

MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, K. Blotnick, S. Brigham, E. Church, A. Cole, P. Crouse, M. Das, S. Drain, R. Farmer, M. Forrest, J. Fraser-Arsenault, M.J. Harkins, T. Harrison, J. Hollett, N. Kayhani, B. Jessop, K. Kienapple, B. MacInnes, J. MacLeod, H. Mallette, D. Norris, L. Mann, P. Mombourquette, I. Pottie, C. Slumkoski, B. Taylor, S. Walsh, P. Watts, M. Whalen, A. Zederayko, R. Zuk

Regrets: M. Chaffey, Z. Gallant, S. Kerr, K. Skinner, M. Timm

Guests: A. Brown, R. Warne

In welcoming Senators, R. Lumpkin acknowledged outgoing Student Senators for their commitment and involvement with Senate over the past year. Senate expressed its appreciation with a round of applause.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by J. Hollett, seconded by P. Mombourquette, to approve the agenda as amended.
CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of March 25, 2013.

Moved by S. Brigham, seconded by P. Watts, to approve the minutes of March 25, 2013 as amended. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1. Addition of By-Laws 14.14 and 14.15

Moved by M. Whalen, seconded by J. Hollett, that Senate approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the Student Judicial Committee and the Discipline Appeals Committee, By-Laws 14.14. and 14.15. CARRIED

P. Crouse suggested that the acronym used for the DAC (Discipline Appeals Committee), should be revised to SDAC (Student Discipline Appeals Committee) to prevent confusion with the (DAC) Department Appointments Committee. R. Lumpkin, as Chair of the Executive Committee, accepted this revision as a friendly amendment.

3.2. Revisions to Non-Academic Discipline Policy

Moved by M. Forrest, seconded by J. Hollett, that Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Non-Academic Discipline Policy (SE-2012-01). CARRIED 1- Abstention

M. Forrest questioned whether the phrasing of 5.3 was redundant, as the designate would be the acting AVP of Student Experience "Following receipt of a complaint the Associate Vice President of Student Experience, *or his/her designate* may conduct an investigation...".

J. Hollett responded to the question noting that departments such as Security or Housing may be called upon as the designate to conduct the investigation regarding a complaint in those areas. The handling of the complaint is not delegated.

L. Mann noted that it was difficult to envision a time-line and asked if this could be created.

J. Hollett agreed to do so, but emphasized the need for flexibility in the process, as provided for in 5.19 “The Chair shall have the power to adjust time limits.”

4. President’s Announcements

R. Lumpkin gave a brief report on the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC) conference she recently attended in Calgary. She then reported on the quarterly partnership meeting with the Provincial Government. She also mentioned the “Excellence and Innovation Fund,” to which universities were invited to apply and support projects focused on innovation, collaboration, and cost-reduction, noting that \$15M of \$25M of this funding has been awarded. She reported that we received funding in the amount of \$750,000 to support the development of a Learning Commons. Other projects funded included some specific to individual universities, but also several collaborative initiatives. The Mount is involved in a number of these projects: a co-ordinated international recruitment strategy; shared repository and library services; a transfer credit portal; a shared IT services project; a personal and professional development program targeted to skills development and job opportunities for rural Nova Scotians; a remote research and learning hub. She also mentioned the bi-lateral agreements and noted that there was no progress on general MOU matters such as the funding formula. She noted that a working group, advocating the value of a university education, has been established within the Association of Atlantic Universities. The group was formed to counter negativity that exists surrounding the value of a University education. She briefly reported on the ground-breaking event on April 9 for the Margaret Norrie McCain Centre for Teaching, Learning and Research. She concluded by mentioning that Cheryl Stewart will be joining the Mount team on May 1, 2013 as Associate Vice-President Advancement.

5. Question Period

None.

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

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

6.1.1. Professor Emeritus Nomination (**Confidential Business**)

Moved by E. Church, seconded by S. Brigham, to move *in camera*. CARRIED
Dossiers were made available, ballots were circulated.

Moved by B. Jessop, seconded by J. MacLeod, to move from *in camera* CARRIED

Moved by B. Jessop, seconded by K. Kienapple, to move *in camera* CARRIED

The positive result of the vote by secret ballot was reported.

Moved by J. Hollett, seconded by A. Zederayko, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED

6.2. Senate Executive

6.2.1. Senate Evaluation

R. Lumpkin presented the Senate Annual Evaluation form. She noted that the survey will be conducted through LIME.

L. Mann suggested that the survey avoid double questions and suggested using AGREE and DISAGREE as anchors, instead of using the existing scale.

R. Lumpkin noted that she would pass on comments.

R. Lumpkin mentioned the upcoming May 6 meeting and reminded Senators that the list of potential graduates will be brought forward electronically – with a few print copies being made available.

