

MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, P. Barry, C. Blayney, K. Blotnicky, E. Church, J. Corcoran, P. Crouse, M. Eskritt, M. Forrest, J. Fraser-Arsenault, R. Farmer, R. Gechtman, J. Grant, R. Green, M. J. Harkins, T. Harrison, A. Humble, B. Jessop, K. Kienapple, G. MacDonald, A. MacGillivray, B. MacInnes, J. Mills, P. Mombourquette, E. Murray, I. Pottie, J. Sawler, N. Selim, L. Steele, P. Watts, M. Whalen

Regrets: M. Bowen, S. King, M. O'Neill, B. Taylor

R. Lumpkin thanked B. MacInnes for all her hard work and her service on Senate.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by R. Green, seconded by M. Forrest, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

2. Approval of Minutes of February 26, 2016.

Moved by P. Watts, seconded by R. Green, to approve the meeting minutes of February 26, 2016 as amended. CARRIED

3. Business Arising from the Minutes

3.1. By-Law Change to Terms of Reference for University Research Ethics Board

Moved by G. MacDonald, seconded by B. Jessop, that Senate approve the By-Law Change to the Terms of Reference for the University Research Ethics Board. CARRIED

K. Blotnicky asked for clarification regarding the criteria for being knowledgeable on ethics.

G. MacDonald provided clarification noting that previous community background, such as individuals who served on the ethics boards for their associations or departments, would serve as experience.

3.2. Library Security

M. Forrest noted that in light of the discussion at the last Senate meeting, and a subsequent discussion at a Faculty Association meeting, she requested that Library Security be added to the agenda. She continued that the function of the University, its academic freedom and integrity, are tied to the ongoing, long-term effort of building a University Library collection. Many of us have contributed to this effort; many of us develop courses that go through curriculum committees, and part of the development of curriculum entails being able to state that these resources are available in our University—not to mention the history of book publishing and our own history. We cannot afford to have a cavalier attitude towards what happens to these books.

R. Lumpkin noted that the suggestion of a security system has not been turned down but is on hold until the Library Committee can bring forward its report with a recommended course of action.

T. Harrison concurred and noted that quotes for different security systems have been reviewed, while considering accessibility issues and the number of access points to the

library. She mentioned the full library inventory and stated that she understood the concerns brought forward by faculty.

R. Gechtman asked if we have concrete financial quotes but continued that beyond the numbers, it is also a matter of principle. We have a mandate to pursue knowledge, preserve knowledge and produce knowledge, and our library fills these functions. He concluded by urging the Senate to support in principle a system that protects our collection.

R. Lumpkin noted that Senate would not have full jurisdiction on this matter; however, as the academic oversight body of the University, Senate could make a recommendation for action, a stance in principle.

Other senators reiterated the points of R. Gechtman and M. Forrest, noting that the issue of security goes beyond finances. Concerns included replacement of out-of-print books, Senate's role to preserve academic integrity of the University, the value of an inventory with no security gates, people resources for the inventory, the timing of this motion prior to the completion of the inventory, and the source of funding, which should not impact the collections budget.

M. Forrest then proposed the following motion:

Moved by M. Forrest, seconded by R. Farmer, considering the necessity of our Library collection to our function as a University, I move that Senate require the University to secure the entire MSVU Library collection as quickly as is viable.

R. Lumpkin reiterated that Senate does not have authority over the budget, as this belongs to the Board of Governors. She asked that M. Forrest consider a motion with more validity to the Board.

R. Gechtman offered that perhaps as a senate, we can say that this is important for academic life, and without making a specific budget demand, we ask the Board to find the resources to cover it.

Senators spoke to the complexity of this issue in regards to student traffic flow, staffing the access points, cost, and previous security breaches.

Following the suggestions from several senators, M. Forrest brought forward an amended motion:

Moved by M. Forrest, seconded by R. Farmer, considering the necessity of our library collection to our function as a University, I move that Senate strongly recommend to the Board that funding be directed to secure the entire Mount Saint Vincent library collection as quickly as possible. CARRIED (19 in favour / 8 opposed)

