



Minutes

A meeting of the Ad-hoc Committee to consider the inclusion of the Ode to Newfoundland at Memorial’s convocation ceremonies was held on **Wednesday March 27, 2024 at 10:00 am NDT via Teams**

Committee members:

Arif Abu (Internationalization Office); Edwin Bezzina (senator); Mackenzie Broders (student); Kelly Butler (Indigenous Affairs); Cyr Couturier (senator); Delores Mullings (Vice-Provost EDI-AR); Craig Purchase (senator); Lisa Russell (lead, convocation); Adaeze Stella Charles (student); Kati Szego (senator); Valeri Pilgrim (Indigenous Student Resource Centre); Michael Woods (senator); Shayam Yadav (student).

Convener: Lee Ann McKivior [non-voting]

Recording secretary: Karen Follett [non-voting]

Present: Arif Abu, Mackenzie Broders, Kelly Butler, Cyr Couturier, Craig Purchase, Karen Follett, Lee Ann McKivior, Valeri Pilgrim, Lisa Russell, Kati Szego, Michael Woods

1.0	<u>Land Acknowledgement</u>	We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University’s campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi’kmaq, Innu and Inuit of this province.	
2.0	<u>Approval of Agenda</u>	Move to adopt the agenda as presented, with addition of a question about minutes which will be asked prior to discussion of the report. Move: Cyr Couturier; Second: Michael Woods No objections or abstentions; motion approved.	Approved
3.0	<u>Approval of Minutes</u>		
	3.1	Minutes from March 26, 2024 Move to adopt the minutes as presented. Move: Kelly Butler ; Second: Michael Woods No objections; 1 abstention; motion approved.	Approved
	3.2	Member question re. minutes of March 21 Member requested that the motion package with rationale be added	

		<p>to the minutes as an appendix. Another member suggested appending the material to the posted agenda.</p> <p>Discussion of desired process for such matters.</p> <p>Consensus is to not alter approved agendas and minutes.</p>	
4.0		<u>Preliminary Report to Senate</u>	
	4.1	<p>Finalize report</p> <p>Member suggested adding reference to defeated motion in the report (motion voted on during March 21 meeting).</p> <p>Discussion key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motions are included in meeting minutes and those are posted online; - The link to agendas and minutes is included in the report; - Backup documentation (rationale) circulated with the motion is not included in the minutes; - Options for what to include in the report regarding the committee’s work thus far; - Roberts Rules of Order regarding such committee reports. <p>Dr. McKivor called a vote: All those in favour of not including references in the report to the defeated motion.</p> <p>Abstain: 1; Yes / For: 6; No / Against: 2 (Noted: Craig Purchase)</p> <p>Discussion of the remainder of the report and final edits to it.</p> <p>Dr. McKivor presented the motion: <i>Motion:</i> Resolved that the report as presented be approved by the committee and forwarded as recommendation to Senate.</p> <p>Move: Michael Woods; Second: Kati Szgeo</p> <p>Abstain: 0; Yes / For: 8; No / Against: 1 (Noted: Craig Purchase) <u>Motion approved.</u></p>	Approved
5.0		<u>Consultation</u>	
	5.1	<p>Consultation groups</p> <p>Discussion of individuals and groups for consultations.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Karen to prepare a document for the committee to better sort and rank consultation suggestions</p>	For Discussion

6.0		<u>Other Business</u> [none] Meeting adjourned 11:02	