



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 **Friday March 1, 2024 at 10:00 am NST 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, Kelly Anne Butler, Cyr Couturier, Karen Follett, Lee Ann McKivior, Delores Mullings, Craig Purchase, Lisa Russell, Kati Szego, Michael Woods

Regrets: Mackenzie Broders

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| 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>Motion: Adopt agenda as presented, with change to order of agenda to allow the session to be first after Approval of Agenda and other administrative matters to come after the session.</p> <p>Move: Michael Woods; Second: Kati Szego; No objections.</p> | Motion passed |
| 3.0 | | <p><u>Session</u></p> <p>“Historical Background, Context, and Considerations” Kelly Anne Butler, Interim Director, Indigenous Engagement and Reconciliation</p> <p>The committee agreed that portions of this presentation are considered <i>in camera</i> due to the personal nature of the information shared.</p> <p>Materials related to the presentation will be made available to share with committee members after the meeting.</p> | |

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| 4.0 | | <u>Approval of Minutes</u> Consensus is to move this item to the next meeting | |
| | 4.1 | Minutes from February 21, 2024 | |
| 5.0 | | <u>Committee updates</u> | |
| | 4.1 | Website Dr. McKivior provided an update that the site is now online and agendas and minutes will be posted as available. Member raised recent online posts about the committee. Dr. McKivior offered support if anyone wanted to reach out offline or personally. | |
| | 4.2 | Terms of Reference Dr. McKivior provided an update that the revised Terms of Reference have been reviewed and approved by the Senate committee on Elections, Committees and Bylaws. The Terms will be submitted to Senate. | |
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| 6.0 | | <u>Next meeting goals</u> Consensus is to dedicate the next meeting to discussing a consultation plan. | |
| 7.0 | | <u>Other business</u> [None] | |

Meeting adjourned 11:05am