4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin reported on recent government relations. She spoke to the recent federal government budget noting that a new infrastructure fund has been established which will entail \$2 billion over three years being invested into the post-secondary institution strategic investment fund. There is a possibility that the Mount will be able to apply for funds to support facilities projects including critical research projects. She noted that the AVP Research is closely monitoring this. She then reported on research funding news at the federal level noting that \$141 million in new resources have been given to the granting

councils, which represents the best news regarding funding for the granting councils since 2007. She also noted that starting in 2017-18, \$800 million has been granted over 4 years to support innovation networks and clusters as part of the innovation agenda, adding that the Mount will be looking for funding possibilities in this area. She also reported on funding available for partnership/work-integrated learning opportunities (Co-ops) and the lack of Indigenous education funding on reserves for youth to pursue post-secondary education. She then mentioned Canada's 150th Anniversary in 2017, adding that Universities Canada hopes to coordinate campus activities across the country. She mentioned that faculty member C. Slumkoski is on the national organizing committee for this initiative. She invited senators to bring any programming ideas forward. She concluded by mentioning that the Mount recently hosted a Treaty Education Knowledge Holders Event, attended by Band Chiefs and leaders in the provincial Aboriginal education and Aboriginal communities, along with several Mount faculty members (including M. J. Harkins, M. Walls, A. Kashnabish, C. Martin).

M. J. Harkins briefly reported on the success of this vibrant event. She also noted that C. Martin would be offering a course next year on Indigenous Education in the B.Ed. program.

5. Question Period

M. Eskritt asked a question regarding what evidence is needed if a faculty member were to accuse a student of cheating.

B. MacInnes responded, noting that the academic appeals process is currently under revision. She added that recommendations will be brought forward to CAPP (hopefully by mid-summer), will go from CAPP to individual departments for input, and to Senate for approval. R. Lumpkin confirmed that this item is under active consideration by the Academic Appeals Committee and part of the document would offer guidance to faculty regarding this exact issue.

R. Green asked what information can be offered to faculty prior to exams.

B. MacInnes noted that C. Schneider is currently working on a draft document.

E. Church responded that, since exams will happen prior to the next Senate meeting, she would contact C. Schneider to see if a memo could be circulated to faculty prior to the start of exams.

J. Sawler expressed a slight concern that if some students were aware of what did or did not constitute evidence of cheating, cheating might increase.

B. MacInnes responded that the Academic Appeals Committee would be offering guidance as to what might constitute cheating, but it would not be limited to that list.

R. Farmer asked a question regarding the bilateral agreements.

R. Lumpkin responded that we have concluded our bilateral agreement with the Province and each institution is now working to finalize new outcome agreements. She gave an update on this process and noted that she expected the process to be quite lengthy.

J. Grant expressed concern from some students regarding the Women, Contemporary Aboriginal Issues, and Resistance: Tool Kit, posted to the Alexa McDonough Institute's web page. He noted their concern was with the use of the term "Aboriginal," and that the toolkit is designed to explore what it is like to grow up Aboriginal. He noted that this insinuates that you can learn what it is like to grow up Aboriginal through an 80-minute video, which

appears insensitive. He asked that the University consult the Aboriginal Collective when developing this type of information.

R. Lumpkin responded that she would contact former Nancy's Chair and toolkit creator R. Deverell to see if she would consider changing the way the information is presented. She noted that going forward the Aboriginal Collective should be contacted for input regarding issues of this type.

J. Corcoran and E. Murray brought forward an issue that students were being asked to vacate the McCain atrium after the library closes. He noted that Security had informed students of a policy change, yet this updated policy had not been communicated to students.

B. Jessop noted that he would contact the Director of Facilities Management, B. MacNeil, to confirm if there had been a policy change.

R. Lumpkin noted that B. Jessop would bring forward his findings to J. Corcoran and E. Murray when available.

6. Committee Reports (Standing and Ad Hoc)

6.1. Senate Executive

6.1.1 By-Law Change regarding Effective Dates of Senate Approvals (Notice of Motion)

R. Lumpkin brought forward and reviewed the By-Law Change regarding Effective Dates of Senate Approvals.

6.2. Academic Policy and Planning

6.2.1. Revised Academic Calendar Dates 2016-17 and 2017-18.

E. Church brought forward the Revised Academic Calendar Dates 2016-17 and 2017-18.

M. Forrest mentioned a typo on page 21: "Nov. 4 is the last day to drop a Fall/Winter course without a W."

B. MacInnes confirmed that this should be Fall, not Fall/Winter.

6.2.2. External Review Schedule

E. Church brought forward the External Review Schedule.

M. Forrest raised concerns regarding the proposed review schedule for the Faculty of Education. She noted that many of the same people are involved with several of these programs and dedicated resources would be needed.

E. Church noted that the change would address how the graduate programs would interrelate to each other and with the undergraduate program.

S. Badali added that he would be meeting with both Faculty of Education directors to establish processes and timelines surrounding the reviews.

