



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 15, 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); Aadaeze 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; Kelly Butler; Mackenzie Broders; Cyr Couturier; Lee Ann McKivior; Michael Woods; Craig Purchase; Lisa Russell; Kati Szego.

Regrets: n/a

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 as presented, with addition of action item updates from previous meeting.</p> <p>Move: Craig Purchase; Second: Cyr Couturier No objection; motion passed</p>	Approved
3.0		<p><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p>	
	3.1	<p>Minutes from March 7, 2024</p> <p>Move to adopt as presented</p> <p>Move: Mackenzie Broders; Second: Cyr Couturier 1 abstention; no objections; motion passed</p>	Approved

4.0		<u>Committee Updates</u>
4.1	<p>Action items from last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISOC inquiry by Lisa Russell Review is required for any directed question(s) on form or survey and next meetings are March 20 and April 17. Qualtrics is available, though will require consultation with internal resources (e.g. IT Services for security measure). Discussion of options for next steps. <i>Action:</i> Lisa Russell to bring intentions to ISOC March 20 as introduction; bring questions and considerations back to the committee for development of inquiry tool(s). - Considering linked individuals or groups for consultation: <i>Actions:</i> Kelly Butler to bring intentions to Advisory Committee on Indigenous Affairs; Arif Abu to bring to International students group. - Student representative update by Mackenzie Broders Inquiries have been made though no one identified yet; Consensus is to allow more time to seek representative. - Other discussion: Since Mackenzie will soon graduate and no longer be an undergraduate student, there is possibility of changes to this committee's membership to be discussed at future meeting. 	
4.2	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>Dr. McKivior provided an update that requested revisions to Terms of Reference have been approved by Senate.</p>	For Information
5.0		<u>Preliminary Report to Senate</u>
5.1	<p>Motion presented by member</p> <p>Craig Purchase presented motion: Resolved, that the ad-hoc Committee concerning the Ode to Newfoundland during the University's convocation ceremonies recommends to Senate that the Provincial Anthem of Newfoundland & Labrador (Ode to Newfoundland) is no longer paused and is reinstated at the next cycle of convocation ceremonies (May 2024).</p> <p>Move: Craig Purchase; Second: Cyr Couturier</p> <p>Discussion of motion and presented rationale. Clarification that any recommendation to Senate would be accompanied by a rationale.</p>	For Approval

		<p>Member proposed an amendment to the motion (underlined text): Resolved, that the ad-hoc Committee concerning the Ode to Newfoundland during the University’s convocation ceremonies recommends to Senate that the Provincial Anthem of Newfoundland & Labrador (Ode to Newfoundland) is no longer paused and is reinstated at the next cycle of convocation ceremonies (May 2024) <u>until the ad-hoc Committee consults with the community and delivers its final report.</u></p> <p>Move: Cyr Couturier; Member point of information that this amendment pertains to the preliminary report as the continuing committee work and final report is implied by the Terms of Reference. Discussion. <i>Amendment withdrawn</i></p> <p>Further discussion of motion, role of committee, recommendations for preliminary report to Senate.</p> <p>Meeting time constraints did not allow further discussion; consensus was to table the motion until next meeting.</p> <p><i>Action: Members consider the motion for vote at next meeting.</i></p>	
	5.1	<p>Key points and draft report</p> <p>[Not discussed at this meeting]</p>	For Discussion
6.0		<p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>Discussion of next meeting’s agenda</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 11:10am</p>	