



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 **Monday April 17, 2024 at 1:00 pm 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: Brian Hammond [non-voting]

Present: Arif Abu, Mackenzie Broders, Kelly Butler, Cyr Couturier, Brian Hammond, Lee Ann McKivior, Valeri Pilgrim, Lisa Russell, Michael Woods

1.0	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>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.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>Move to adopt the agenda as presented.</p> <p>Move: Cyr Couturier; Second: Michael Woods No objections; one abstention; motion approved.</p>	Approved
3.0	<p><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p>	
	<p>3.1 Minutes from April 15, 2024</p> <p>Due to a recent change in administrative support for the committee, the format and description of meeting details captured in the April 15 minutes appeared differently than those sets of minutes written by the previous recording secretary.</p> <p>Members agreed to review the presented minutes and vote whether or not to accept the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.</p>	Approval suspended until future meeting.

		Action: Further discussion regarding type of minutes and agendas the committee wishes to present publicly.	
4.0		<u>Consideration of Survey/Form</u>	
	4.1	<p>It was noted that the Consultation form and Survey Question sheet are posted to the committee’s group Teams portal, and members can add rankings (of either 1, 2, or 0) to prioritize which group/s of consultants are most important to meet with: first, second, and so on...</p> <p>Members discussed how to present the survey of questions to the public, and the research ethics that need consideration. A member noted that any questions posed in a survey for which it could be reasonably expected that a person with an indigenous background may provide an answer will need to adhere to the Research Impacting Indigenous Groups (RIIG) policy before they can be publicized.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that consulting with the committees which support the RIIG, and following the rules and guidelines of the policy itself, will add time to the mission of the committee, and as such members should resolve themselves to the fact that the work will not be completed by July. It may well be that the committee will need to request further extension, and conclusion of this process may not be achieved by the next convocation cycle. • A member suggested to spilt the process in two, creating an internal questionnaire with specific questions, which would not require RIIG approval, and a different external survey that is more open-ended. <p>Members discussed the need for routine updates to Senate regarding the committee’s process and progress.</p> <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Dr. Paul Banahene Adjei (Office of the V-P (Research) to ask questions regarding the committee’s consultation and survey processes as they relate to RIIG. • Members to continue sending question suggestions for survey. • Members to consider consultation sub-groups. 	For Discussion
5.0		<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>No other business was noted</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 1:58</p>	