6.2.3. External Review of Department of Sociology and Anthropology

E. Church brought forward the SOAN external review for information.

6.3. Graduate Studies Program and Policy (for approval)

6.3.1. Course Change in Applied Human Nutrition

6.3.1.1. New Course Number, Name and description for GAHN 6658

Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by J. Fraser-Arsenault that Senate approve a New Course Number, Name and Description for GAHN 6658.
CARRIED

- 6.3.2. Program Change in Child and Youth Study
 - 6.3.2.1. Change to Research Methods Course Requirement
Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by M. J. Harkins, a Change to Research Methods Course Requirement – MA(CYS). CARRIED
 M. Forrest expressed concern regarding the deletion of GEDU 6170. K. Kienapple provided clarification, noting that this change is only to the MA(CYS) calendar description.
 - 6.3.3. Course Deletions and Additions in Graduate Education
Moved by K. Kienapple, seconded by K. Blotnicky that Senate approve the Course Deletions and Additions in Graduate Education noted in items 6.3.3.1-6.3.3.2. CARRIED
 - 6.3.3.1. Deletion of GEDU 6151, GEDU 6152, GEDU 6153
 - 6.3.3.2. New Course Proposals: GEDU 6160, GEDU 6161, GEDU 6162
- 6.4. Undergraduate Curriculum
 - 6.4.1. Applied Human Nutrition
 - 6.4.1.1. New Articulation Agreement with Cape Breton University
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by K. Kienapple, that Senate approve the New Articulation Agreement with Cape Breton University proposed by the Department of Applied Human Nutrition. CARRIED
 - 6.4.2. Business and Tourism
 - 6.4.2.1. Changes to Existing Program
 - 6.4.2.1.1. Change in requirements for Certificate in Marketing
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the change in requirements for the Certificate in Marketing. CARRIED (8 abstentions)
 S. Badali noted a minor revision on p. 100, Item #3, Business 2230—the phrase “including economics” should be removed. J. Sawler and R. Green noted a trend in programs deleting Economics and English from their requirements and hoped that this was not a result of their departments’ maintaining high standards in grading.
 P. Mombourquette responded that the deletion of the ECON requirement was only to bring the certificate requirements in line with the diploma and degree requirements. He added that he did not agree with the view that Economics and English have higher standards in grading.
 M. Forrest asked what happens if a department does not want a course to be dropped.
 R. Lumpkin reviewed the procedure regarding program changes. S. Badali added that the UCC takes very seriously the evidence of consultation when reviewing requests for program changes.
 - 6.4.2.1.2. Change in requirements for Concentration in Strategic Human Resource Management
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by M. Whalen, that Senate approve the Change in requirements for Concentration in Strategic Human Resource Management. CARRIED

- 6.4.2.1.3. Change in name and requirements for Professional Minor in Business Administration
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by A. MacGillivray, that Senate approve the change in name and requirements for Professional Minor in Business Administration. CARRIED
- 6.4.2.2. New Articulation Agreement with Culinary Arts Diploma Program (NSCC)
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by P. Mombourquette, that Senate approve the New Articulation Agreement with NSCC Culinary Arts Diploma Program proposed by BTHM. CARRIED
- 6.4.3. Child and Youth Study
 - 6.4.3.1. Changes to Existing Program
 - 6.4.3.1.1. Changes to Child Abuse Register and Criminal Record Checks
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by B. Jessop, that Senate approve the Changes to Child Abuse Register and Criminal Record Checks (CYS) CARRIED
J. Fraser-Arsenault asked for clarification if the submitted Criminal Record Check (CRC) has to be clear.
K. Kienapple responded that we do not use the CRC to exclude; we use it to make a judgement regarding the suitability of placement. He continued that while protecting student information, placements can be contacted to inquire if a listed offence would prohibit a placement.
G. MacDonald concurred with K. Kienapple, adding that as a past Director of a criminology program, it is entirely appropriate to discern what the actual offence was. She added that having a record does not necessarily constitute a ban for a person's lifetime.
 - 6.4.3.1.2. Changes in course requirements for CYS Minor
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by K. Kienapple, that Senate approve the changes in course requirements for the CYS Minor. CARRIED
- 6.4.4. History
 - 6.4.4.1. Changes to Existing Program
 - 6.4.4.1.1. Changes to course list in History areas of study
Moved by S. Badali, seconded by R. Gechtman, that Senate approve the changes to the course list in History areas of study. CARRIED
 - 6.4.4.1.2. Changes in requirements for History Major, Combined Major, Honours and Concentration
MOVED by S. Badali, seconded by M. J. Harkins, that Senate approve the changes in requirements for History Major, Combined Major, Honours and Concentration. CARRIED

