

# Senate Minutes

February 10, 2017  
Senate Chamber CE-339

The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

## 1. Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum

### Present:

Amar Anwar, Pat Bates, Tanya Brann-Barrett, Dannie Brown, Sylvia Burrow, Taylor Burton, George Chen, Cathy Chisholm, Eddie Davis, Jane Farnsworth, Barb Glassey, Odette Griscti, Derrick Hayes, Katie Hillman, John Hudec, Roy Karam, George Karaphillis, Catherine Levetin-Reid, Jane Lewis, Allison MacDonald, Brandon MacDonald, Brendan MacDonald, Kyle MacDonald, Richard MacKinnon, Gordon MacInnis, Stewart McCann, Ron McCarron, Martin Mkandawire, Mary Jane Morrison, Esrra Mostafa, Joseph Parish, Matt Shallo, Arja Vainio-Mattila, Wendy Wadden, Audrey Walsh, Derek Zhang, Shawn Bethke, Terry MacDonald

### Regrets:

Stephanie Inglis, Pierre Jean, Dale Keefe, Carolin Kreber, Bernie MacLennan, Erna MacLeod, David McCorquodale, Sean Modesto, Wei Shang, Claudette Taylor

### Absent:

Stephen Augustine

## 2. Consent Agenda

**It was moved** by M. Shallo, seconded by P. Bates, to accept and approve the following items submitted via the consent agenda. PSYC2XXX-Aboriginal Psyc: Indigenous Mental Health and Healing was moved to the regular committee agenda for questions to be addressed.

### 2.1 Academic Committee

- a. ~~PSYC 2XXX—Aboriginal Psyc: Indigenous Mental Health and Healing~~
- b. PSYC 2XXX - Environmental Psyc
- c. PSYC 2XXX - Gerontology: Interdisciplinary Perspective on Aging
- d. Education Department: Proposed Amendment to M.Ed. (SCI) Program

With the removal of item 2.1.a, **motion carried.**

## 3. Matters to be Considered in Closed Session

**It was moved** by W. Wadden, seconded by M. Shallo, to move in to closed session for the purposes of conducting confidential business. **Motion carried.**

Following the discussion in closed session, **it was moved** by M. Shallo, seconded by W. Wadden to move back in to open session. **Motion carried.**

## 4. Matters Forwarded for Information – N/A

**5. Special Presentations/Updates – N/A**

**6. Report of the Interim President and Vice-President Academic & (Provost)**

The Chair referred to the written report submitted by the Interim President and G. MacInnis welcomed any comments or questions. W. Wadden expressed appreciation for the acknowledgment beginning the Interim President's report.

**7. Question Period - N/A**

**8. Approval of Minutes**

**7.1 It was moved** by J. Lewis, seconded by K. MacDonald, the approval of the minutes from the January 3, 2017 meeting. **Motion carried. Abstentions: 3**

**9. Business Arising from the Minutes**

P. Bates requested an update on any policy CBU has for refugees to attend CBU. G. MacInnis replied that a recently policy brought forward by the Students' Union has been adopted and approved by the Board of Governors. To date, no applications have been received but discussions continue with the Recruitment Department to market this bursary.

**10. Report of the Executive Committee**

D. Hayes reported that the Executive Committee met on January 27<sup>th</sup> to set the agenda for this meeting of Senate. The committee also discussed possible presentations for further Senate meetings. The committee will also work on updating the meeting rules and procedures.

**11. Students' Union Report**

Students' Union President, R. Karam gave a verbal report with the following highlights:

- A town hall was held to inform students on the potential labour disruptions
- Student Union election will take place on February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>
- A referendum will be held to decide if the CBUSU should leave Students' Nova Scotia
- A report on the usage of myWellness has been compiled and has been distributed to Student Services and Max Bell Health
- Support for the Bachelor of Education students continues with the NSTU's work to rule
- CBUSU was represented at Converge 2017, hosted by Universities Canada on February 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>
- Concerns were passed on from SRCs that attendance and class participation are being counted toward their grades

It was suggested that the Academic Committee could follow up with R. Karam on any policy or guideline that may exist with regard to attendance. To ensure a resolution is achieved in a timely manner, the Chair suggested that R. Karam send a detailed email with specifics to the Chair of the

Academic Committee and the Vice President Academic. It was also suggested that the professional studies programs do not have mandatory attendance policies but attendance is addressed in a student's mark for professionalism and students are required to report absences as they would in the field they are entering.

