



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 **Thursday March 7, 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, Edwin Bezzina, Mackenzie Broders, Kelly Butler, Cyr Couturier, Karen Follett, Lee Ann McKivior, Valeri Pilgrim, Lisa Russell, Kati Szego, Michael Woods

Regrets: Delores Mullings, Craig Purchase

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> Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Move: Lee Ann McKivior; Second: Cyr Couturier; No objections	Motion passed
3.0		<u>Approval of Minutes</u>	
	3.1	Minutes from February 21, 2024 Motion to accept minutes. Move: Lee Ann McKivior; Second: Kelly Butler; No objections	Motion passed
	3.2	Minutes from March 1, 2024 Motion to accept minutes. Move: Lee Ann McKivior; Second: Mackenzie Broders; No objections	Motion passed

4.0		<p><u>Consultation Plan</u></p> <p>Dr. McKivior provided a review of the committee’s Terms of Reference with regards to reports for Senate.</p>	
	4.1	<p>Senate report – April 2024</p> <p>Member suggested establishing a method to solicit feedback via online form/site to start consultation. That could inform a preliminary report and other consultation can happen afterwards as needed.</p> <p>Discussion of consultation methods. Key topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - how to disseminate information about a form/site; - audience(s) and if the preference is feedback from identified individuals or anonymously; - collection methods (Qualtrics, email) and types (text, art, video, etc.); - types of population data a form/site would solicit (eg. age bracket, geographic area, campus connect, Indigenous identity, etc.). <p><i>Action:</i> Lisa Russell to inquire with Institutional Survey Oversight Committee regarding questions raised and timelines.</p> <p>Member suggested that given condensed timelines, another option could be to connect with targeted individuals in advance of the preliminary report, while continuing with open-ended form/site.</p> <p>Discussion of what should be included in the preliminary report to Senate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Member suggested that the committee can provide a factual summary of what has transpired so far (incl. delay in forming committee, tensions, preliminary research, training, discussions of consultation options, etc.) and what is planned. <p>Discussion of what recommendation(s) the committee could suggest at this point, if any; Discussion of determining how the original decision was made to remove Ode from convocation ceremonies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Another member suggested putting forward a request to have more time for the Committee work. Discussion of obligations per Terms and procedural requirements and options. <p><i>Action:</i> Karen to start draft of summary of the committee’s work.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Members to consider options for recommendation(s) for discussion at next meeting.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Members to consider groups they are connected with and best methods of contacting them for consultation once that is underway.</p>	

	4.2	Senate report – final [not discussed]	
5.0		<u>Other Business</u> [none] Meeting adjourned 11:07am	