

## MINUTES

Present: R. Lumpkin (Chair), S. Badali, P. Barry, C. Blayney, K. Blotnick, 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, E. Murray, M. O'Neill, I. Pottie, J. Sawler, N. Selim, L. Steele, B. Taylor, P. Watts, M. Whalen

Regrets: M. Bowen, S. King, P. Mombourquette

*R. Lumpkin welcomed new Secretary of Senate, Paula Crouse, and she welcomed back returning Senators Michelle Forrest and Ann MacGillivray.*

### 1. Approval of Agenda

**Moved** by K. Blotnick, seconded by M. Forrest, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED

### 2. Approval of Minutes of November 27, 2015

**Moved** by K. Blotnick, seconded by R. Green, to approve the meeting minutes of November 27, 2015 as presented. CARRIED

### 3. Business Arising from the Minutes

M. J. Harkins asked a follow-up question regarding student account suspensions.

B. Jessop confirmed that students receive three late payment reminders prior to account suspension. He explained when the reminders are sent, and he spoke about the content of the reminders noting that the final warning comes with notice that access will cease. He also reminded Senators that financial arrangements can be made and some emergency access to funding is available. He also noted that this policy is currently being reviewed.

M. J. Harkins confirmed that faculty are not made aware of the student's financial situation.

B. Jessop confirmed; it was noted that this would be a breach of student privacy.

M. Forrest asked if the same process was true for thesis only students. She noted that this scenario had happened to her, adding that this is a very difficult situation for thesis supervisors as months can pass before the supervisor would be aware of the situation.

B. MacInnes confirmed that it would be the same process; she also noted that she would investigate this information gap.

P. Barry gave an update on the Syrian refugee initiative. She noted the creation of a bursary fund and a support initiative headed by faculty members C. Doe and S. King where Mount Students offer support with homework for Syrian children at Duc d'Anville School.

G. MacDonald asked if there was a fundraising goal set for the bursary fund.

P. Barry responded that at this time many of the children were school age but expected an additional fundraising campaign when those who needed to finish or start their University education arrived from Syria.

T. Harrison mentioned the conversational language software now available in the Library.

J. Grant asked if additional student volunteers were needed for the homework support initiative.

P. Barry responded that at this time EDUC students are being targeted as they already have their criminal record and child abuse registry checks on file. She noted that this initiative may be open to all students in the fall semester once adequate promotion can be arranged.

#### 4. President's Announcements

R. Lumpkin gave an update on current government relations. She spoke about the recent tour of the McCain Centre with A. Fillmore (MP for Halifax), D. Samson (MP for Sackville-Preston-Chezzetcook), and D. Fisher (MP for Dartmouth-Cole Harbour). She mentioned that the tour included the Centre for Women in Business, the Co-op Office, the Centre on Aging and the Centre for Community Engagement. She then reported that at a later date the PC Caucus also toured the same centers to showcase some of the Mount's areas of strength that relate to Provincial priorities. She then reported on Universities Canada noting the projects that have been submitted to the federal advocacy budget: Infrastructure; Research; Youth opportunities (co-ops and internships / domestic and international mobility); and Indigenous Education (student financial assistance / programs and services / new graduate scholarships). She mentioned the Universities Canada Research showcase scheduled for February in Ottawa, noting that faculty member J. Keefe had been invited to present. She also mentioned Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017, adding that Universities Canada hopes to coordinate campus activities across the country.

#### 5. Question Period

No questions.

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

##### 6.1. Academic Policy and Planning

E. Church spoke to a first-year online pilot course funded by the Windsor Foundation. She reported that this four-year pilot program will be offered to all first-year students as a free non-credit course. Geared directly towards student success and retention, the course will use adaptive learning technology for personalized education. She added that the Students' Union is supporting this initiative and that the pilot project will come to Senate for approval in principle at the February meeting with the course itself still to be developed.

R. Gechtman asked a question regarding the types of skills that will be included and why online learning was chosen as the delivery method, adding that a large part of the university experience is the classroom experience.

E. Church responded that the focus would be on research skills, university orientation and writing skills; she added that the online course might be offered prior to the start of classes.

B. Taylor reminded Senators that this is a four-year experiment, reiterating that some of the modules are items that students can complete prior to arriving on campus.

G. MacDonald asked if the course would be set up in module form. Will it be pass / fail and will peer tutors be available?

