayney directed senators to the results of faculty elections, provided for information, and noted two current openings on the Nominations Committee, one of which must be a senator. She encouraged senators to consider the positions.

- 7.4.2. Student Judicial Committee Ratification of Chair
Moved by C. Blayney, seconded by M. Whalen, that C. Blayney, a regular member of the committee, be ratified as chair of the Student Judicial Committee, effective 1 July 2017. CARRIED
- 7.4.3. Student Discipline Appeals Committee Ratification of Chair
Moved by C. Blayney, seconded by L. Steele, that J. Fraser-Arsenault's status on the Student Discipline Appeals Committee be changed from alternate to regular, and that she be ratified as chair of that committee, effective 1 July 2017. CARRIED

C. Blayney noted that this change does not alter J. Fraser-Arsenault's term which runs to June 30, 2019, but does see her resign from the Student Judicial Committee to avoid any possible conflicts of interest. This recommendation was reached in consultation with J. Fraser-Arsenault.

- 7.4.4. Nominations for Senate-Elected Committees
 C. Blayney referenced Senate By-law 11.2.4 regarding the acceptance of nominations made from the floor and Senate By-law 11.2.5 regarding the presentation and acceptance of a slate of later nominations, at Senate's discretion. She noted that the slate of later nominations was necessary to ensure that the Senate was elected first to meet the requirements of committees.

In accordance with Senate By-law 11.2.4, she called for nominations from the floor; there were none.

Moved by C. Blayney, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that in accordance with Senate By-law 11.2.5, Senate accept the slate of later nominations. CARRIED

Moved by C. Blayney, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that Senate elect the following faculty members to the designated Senate-elected committees as outlined in memos dated May 17 and May 24, 2017. CARRIED

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
Senate Executive	Dr. Cherif Matta	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Jim Sharpe	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Rhoda Zuk	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Academic Appeals	Dr. Michael MacMillan (regular)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Mirwais Qaderi (alternate)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Grad. Studies Program & Policy	Dr. Janice Keefe	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Undergraduate Curriculum	Prof. Elizabeth Hicks	1 July 2017	30 June 2020

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
Information Tech. & Services	Prof. Jean Mills	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Geneviève Boulet	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Mr. Stan Orlov	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Hong Wang	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Senate Library Committee	Dr. Bona Kim	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Juliette Valcke	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Roni Gechtman	1 January 2018	30 June 2020
	Dr. Eva Knoll	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Scott MacMillan	1 January 2018	30 June 2020
Research and Publications	Dr. Graham Fraser	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Mirwais Qaderi	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Ardra Cole	1 January 2018	30 June 2020
Student Experience Committee	Dr. Martha Walls	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Teaching and Learning	Dr. Jim Sharpe	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Writing Initiatives Committee	Dr. Patti Gouthro	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Tracy Moniz	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Undergraduate Admissions, Scholarships and Awards	Dr. Sandi Findlay-Thompson	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Martha Walls	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Hany Kim	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Suzanne Seager	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Alexandra Tsedryk	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Fred French	1 January 2018	30 June 2020
Graduate, Scholarships Assistantships & Awards	Dr. Ian Reilly	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Sarah Reddington	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Danielle Cox	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Univ. Research Ethics Board	Dr. Aibing Xia	1 January 2018	30 June 2020
	Dr. Shannan Grant	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Sara King	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Jeff Young	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Karen Blotnicky	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Joan Turner	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Student Judicial Committee	Dr. Danielle Cox (alternate)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Christine Lackner (regular)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Ms. Meg Raven (alternate)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Student Discipline Appeals	Dr. Danielle Cox (alternate)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Ms. Jennifer Thornton (regular)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Ms. Meg Raven (alternate)	1 July 2017	30 June 2020

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
Nancy's Chair Committee	Dr. KelleyAnne Malinen	1 January 2018	30 June 2020
Joint Board-Senate	Dr. Jeff MacLeod	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Rhoda Zuk	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
Advisory Committee for Chair in Learning Disabilities	Dr. Fred French	1 July 2017	30 June 2020
	Dr. Daniel Seguin	1 July 2017	30 June 2020

Appreciation was expressed to the Senate Nominations Committee for their work in securing nominations and to those who serve.

R. Farmer questioned the number of those appointed to committees who will complete their term June 30, 2020, and whether the Nominations Committee gave any thought to staggering some of the terms; C. Blayney agreed to take this back to the Committee for consideration. K. Kienapple and P. Crouse clarified that although Senate By-laws designate committee terms as three years, the rotation of sabbatical leaves will result in some terms being more staggered.

R. Farmer expressed concern about the lateness of the recent nominations process and questioned the number of votes cast/level of participation in the election process for Senate. C. Blayney spoke to, and made note of, his concern.

P. Crouse clarified that a memo has been drafted for circulation to the faculty complement that will note that 44 votes were cast (1 spoiled) and that 22 votes are required for election. She outlined the procedure related to a seventh call for nominations yet to take place.

R. Farmer asked that his concern about having senators elected with a very low percentage of the faculty complement vote be recorded.

8. Other Reports

8.1. Students' Union

A. Cuming introduced himself and reported on the transition into the Students' Union and on work underway to educate students on how and where to vote and what the Party platforms are.

He also spoke to the tutor database being maintained by the Students' Union. Though currently not all disciplines are represented equally, Students' Union is working to expand the availability of tutors throughout the disciplines by working with faculty, the Vice-President Academic, and the external community.

Finally, he reported on the strong presence at early registration recently held.

8.2. Mount 2017: Making a Difference

R. Lumpkin reminded senators that the current strategic plan is wrapping up; this will provide a base to the incoming President to begin the next strategic planning process. The process followed during the development of the current strategic plan included strong faculty participation; she suggested there may be an opportunity for Senate and Board to participate (possibly together) in plotting what the next five years at the Mount should look like.

9. New Business

None

10. Items for Communication

Senate approved

- Minutes of April 28, 2017, meeting
- A new program in Nonprofit Leadership
- Undergraduate curriculum changes in Business and FSGN
- A slate of nominees for standing committees of Senate and other committees
- The ratification of chairs for the SJC and SDAC

Senate received for information

- Undergraduate curriculum changes
- A report of the results of elections by the Faculty Complement

Senate acknowledged the service of the following senators whose terms are ending:

S. Badali, C. Blayney, M. Eskritt, R. Gechtman, R. Green, M. J. Harkins, N. Kayhani, R. Lumpkin, A. MacGillivray, R. MacKay, J. Mills, D. Rodrigues, L. Steele, P. Watts and M. Whalen

11. Adjournment

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by M. Whalen, that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.