6.3. Academic Policy and Planning

6.3.1. Academic Calendar Dates 2014-2015

E. Church brought forward for information the Academic Calendar Dates for 2014-2015

6.3.2. Recognizing Prior Learning (Graduate Admissions) Policy

Moved by E. Church, seconded K. Kienapple, that Senate approve the Recognizing Prior learning (Graduate Admissions) Policy. CARRIED

6.3.3. Language Proficiency (Graduate Admissions) Policy

Moved by E. Church, seconded by K. Kienapple, that Senate approve the revision to the language proficiency standards for graduate students. CARRIED

M. Whalen questioned a discrepancy between the memo and table contained within the policy.

E. Church noted that the table is correct.

6.3.4. Auditing Graduate Courses

Moved by E. Church, seconded by K. Kienapple, that Senate approve the proposed Calendar entry for auditing graduate courses. CARRIED

6.3.5. Nancy's Chair Committee Terms of Reference

Moved by E. Church, seconded by B. Taylor, that Senate approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Nancy's Chair. CARRIED – 2 Abstained

In response to a question from R. Zuk, B. Taylor provided a brief summary of the changes within the revised terms of reference and the rationale for the proposed changes.

S. Brigham questioned whether the member named by the Alexa McDonough Institute for Women, Gender and Social Justice had to be a faculty member.

B. Taylor responded that the Nancy's Chair committee functions as a Department Appointments Committee and an understanding of the nature and process of faculty appointments is required.

In response to a question from R. Warne, B. Taylor explained that the revised membership was intended to strengthen the connection among the Department of Women's Studies, the Institute, and Nancy's Chair.

6.3.6. General Exam Rules for Students

Moved by E. Church seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the revised General Exam rules for Students. CARRIED with one abstention.

Discussion ensued regarding ball caps and beverages. A friendly amendment from I. Pottie replacing "ball caps" with "brimmed hats" was accepted.

Moved by J. Hollett, seconded S. Walsh that item 2 be amended to the following: With the exception of clear plastic water bottles with no writing on them, food and beverages are not permitted in the examination room. CARRIED.

Moved by N. Kayhani, seconded by P. Crouse, that item 1 be amended to the following: All jackets, backpacks, text books, notes, and/or purses, as well as all unauthorized electronic computing, data storage, and communication devices must be turned off and be left at the front of the examination room. In the case of open-book exams, students will

be permitted to have material at their seats that has been pre-authorized by their instructor. CARRIED.

It was noted that item 4 now becomes: Calculators may be used at the discretion of the instructor.

P. Crouse noted that "ID" was missing from the end of item number 10.

R. Farmer asked how the changes to the General Exam Rules will be communicated to students.

The General Exam Rules will be included in the examination schedule as well as in the academic calendar.

6.3.7. MA in Women and Gender Studies

Moved by E. Church, seconded by K. Kienapple, that Senate approve the plan to facilitate the administration of the Master of Arts (Women and Gender Studies) between Mount Saint Vincent University and Saint Mary's University. CARRIED with one abstention.

T. Harrison suggested adding the following as a friendly amendment: "The institutions commit to providing equitable access to library subscriptions/resources to support the program."

E. Church accepted the friendly amendment.

R. Zuk applauded the plan which was an outcome of the review of the program, and asked the rest of the review will be brought forward.

E. Church noted that it was forthcoming.

Senate accepted S. Brigham's correction of "for" to "at" in point 10: The Deans of Graduate Studies *at* the Mount..."

6.3.8. Academic Planning Update (E. Church)

E. Church gave an update of the Academic Plan process; departments have submitted their three-year academic plans for CAPP's review. She also noted that individual student comments have also been captured.

6.3.9. External Review Schedule

The External Review Schedule was presented by E. Church for information.

6.4. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

6.4.1. Communication Studies New Course Proposal GPRL 6011: Public Relations: Social and Organizational Context

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the Communication Studies New Course Proposal GPRL 6011: Public Relations: Social and Organizational Context. CARRIED

6.4.2. Curriculum Studies (Education)

6.4.2.1. New Course Proposals

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by A. Zederayko, that Senate approve the new course proposals as listed 6.4.2.1.1 to 6.4.2.1.4. CARRIED