E. Church noted that the expectation is for the students to complete all modules; however, not all details have been finalized.

J. Sawler noted that he would like to see information on best practices (when the course returns to Senate for approval). He also wondered if there will be control groups.

E. Church reminded Senators that the course is a pilot project, not a research experiment.

## 6.2. Graduate Studies Program and Policy

### 6.2.1. Changes to the Lifelong Learning Program

#### 6.2.1.1. Course Changes

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by, M. Forrest, that Senate approve items

6.2.1.1.1 - 6.2.1.1.17. CARRIED

P. Watts asked for clarification on the acronym GACH.

K. Kienapple responded, Adult, Community and Higher Education.

P. Watts noted the benefits of discussing new course proposals with DLCE.

Consultation would be a useful practice noting that it is very helpful if DLCE has the opportunity to consult and discuss the department plans as it often gives an indication of upcoming (future) plans.

K. Kienapple responded that he would convey these comments to the program.

R. Gechtman noted that the changes seem to be lacking rationale.

K. Kienapple noted that this is the norm for course changes; however, he added that new course proposals would come with expanded rationale.

M. Forrest added they (the changes brought forward) are making a move to be more specific about adults and higher education.

6.2.1.1.1. GSLL 6200: Introduction to Studies in Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.2. GSLL 6201: The Historical Legacy of Studies in Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.3. GSLL 6202: Contemporary Perspectives in the Study of Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.4. GSLL 6206: Lifelong Learning Processes

6.2.1.1.5. GSLL 6207: Graduate Seminar in Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.6. GSLL 6212: Methods for Fostering Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.7. GSLL 6213: Diversity Issues in Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.8. GSLL 6214: Community Education and Development

6.2.1.1.9. GSLL 6215: Continuing Professional Education

6.2.1.1.10. GSLL 6216: Creating the Educative Workplace

6.2.1.1.11. GSLL 6217: Lifelong Learning in Post-Secondary Institutions

6.2.1.1.12. GSLL 6218: Lifelong Learning in International Contexts

6.2.1.1.13. GSLL 6220: Policy Issues in Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.14. GSLL 6221: Designing Contexts in Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.15. GSLL 6222: Social Issues and Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.16. GSLL 6223: Feminist Perspectives in Lifelong Learning

6.2.1.1.17. GSLL 6256/6257/6258: Special Topics in Lifelong Learning

#### 6.2.1.2. Course Deletions

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by, B. Jessop, that Senate approve items 6.2.1.2.1 and 6.2.1.2.2. CARRIED

6.2.1.2.1. GSLL 6211: Lifelong Learning and Culture

6.2.1.2.2. GSLL 6219: Lifespan Development

#### 6.2.1.3. New Course Proposals

**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by J. Corcoran, that Senate approve items 6.2.1.3.1 and 6.2.1.3.5. CARRIED

- 6.2.1.3.1. GACH 6230: Africentricity in Adult, Community and Higher Education
- 6.2.1.3.2. GACH 6231: Higher Education Institutions
- 6.2.1.3.3. GACH 6232: Educational Technology in Adult, Community and Higher Education
- 6.2.1.3.4. GACH 6240: Major Research Paper
- 6.2.1.3.5. GACH 6291: Practicum in Adult, Community and Higher Education
- 6.2.2. Graduate Child and Youth Study: New admission requirement  
**Moved** by K. Kienapple, seconded by M. Whalen, that Senate approve the Graduate Child and Youth Study: New admission requirement. CARRIED

### 6.3. Undergraduate Curriculum

- 6.3.1. Applied Human Nutrition (for approval)
  - 6.3.1.1. Addition of New Courses  
**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by J. Fraser-Arsenault, that Senate approve the addition of the new courses listed in items 6.3.1.1.1. and 6.3.1.1.2. CARRIED
    - 6.3.1.1.1. NUTR 1010 - Introduction to the Profession (0.5 unit)
    - 6.3.1.1.2. NUTR 2211 - Intermediate Human Nutrition (0.5 unit)
  - 6.3.1.2. Deletion of Courses  
**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by J. Fraser-Arsenault, that Senate approve the deletion of items listed in items 6.3.1.2.1. and 6.3.1.2.2. CARRIED
    - 6.3.1.2.1. NUTR 1209 - Introductory Nutrition: Macronutrients (0.5 unit)
    - 6.3.1.2.2. NUTR 1210 - Introductory Nutrition: Micronutrients (0.5 unit)

