

MINUTES

Present: M. Bluehardt (Chair), P. Barry Mercer, A. Benzaquén, P. Cantelo, E. Church, P. Crouse, R. Farmer, T. Findlay, D. Fisher, T. Harriott, T. Harrison, E. Henderson, N. Kayhani, K. Kienapple, G. MacDonald, C. Matta, M. McGonnell, M. Mitchell, S. Orlov, S. Perrott, K. Ritchie, D. Seguin, J. Sharpe, J. Wallace, R. Zuk

Regrets: A. Card, P. Cormier-MacBurnie, N. Jamieson, B. Jessop, S. MacIntosh, J. MacLeod, D. Plumb, S. Seager, D. Shiner, B. Taylor

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. New member J. Wallace was welcomed to her first Senate meeting.

1. Indigenous Land Recognition

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

2. Approval of Agenda

The Senate Executive Committee Report was added to the Agenda as item 7.1 to facilitate the "Announcement of Senate Master Graduation List Approval."

Moved by S. Orlov, seconded by D. Fisher, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes of September 28, 2018

Moved by A. Benzaquén, seconded by T. Harrison, to approve the meeting minutes of September 28, 2018, as circulated. CARRIED

4. Business Arising from the Minutes

4.1. Discussion on Senate Committee Annual Reports

4.1.1. Academic Appeals

4.1.2. Academic Policy and Planning

4.1.3. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators

4.1.4. Executive

4.1.5. Graduate Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards

4.1.6. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

4.1.7. Information Technology and Services

4.1.8. Library

4.1.9. Nominations (*not received*)

- 4.1.10. Research and Publications
- 4.1.11. Student Experience
- 4.1.12. Student Judicial
- 4.1.13. Student Discipline Appeals
- 4.1.14. Teaching and Learning
- 4.1.15. Writing Initiatives
- 4.1.16. Undergraduate Admissions, Scholarships and Awards
- 4.1.17. Undergraduate Curriculum
- 4.1.18. University Research Ethics Board

R. Zuk referenced the ad hoc committee of CAPP responsible for selecting valedictorians and questioned, given the last-minute withdrawal of a Valedictorian in the spring, whether CAPP is considering a review of weightings assigned to the various components considered during the selection process.

E. Church advised that, following Convocation, CAPP reviewed and revised the procedure used in the selection process. She outlined the changes made to the process including a review of nominations by Department Chairs and the attestation by candidates that their background is free of incidents that would bring disrepute to the reputation of the University.

5. President's Announcements

The President updated Senators on the Vice-President Academic and Provost Search Committee and Strategic Planning Working Group activities and encouraged all to participate in the survey being circulated by the search consultant.

She provided a summary of internal and external stakeholder and Government meetings and events that she attended or in which she participated. She highlighted the success of the International Day of the Girl Child celebration hosted by the Mount and acknowledged S. Brigham for her work on the event; all were thanked for their contribution to its success. She also noted that S. Theunissen and C. McLean had been recognized at a recent luncheon for their boat-building project and K. Whitfield, J. L. Mclsaac, and G. MacDonald were recognized within the NS Health Research Foundation annual report.

In conclusion, she encouraged Senators to attend the upcoming Convocation events on November 4 and the Board Retreat Reception on November 23. She asked all to mark their calendars for the March 8, 2019, International Girls Conference to be held on Campus in celebration of International Women's Day.

G. MacDonald advised Senators of recent NSHRF funding awarded to J. L. Mclsaac, Canada Research Chair in Early Childhood, and K. Whitfield, Assistant Professor, Applied Human Nutrition, and highlighted several student research awards.

6. Question Period

N. Kayhani noted that she had questions for B. Jessop; she will hold the questions until the next meeting so that he can address them.

7. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

7.1. Senate Executive

7.1.1. Announcement of Master Graduation List Approval

E. Church announced that Senate Executive met on October 4 to approve the Master Graduation List. P. Cantelo reported that 341 graduates were approved with 5 on the enabling list. Currently only 2 students remain on the enabling list; it is anticipated that 1 of those will be cleared and added to the Graduation List in the next couple of days. The enabling list was explained.

7.2. Academic Policy and Planning

7.2.1. Change to Existing Regulation

7.2.1.1. Letters of Permission

Revisions to the regulations regarding Letters of Permission were briefly outlined.

Moved by E. Church, seconded by P. Cantelo, that Senate approve the proposed changes to the regulations regarding Letters of Permission, to be effective immediately. CARRIED

7.3. Undergraduate Curriculum

7.3.1. Chemistry/Physics

7.3.1.1. New Course Proposal

7.3.1.1.1. PHYS 2270—Foundations of Astrophysics

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the addition of PHYS 2270, Foundation of Astrophysics, proposed by the Department of Chemistry/Physics, to be effective in the next undergraduate academic calendar. CARRIED

7.3.2. Education

7.3.2.1. Changes to Existing Program

7.3.2.1.1. Addition to Practicum Component, BEd Elementary

7.3.2.1.2. Addition to Practicum Component, BEd Secondary

G. MacDonald questioned whether the additions are new or ones that have been in place. A brief discussion was held on the additions which have been

in place but are now being formalized for the academic calendar, other possible instances where an update may be required, and the importance of ensuring consistency across the programs that would have this practicum component. (G. MacDonald, A. Benzaquén, K. Kienapple)

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by P. Barry Mercer, that Senate approve additions to the calendar entries for the BEd Elementary Education program and BEd Secondary Education program in reference to the Child Abuse Register and Vulnerable Sector Check information. CARRIED

8. Other Reports

8.1. Students' Union

M. Mitchell provided an update of Students' Union activities including the completion of the recent Students' Union elections and special general meeting, attendance at the Governance Round Table and Executive meeting, preparation for the Canadian Federation Students' executive meeting, and involvement in Teal Ribbon Campaign in support of St. FX students. She also highlighted a meeting with Facilities Management, the launch of ReconciliACTION, and the overwhelming success of the recent Haunted House event. She concluded by highlighting the Racialized and Indigenous Student Experience (RISE) summit being hosted on Campus this weekend.

A question was raised on whether the situation with menstrual products, highlighted at the last meeting, has improved. M. Mitchell noted that the situation is improving and that positive conversations are being held.

9. New Business

9.1. Nominations for Honorary Degrees

Moved by D. Seguin, seconded by G. MacDonald, to move *in camera*. CARRIED

Moved by S. Orlov, seconded by K. Kienapple, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

While *in camera*, the President reminded senators of the nomination, voting and selection process used in approving Honorary Degree Candidates, encouraged them to consider submitting a nomination, and reminded those that do submit a nomination to ensure that rationale for the nomination be provided in a clear manner.

The *in camera* session was used to consider a dossier of an Honorary Degree nomination and to vote (by secret ballot) on the submission; the nomination was

reviewed and approved. Senators were reminded that the names of the nominees and the outcome of the voting process are confidential.

10. Items for Communication

Senate approved

- Minutes of the September 28, 2018, meeting
- Changes to the Letters of Permission regulation
- Curriculum submissions from Chemistry/Physics and Education
- One nomination for an honorary degree

Senate received for information:

- Report on the Senate Master Graduation List for Fall 2018

11. Adjournment

Moved by D. Fisher, seconded by E. Church, that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

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