6.4.2.1.1. GCRD 6306: Principles of Language Acquisition for Education I (0.5 unit)

6.4.2.1.2. GCRD 6307: Principles of Language Acquisition for Education II (0.5 unit)

6.4.2.1.3. GCRD 6308: Linguistics for Teachers I (0.5 unit)

6.4.2.1.4. GCRD 6309: Linguistics for Teachers II (0.5 unit)

- 6.4.2.2. Course Deletions
 - Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by M.J. Harkins, that Senate approve the deletions of courses listed in 6.4.2.2.1 – 6.4.2.2.2. CARRIED
 - 6.4.2.2.1. GCRD 6303: Principles of Language Acquisition for Education (1.0 unit)
 - 6.4.2.2.2. GCRD 6304: Linguistics for Teachers (1.0 unit)
- 6.5. Undergraduate Curriculum
 - 6.5.1. Proposals for Approval
 - 6.5.1.1. Biology
 - 6.5.1.1.1. New Course Proposal BIOL 4444: Climate Change and Plants (0.5 unit)
 - Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by I. Pottie, that Senate approve the New Course Proposal BIOL 4444: Climate Change and Plants (0.5 unit). CARRIED
 - 6.5.1.2. Business and Tourism
 - Moved** by S. Badali and seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the new course proposals outlined in item 6.5.1.2.1 and 6.5.1.2.2. CARRIED.
 - 6.5.1.2.1. New Course Proposal BUSI 2012: Work and Career in the Modern Global Environment (0.5 unit)
 - 6.5.1.2.2. New Course Proposal BUSI 4411: Leadership Theory and Practice in Organizations (0.5 unit)
 - 6.5.1.3. Education
 - Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by M. J. Harkins, that Senate approve the items listed under 6.5.1.3. CARRIED
 - 6.5.1.3.1. New Course Proposal EDUC 5355: Educational Perspectives and Development: Implications for the Teaching/Learning Process (0.5 unit)
 - 6.5.1.3.2. Education Changes to existing program
 - 6.5.1.3.2.1. Change in list of required courses for the first year of B.Ed Secondary Program
 - 6.5.1.3.2.2. Change in Admission Requirements for Secondary Education
 - 6.5.1.4. Modern Languages
 - Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by R. Zuk, that Senate approve the items listed under 6.5.1.4. CARRIED
 - 6.5.1.4.1. New Course Proposal CHIN 2288: Introduction to Chinese Culture (0.5 unit)
 - 6.5.1.4.2. Course Deletion FREN 4400/4401 Directed Study (0.5 unit each)
 - 6.5.1.5. Political/Canadian Studies
 - 6.5.1.5.1. Change to existing program: Addition of POLS/WOMS 3361 to list of Canadian Content Course
 - Moved** by S. Badali seconded by J. MacLeod, that Senate approve the change to existing program: Addition of POLS/WOMS 3361 to list of Canadian Content Courses. CARRIED
 - 6.5.2. Proposals for Information
 - S. Badali presented items outlined in 6.5.2.1. & 6.5.2.2 for information.
 - 6.5.2.1. Education
 - 6.5.2.1.1. EDUC 5325 The Political Context of Education

- 6.5.2.1.2. EDUC 5350 Technology in Education
- 6.5.2.1.3. EDUC 5392 Principles and Practices in Secondary Education
- 6.5.2.1.4. EDUC 5394 ESL in the Secondary School
- 6.5.2.1.5. EDUC 5403 Media, Technology and Communications in Education
- 6.5.2.1.6. EDUC 5404 Critical Media Literacy
- 6.5.2.1.7. EDUC 5429 Health Education/Healthy Living
- 6.5.2.1.8. EDUC 5442 Teaching ESL in the Elementary School
- 6.5.2.1.9. EDUC 5463 Diagnostic and Corrective Procedures in Mathematics
- 6.5.2.2. Modern Languages
 - 6.5.2.2.1. FREN 3371/LING 3371 Structure and Variety in Contemporary French I: Phonetics

7. Other Reports

- 7.1. Board of Governors
R. Zuk reported that the Board of Governors will meet again in June.
- 7.2. Students' Union
No Report
- 7.3. Mount 2017: Making a Difference
No Report

8. New Business

No new business

9. Items for Communication

- The addition of By-Laws 14.14 and 14.15 making the Student Judicial Committee and the Student Discipline Appeals Committee standing committees of Senate.
- Revisions to the Non-Academic Discipline Policy to reflect the changes in these committees.
- Recognizing Prior Learning (Graduate Admissions) Policy
- Language Proficiency (Graduate Admissions) Policy
- A calendar entry concerning the Auditing of Graduate Courses
- Revised terms of reference for the Nancy's Chair Committee
- Revised General Exam Rules for Students (with amendments)
- Plan to facilitate the administration of the Master of Arts (Women and Gender Studies) between Mount Saint Vincent University and Saint Mary's University.
- New Courses / course changes / course deletions
- Academic Calendar Dates for 2014-2015
- External Review Schedule
- Announcement of the appointment of Dr. Reginald Stuart as Professor Emeritus.

10. Adjournment

Moved by B. Taylor, seconded by B. MacInnes, that the meeting be adjourned.