M. Eskritt raised a question regarding how these deletions would affect the minor. E. Church responded that this issue will come back to UCC.
  - 6.3.1.3. Changes to Program Requirements  
**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by J. Fraser-Arsenault, that Senate approve items 6.3.1.3.1. - 6.3.1.3.3. CARRIED
    - 6.3.1.3.1. BScAHN Nutrition (20 units)
    - 6.3.1.3.2. BScAHN Dietetics (20 units)
    - 6.3.1.3.3. BScAHN Dietetics and Internship Education Program (23 units)
- 6.3.2. Child and Youth Study (for approval)
  - 6.3.2.1. Change in Admission Requirements, CYS Honours program  
**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by M. J. Harkins, that Senate approve the change in Admission Requirements, CYS Honours program. CARRIED
- 6.3.3. Communication Studies (for approval)
  - 6.3.3.1. Transfer credit Agreement between Holland College Diploma in Journalism and MSVU BPR  
**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by J. Grant, that Senate approve the Transfer credit Agreement between Holland College Diploma in Journalism and MSVU BPR. CARRIED
- 6.3.4. History (for approval)
  - 6.3.4.1. Addition of New Courses  
**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by R. Gechtman, that Senate approve the addition of the courses listed in 6.3.4.1.1 – 6.3.4.1.3. CARRIED

- 6.3.4.1.1. HIST 1121 - Canoes and Colonialism: A History of Canada to Confederation (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.4.1.2. HIST 1122 - Consolidation and Conflict: A History of Canada from Confederation (0.5 unit)
- 6.3.4.1.3. HIST 2285 - Love, Sexuality and the Body in European History (0.5 unit)

6.3.4.2. Deletion of a Course

**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by B. Taylor, that Senate approve the deletion of HIST 1120 – Canada (1.0 unit). CARRIED

- 6.3.4.2.1. HIST 1120 - Canada (1.0 unit)

6.3.5. International Education Centre (for approval)

6.3.5.1. New Memoranda of Understanding

- 6.3.5.1.1. Cooperation Agreement between The Universidad Del Valle De Atemajac (UNIVA), Mexico, and Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU), Canada

**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by P. Barry, that Senate approve the Cooperation Agreement between The Universidad Del Valle De Atemajac (UNIVA), Mexico, and Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU), Canada.

- 6.3.5.1.2. Student Exchange Agreement between Mount Saint Vincent University and University College UCC Copenhagen, Denmark

**Moved** by S. Badali, seconded by C. Blayney, that Senate approve the Student Exchange Agreement between Mount Saint Vincent University and University College UCC Copenhagen, Denmark.

6.3.6. Mathematics and Computer Science (for approval)

**Moved** S. Badali, seconded by I. Pottie that Senate approve items 6.3.6.1 and 6.3.6.2. CARRIED

- 6.3.6.1. Addition of a Minor in Statistics
- 6.3.6.2. Changes in Requirements for the Minor in Applied Statistics

6.3.7. Course Changes (for Information)

S. Badali presented the following course changes for information.

- 6.3.7.1. Applied Human Nutrition
  - 6.3.7.1.1. New Course Name, Prerequisites and Description for NUTR 1106 and NUTR 3325/GAHN 6325
- 6.3.7.2. Mathematics and Computer Science
  - 6.3.7.2.1. New Description and Removal of Exclusion: MATH 1130
- 6.3.7.3. Sociology and Anthropology
  - 6.3.7.3.1. New Course Name: SOAN 3531/POLS 3531
  - 6.3.7.3.2. New Course Number, Prerequisite and Exclusion: SOAN 2400

6.4. Information Technology and Services—(*J. Mills*)

J. Mills reported on assurances from IT&S that the hard drives of photocopiers/printers are wiped clean or destroyed before the equipment is returned to the vendor. She noted that SCOITS has requested that hard drives be wiped if a machine is moved from a secure to a non-secure area. She also mentioned that IT&S is investigating the security of the drives of photocopiers/printers that are located in non-secure areas to be sure the drives cannot be removed and contents copied by interested parties. She mentioned that a problem with recording in Collaborate is being investigated. She also mentioned that a

problem with lengthy delay in delivery of e-mail messages was raised by several faculty during the past week. As always, Faculty are encouraged to report problems to the IT&S Help Desk.

## 6.5. Library

### 6.5.1. Revised Open Access Policy

T. Harrison presented the revised open access policy for Senate's approval. She briefly reviewed the policy and made note of an updated revised date. She also drew attention to the review and retirement dates as they are less than five years, which is intentional.

**Moved** by T. Harrison, seconded by M. J. Harkins, that Senate approve the revised Open Access Policy. CARRIED

M. Forrest asked, to what extent does the Library inform, in particular new scholars, that certain publishers deny the republishing of materials?

T. Harrison responded to the question adding that this is briefly addressed under guidelines in the policy. She also added that the scholarly communication librarian is now K. Hartford (formerly R. Gillis), and part of his role is to raise awareness on open access, researching and predatory publishing. She noted that R. Gillis offered many well attended workshops on these subjects and hoped that K. Hartford would also offer the same.

G. MacDonald added that there is a hope to increase funding towards publications in internal grants as open access is expensive, especially for junior scholars. She also noted that the Research Office (in conjunction with the Library) would be open to give a joint workshop on open access, academic freedom, and predatory publishing.

## 6.6. Nominations

### 6.6.1. Election of Faculty Senator to the Presidential Search Committee

C. Blayney reported that, as the result of a Call for Nominations, M. Whalen was nominated to serve as the Faculty Senator on the Presidential Search Committee.

R. Lumpkin called three times for additional nominations. No additional nominations were brought forward.

M. Whalen elected by acclamation as the Faculty Senator to the Presidential Search Committee.

**Moved** by C. Blayney, seconded by G. MacDonald, that Senate elect the following faculty member to the designated committee for the indicated term:

Committee	Nominee	Term Begins	Term Ends
Research and Publications Committee	Mr. Kevin Hartford	When elected	30 June 2018

## 7. Other Reports

### 7.1. Board of Governors

R. Lumpkin presented the BOG report from the December 15, 2015, meeting as submitted. The following items were noted: a special meeting of the Board of Governors was held to vote on the tuition reset. Board members were provided with a summary of the consultation process, the feedback emails and a collection of postcards from students prior to the meeting.

The administration summarized the consultation process, and after some discussion, the majority of the Board voted to approve a per course tuition increase of \$21 for all Undergraduate programs in each of the next three years. The Board also approved the terms of reference for the Presidential Search Committee.

## 7.2. Students' Union

J. Corcoran reported on the SRC strategic planning; the launch of the MSVU-SU Pride Centre; the SU-AGM; and upcoming SU elections noting that all Executive positions will turn over. He also noted that the Policy and Planning committee will now be meeting once per week.

J. Grant reported on the formation of a cross campus task force on mental health and an upcoming interview with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with MSVU student Charlotte Kiddell.

L. Steele asked for clarifications regarding the complete turnover of the Executive positions.

J. Corcoran provided clarification noting that these were the elected positions.

P. Barry mentioned Faculty/Staff training event - Mental Health 101 noting that all are encouraged to attend.

## 7.3. Mount 2017: Making a Difference

R. Lumpkin spoke to the creation of a social responsibility statement; she spoke about the current working group, community based research, an upcoming graphic harvest (whiteboards asking for responses to social responsibility questions), and the development of an asset map (where social responsibility is located in your department). She mentioned that these items and more will be presented at an upcoming flow-through drop-in event to be held on March 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the McCain Centre atrium; more details to follow.

## 8. Items for Communication

Senate approved the following:

- Minutes of November 27, 2015
- Several course changes and deletions in the Lifelong Learning Program and Graduate Child and Youth Study
- Five new courses in Graduate Education (Please consult the January agenda for details)
- Many changes to undergraduate curriculum (Please consult the January agenda for details.)
- New transfer agreement between the Holland College Diploma in Journalism and MSVU's BPR
- New memorandum of understanding with the Universidad Del Valle De Atemajac (UNIVA), Mexico
- New memorandum of understanding with University College UCC Copenhagen, Denmark
- Revised Open Access Policy (Library)

Senate elected

- Prof. Michael Whalen, faculty senator to the Presidential Search Committee
- Mr. Kevin Hartford to the Research and Publications Committee

Senate received for information

- Reports from CAPP and SCOITS
- A variety of undergraduate curriculum changes (Please consult the January agenda for details.)

9. Adjournment

Moved by J. Corcoran, seconded by, M. Whalen, that Senate be adjourned. CARRIED