

## MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), C. Blayney, K. Blotnicky, M. Bowen, E. Church, J. Corcoran, S. Drain, M. Eskritt, F.X. Eygun, J. Fraser-Arsenault, R. Farmer, R. Gechtman, R. Green, M.J. Harkins, T. Harrison, A. Humble, S. King, G. MacDonald, B. MacInnes, J. MacLeod, I. Pottie, J. Sawler, L. Steele, B. Taylor, P. Watts, M. Whalen

Regrets: S. Badali, J. Grant, B. Jessop, K. Kienapple, J. Mills, P. Mombourquette, M. O'Neill,

*R. Lumpkin welcomed new Senators.*

### 1. Approval of Agenda

**Moved** by K. Blotnicky, seconded by R. Green, to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED

### 2. Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2015

**Moved** by M. Whalen, seconded by E. Church, to approve the meeting minutes of May 20, 2015 as amended. CARRIED

### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

#### 3.1. Writing Initiatives Committee: Change to Terms of Reference

**Moved** by P. Watts, seconded by M. J. Harkins, that Senate approve the proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Writing Initiatives Committee. CARRIED

### 4. President's Announcements 4.1. Conduct at Senate Meetings

#### 4.1 R. Lumpkin read the *Conduct at Senate Meetings* statement.

R. Lumpkin briefly mentioned the 50 year Alumnae event she attended earlier in the day. She then spoke to recent government relations, noting that one section of the new MOU will contain a sexual assault policy and procedures document; she noted that the Mount is in compliance with the new language. She also mentioned the Innovations Team (University Presidents, several Deputy Ministers and the NSCC President) and their ongoing initiative and in the five areas of innovation (five working groups focused on entrepreneurship, research development and commercialization, technology and able learning, experiential learning and recruitment). She then mentioned the upcoming review of the Bachelor of Education Program for three Universities in the area.

### 5. Question Period

J. Sawler wondered if there was a policy regarding media participation and when individuals should represent themselves as Mount employees.

R. Lumpkin responded noting that classic protocol that employees, when expressing personal opinion, identify themselves only by name. It is understood that employees speaking on behalf of the University or as scholars associated with the University refer to their Mount affiliation.

E. Church noted that faculty might contact Public Affairs for guidance prior to engaging with media.

A. Humble added that although such media contacts promote the University, there is no guarantee that there will be no misrepresentation.

R. Lumpkin added that she would take this item back to Public Affairs for their input and guidance.

I. Pottie asked why the University has the procedures for Summer Terms differ from those for the Fall and Winter terms. The last academic plan approved January 2014 noted that enrolment patterns have shifted and that the timetable should be set up as for a year-round university. He asked whether such a shift in planning would include ensuring that the same policies and procedures (from, for example, the Registrar's Office, the Dean's Office, and the DLCE Office) would be in effect year round.

E. Church noted that this is an on-going concern for CAPP, and that Dean Kienapple has been tasked to look at this issue. She encouraged I. Pottie to send examples of the difference in procedures (term to term) to the Dean's attention.

L. Steele asked about the current location of the photographs of the winners of the Alumnae Teaching Award.

R. Lumpkin responded that they had been taken away for reframing and she would follow up.

E. Church added that the Alumnae Teaching Award had been suspended two years ago, though the question is under consideration by SCOTL with input from the Alumnae Association.

R. Gechtman posed a question regarding security in the Library through the McCain Centre entrance, and the possible loss of books from unsecured entrances.

T. Harrison responded that the Library is aware of the situation, and that steps are being taken to address it. She also mentioned that this is an active item on the agenda of the Senate Library Committee.

C. Blayney commented on the traffic flow change in the Library area since the opening of the new building. She wondered if traffic flow and elevator usage in this area was being monitored.

R. Lumpkin mentioned the ongoing take the stairs initiative.

T. Harrison added that the traffic flow is being monitored in the Library; she added that space usage is also being monitored.