- 6.4.5. Modern Languages
 - 6.4.5.1. Changes to Existing Program
 - Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by L. Steele, that Senate approve the changes to Existing Program outlined in 6.4.5.1.1 and 6.4.5.1.2. CARRIED
 - 6.4.5.1.1. Deletion of exchange program Major in French with a Year in Quebec
 - 6.4.5.1.2. Changes in requirements of Major in French with a Year in France
- 6.4.6. Psychology
 - 6.4.6.1. Changes to Existing Program
 - 6.4.6.1.1. Changes to Admission requirements for BA (Honours) and BSc (Honours)
 - Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by M. Eskritt, that Senate approve the changes to Admission requirements for BA (Honours) and BSc (Honours) proposed by the Department of Psychology. CARRIED
- 6.4.7. Curriculum Proposals (for Information)
 - S. Badali brought forward all items under 6.4.7. for information.
 - 6.4.7.1. Business and Tourism
 - 6.4.7.1.1. Renewal of Transfer Agreements with Trinidad and Tobago Hospitality and Tourism Institute
 - 6.4.7.2. Child and Youth Study
 - 6.4.7.2.1. New prerequisites for CHYS 3315, CHYS 4407, CHYS 4420, CHYS 4422
 - 6.4.7.2.2. New prerequisites and description for CHYS 4402
 - 6.4.7.3. UCC and GSPPC Templates
 - 6.4.7.3.1. Template for New and Revised articulation agreements
 - 6.4.7.4. Psychology
 - 6.4.7.4.1. New prerequisites and description for PSYC 3313
 - 6.4.7.4.2. New prerequisites for PSYC 3315
 - 6.4.7.4.3. New description and removal of exclusion for PSYC 3319
- 6.5. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators
 - 6.5.1. Nominations for Professor Emeritus Status (**CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS**)
 - Moved** by M. Forrest, seconded by R. Gechtman, to move *in camera*. CARRIED
Ballots were circulated.
 - Moved** by J. Grant, seconded by K. Blotnicky, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED
 - Moved** by I Pottie, seconded by R. Gechtman, to move *in camera*. CARRIED
The positive result of the vote by secret ballot was reported.
 - Moved** by B. Jessop, seconded by C. Blayney, to move from *in camera*. CARRIED
- 6.6. Teaching and Learning
 - 6.6.1. DLCE Strategic Plan
 - P. Watts brought forward the DLCE Strategic Plan for information.

6.7. Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships

6.7.1. Proposed Change to Terms of Reference (Notion of Motion)

R. Lumpkin presented the notice of motion for the proposed changes to Terms of Reference for the Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarship Committee.

7. Other Reports

7.1. Students' Union

J. Corcoran reported on the results of the Students' Union Elections. He also spoke to the Graduate Student Survey and the upcoming Graduate Student Social on April 6.

J. Grant spoke to a recent consultation with CYS students regarding practicums, noting that feedback from this meeting is being compiled. He also mentioned the funding increase to student grants and the Youth Employment Strategy for Summer Jobs.

7.2. Mount 2017: Making a Difference

R. Lumpkin reported on the Social Responsibility Working Group, which is dedicated to fostering and identifying social responsibility at the Mount. She expressed her thanks to faculty members P. Williams and S. Brigham for their leadership and help in creating the social responsibility draft statement. She noted that the Statement for Social Responsibility should be presented to senators for review this fall.

8. New Business

None

9. Items for Communication

Senate approved the following:

- Minutes of February 26, 2016
- Awarding of the status of Professor Emeritus on Dr. Ilya Blum and Dr. Carmel French
- Motion to recommend to the Board that the library collection be secured
- Change to the Terms of Reference for the UREB
- Several course changes, additions and deletions in Graduate programs (Please consult the agenda for details.)
- Several program changes to undergraduate curriculum (Please consult the agenda for details.)
- Two new articulation agreements: From Diploma in Health Science and Human Nutrition at Cape Breton University to BSc in AHN and from NSCC's Culinary Arts Diploma Program to BTHM

Senate received for information:

- Revised Academic Calendar dates for 2016-17 and 2017-18
- External review schedule
- CAPP's report of the external review of SOAN
- A variety of undergraduate curriculum changes (Please consult the agenda for details.)
- DLCE Strategic Plan
- Notice of Motion re Bylaw changes: Effective dates of Senate approvals and to the Terms of Reference for the Admissions & Scholarships Committee

10. Adjournment

Moved by R. Green, seconded by K. Blotnicky, that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED