

Senate Minutes

September 19, 2014
Senate Chamber CE-339

Vice President Academic & Research (Provost), D. Keefe called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

The recording secretary took roll call and quorum was declared.

Present:

Hosam Al Arabi, Stephen Augustine, Ed Barre, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Debbie Brennick, Allen Britten, Dannie Brown, Geoff Carre, George Chen, Ed Davis, Godwin D'Cunha, Margaret Denchman, Brandon Ellis, Derrick Hayes, Mike Henick, Sarah Hines, Rany Ibrahim, Dale Keefe, Jane Lewis, Doug Lionais, Brittany MacAulay, Cyril Macdonald, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, Mitch Mader, Pat Maher, Alexis Manley, Ron McCarron, David McCorquodale, Scott Moir, Mary Jane Morrison, Andrew Petrie, Sheila Profit, David Rae, Wei Shang, Laura Syms, Ammar Tayeb, Tom Urbaniak, Arja Vainio-Mattila, Tuma Young, Shawn Bethke

Regrets:

Judy Bailey, Keith Brown, Barb Glassey, Odette Griscti, Louis Guimond, Gordon MacInnis, Elaine MacNeil, David Wheeler, Eileen Smith-Piovesan

Absent:

Stephen Augustine, Tuma Young

Following the roll call, D. Keefe welcomed the new members of Senate:

Dean, David Rae, Dean Arja Vainio-Mattila, Margaret Denchman, Erna MacLeod, Pat Maher, Ron McCarron, Elaine MacNeil, Mary Jane Morrison, Bernie MacLennan, Allen Britten, and Laura Syms.

2. Election of Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary

D. Keefe called for nominations for the Chair. T. Urbaniak nominated Doug Lionais for Chair and with no further nominations Doug Lionais was elected as Chair of Senate.

The duties of Chair were then passed to D. Lionais and he called for nominations for a Vice-Chair. D. McCorquodale nominated Tom Urbaniak for the position of Vice-Chair and with no further nominations Tom Urbaniak was elected at Vice-Chair.

Nominations for Secretary were then accepted. D. McCorquodale nominated Sheila Profit for the position of Secretary and with no further nominations Sheila Profit was elected Secretary.

3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

It was moved by A. Manley, seconded by B. Ellis to move into Closed Session for the purpose of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

It was moved by A. Manley, seconded by H. Al-Arabi, to move back in to open session following a closed session discussion. **Motion Carried.**

4. Matters Forwarded for Information – n/a

5. Special Presentations/Updates – n/a

6. Report of the President and Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

6.1 Vice-President Academic & Professional Studies (Provost)

Dale Keefe reiterated welcomes to the new Senators and to the new Deans to their first meeting of Senate and then reported on the following:

- The Royal Society of Canada has named Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo Willox among the 91 members of The College of New Scholars, Artists and Scientists.
- Minister Regan has appointed Dr. Keefe to the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission (MPHEC).
- MPHECs Academic Committee felt a name change for the Bachelor of Applied Engineering Technology (BAET) program to Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Advanced Electronics) was necessary to align it with other CBU offerings. After meetings with the School it was agreed that this minor change would be accepted (the minor change does not require Senate approval). This proposal will be put forth to the full commission with a positive recommendation.
- The Science Education Certificate has been put on hold until the external reviews with the BED and MED are complete. These reviews are expected to be completed in early Fall.
- The School of Science and Technology QA review is progressing as planned.
- Many thanks were extended to all those who participated in the orientation sessions during the first week of classes.

7. Question Period – N/A

8. Approval of Minutes

8.1 It was moved by G. d’Cunha, seconded by E. Barre, the approval of the minutes from the June 13, 2014 meeting. **Motion carried.** Abstentions: 16

9. Business Arising from the Minutes – N/A

10. Report of the Executive Committee

Newly elected Vice Chair, T. Urbaniak reported that the Executive Committee met on September 12th to set the agenda for this meeting of Senate along with a discussion on the Senate retreat scheduled for September 26th. Referring to a memorandum circulated during the meeting, the tentative agenda for the day was detailed.

11. Students' Union Report

Students' Union President B. Ellis reported on the following:

- Welcomes to new and returning Senators and congratulations to the newly elected Executive members were extended.
- Frosh week events were well attended and very positive.
- The newly open International Student Center is being well received and Senators were welcomed to visit.
- Litigation with the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) has been set for December.

12. Reports of Other Committees

(a) Nominating – *Pro-temp* Chair, D. McCorquodale referred to the slate of committee members as circulated with the meeting package. It was noted that a few vacancies currently exist and that they, along with the appointment of a Chair, will likely be presented during the next meeting of Senate. It was agreed that the Board of Governors representatives on Senate are eligible to serve on Senate committees and the Nominating committee noted this for their next meeting.

(b) Academic – Chair, D. Hayes reported that the committee had met and he was re-elected as Chair. The circulation of the attachments for the academic report were not complete, **it was therefore was moved** by G. Carre, seconded by D. Hayes to table the two items listed until the next meeting of Senate. **Motion carried.**

(c) TLEC – Chair, P. Maher reported the committee met on September 9th when he was elected Chair. The direction and tasks were also discussed for the coming year. P. Maher confirmed that an instrument for Teaching Evaluation of Labs is on the agenda.

(d) Research – Chair, E. Barre reported the committee met where he was elected Chair and they are in the process of organizing a meeting schedule for the coming year.

(e) P & R – *Protemp Chair*, G. Carre reported the committee met and they were unsuccessful in electing a Chair. The committee continued with the meeting with the protemp Chair and set an agenda to review the academic plans and to draft a pre-budget submission. Recommendations, submissions or comments are most welcome.

(f) QA – J. Lewis reported that the committee met where G. Chen was elected Chair and they are in the process of organizing a meeting schedule.

(g) Bylaws – J. Lewis reported that the committee met where J. Bailey was elected Chair and they are in the process of organizing a meeting schedule with a rotating role for Secretary within the committee.

13. Board of Governors' Report

S. Moir reported that the Board met on June 20, 201 highlighting the following:

- President Wheeler reported on the signing of an MOU with Listuguj First Nation Education Department to deliver the BACS degree in Quebec
- The privatization of the Bookstore was continuing nicely.
- The treasurer's report reflected a healthy state.
- MGM issued a clean audit report and approval of a one year contract for MGM was granted.
- Concerns raised during the June Senate meeting with regards to the wording of Board bylaws were brought forward and a motion was passed for the Board Bylaws committee to review during their next meeting.
- The Students' Union informed the Board of the status of their legal issues with CFS relating to a 2008 decision to leave the CFS. The Board fully supports the CBUSU in their continued efforts.
- Irene Khattar and Stacey Black presented the brand refresh initiative and it was received warmly by the Board.

14. Confidential Business – N/A

15. Adjournment

The next Senate meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th and there being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:14 pm.



Sheila Profit, Secretary