## 12. Reports of Other Committees

**(a) Planning and Review** –Chair, S. Burrow referred to the report circulated with the meeting documents which was tabled during the January meeting of Senate. **It was moved** by S. Burrow, seconded by O. Griscti, that recommendations 2-5 inclusively (listed below) are adopted by Senate to complete the committee's Pre-Budget Recommendations for the current proposed budget:

2. We recommend that the VPs and School Deans critically assess the potential damaging effects of budget constraints on BA degree offerings.
3. We recommend that all School plans address academic implications of the proposed budget that unfavourably impact CBU's low student professor ratios because this low ratio in tightly tied to high student satisfaction, which is a large draw for student recruitment.
4. We recommend that CBU establish sufficient and appropriate health care services to meet the needs of international students.
5. We recommend that CBU prioritize mental health initiatives for the university community.

Many comments, questions and concerns were noted in a very thorough discussion and the following friendly amendments to the recommendations were accepted:

2. We recommend that the VPs and School Deans critically assess the potential damaging effects of budget constraints on certificate, diploma, and degree offerings.
3. We recommend that all School plans address academic implications of the proposed budget that unfavourably impact CBU's student professor ratios because this ratio in tightly tied to high student satisfaction, which is a large draw for student recruitment.
4. We recommend that CBU establish sufficient and appropriate academic, cultural, and health care services to meet the needs of international students.
5. We recommend that CBU prioritize mental health initiatives for the university community.

**Motion carried. Abstention: 1**

In response to the discussion during the January meeting of Senate with regard to Industry Leave, S. Burrow noted this was brought to the committee, and after careful deliberations they agreed not to submit any changes to the recommendation.

**(b) Academic** - Chair, MJ Morrison, referred to the item removed from the Consent Agenda, PSYC 2XXX - Aboriginal Psychology: Indigenous Mental Health and Healing, and responded to a question of when the course would be offered. It was noted that it would be the responsibility of the Department to determine a start date. It was further noted that the QA section provides a significant amount of the consultation which addressed all of the questions and suggestions raised and noted in the proposal. The committee also had a full discussion on the offering of the course in community and on campus. In response to the course name using aboriginal, it was noted that T. Young advised this is most appropriate at this time but the name would be open to change as the course evolves. **It was moved** by MJ Morrison, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila, to approve PSYC 2XXX – Aboriginal Psychology: Indigenous Mental Health and Healing as presented. **Motion carried.**

- (c) **Bylaws** – Chair, B. Glassey, referred to the report circulated with the meeting material. **It was moved** by B. Glassey, seconded by M. Shallo, to accept the updated Department of Health Sciences & Emergency Management bylaws as presented. **Motion carried.**
- (d) **Research** – On behalf of the committee Chair, D. Hayes referred to the informational report as circulated with the meeting material, noting there was nothing further to report.
- (e) **QA**– G. Chen referred to the informational report circulated with the meeting material, noting there was nothing further to report.
- (f) **TLEC** – Chair, J. Hudec, referred to the report circulated with the meeting material. He noted that the committee has begun to work on finding an appropriate measure to evaluate smaller class sizes. In the coming weeks input will be sought from the broader CBU community and Senators were encouraged to submit any input or suggestions they may have.

**13. Board of Governors’ Report – N/A**

**14. Confidential Business – N/A**

**15. Adjournment**

There being no further business, it was moved by S. Burrow to adjourn at 2:55 pm.

  
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Martin Mkandawire, Secretary