## 6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

### 6.1. Senate Executive

#### 6.1.1. By-Law change regarding title of Associate Vice President (Academic and Research): Notice of Motion

R. Lumpkin brought item 6.1.1. forward.

#### 6.1.2. Report on the Senate Self-Evaluation

I. Pottie presented the Senate Self-Evaluation Report.

R. Lumpkin responded to concerns raised in the Senate self-evaluation regarding her responsibility as chair for the conduct of meetings.

### 6.2. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

#### 6.2.1. Changes to the Educational Foundations Programs

##### 6.2.1.1. MAEd

**MOVED** by E. Church, seconded by M. J. Harkins, that Senate approve the Changes to the Educational Foundations Programs - MAEd. **CARRIED**

#### 6.2.1.2. MEd

**MOVED** by E. Church, seconded by J. Corcoran, that Senate approve the Changes to the Educational Foundations Programs – MEd. CARRIED

#### 6.2.2. Changes to the Terms of Reference: Notice of Motion

E. Church brought forward the notice of motion regarding the changes to the Terms of Reference.

#### 6.3. Nominations

##### 6.3.1. Change to Procedures regarding the communication of results of elections for Senate and Related Committee Positions

R. Lumpkin brought forward the change to procedures regarding the communication of results of elections for Senate and Related Committee Positions for information.

#### 7. Other Reports

##### 7.1. Board of Governors

There being no faculty Senator to report from the Board of Governors, R. Lumpkin presented the Board Report, drawing upon a report from Linda Mann, noting that six new members from the external community have joined the Board of Governors. She mentioned the excellent presentation from the Library and Archives and also noted that reports were given on enrolment, the BOG Self Evaluation, the Faculty Association, the Students' Union and Alumnae. She also noted that a reception was planned for Senate and BOG members on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> before the Multicultural night dinner (a formal invitation will follow).

##### 7.2. Students' Union

J. Corcoran reported on a successful orientation week, the on-going SRC nominations, student engagement for the Fall elections "GO-Vote," and the official opening of the Vinnie's outdoor patio.

##### 7.3. Mount 2017: Making a Difference

R. Lumpkin noted that the annual summary / overview of the plan will be available for review on SharePoint.

#### 8. New Business

##### 8.1. Annual Reports of Senate Committees

R. Lumpkin brought forward the Annual Reports of Senate Committees for information.

###### 8.1.1. Academic Appeals

###### 8.1.2. Academic Policy and Planning

###### 8.1.3. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators

###### 8.1.4. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

###### 8.1.5. Graduate Scholarships, Assistantships and Awards

###### 8.1.6. Information Technology and Services

###### 8.1.7. Library

###### 8.1.8. Nominations

###### 8.1.9. Research and Publications

###### 8.1.10. Senate Executive

8.1.11. Student Experience

J. Sawler asked for clarification surrounding response rates and comparison factors noted in the Student Experience report.

P. Barry provided clarification.

S. Drain directed J. Sawler to the complete report as posted on the Senate SharePoint site.

8.1.12. Student Judicial

8.1.13. Student Discipline Appeals

8.1.14. Teaching and Learning

8.1.15. Writing Initiatives

8.1.16. Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

8.1.17. Undergraduate Curriculum

8.1.18. University Research Ethics Board

8.2. Annual Report of Nancy's Chair Committee

R. Lumpkin brought forward the Annual Report of Nancy's Chair Committee for information.

A. Humble noted an incorrect date.

8.3. Annual Report of Gail and Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in Learning Disabilities

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9. Items for Communication

Senate approved the following:

- Minutes of May 20, 2015
- Change to the terms of reference for the Writing Initiatives Committee
- Change to the Education Foundations Programs for MAEd and MEd

Senate received the following:

- Notice of motion for a change to the by-laws regarding the title of the Associate Vice President Research
- Notice of motion for a change to the terms of reference of the Graduate Studies Program and Policy Committee
- A report on the Senate Self-Evaluation 2015
- A change to the procedures of the Senate Nominations Committee regarding the communication of election results to individuals
- Annual reports of Senate committees and Senate-related committees

10. Adjournment

**Moved** by R. Green, seconded by M. Whalen, that the meeting be adjourned.