



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 21, 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, Edwin Bezzina, Mackenzie Broders, Kelly Butler, Cyr Couturier, Delores Mullings, Lee Ann McKivior, Valeri Pilgrim, Craig Purchase, Lisa Russell, Kati Szego, Michael Woods

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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>Vote on Motion</u></p> <p>- Dr. McKivior provided an update from last meeting; also reviewed procedures and timelines for presenting the preliminary report at the next Senate meeting.</p> <p>- Member motion as presented and discussed at meeting of March 15, 2024. [At March 15 meeting: Moved by Craig Purchase; Seconded by Cyr Couturier]</p> <p>Craig Purchase reviewed motion on the floor.</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> 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>Defeated</p> |

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| | | <p>Discussion key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The motion’s merit relative to the committee’s mandate per its Terms of Reference? - The motion does not state that it is an interim or preliminary recommendation. - Options for recommendations that could be put forward by the committee at this time. - Member suggested future discussion of other songs played or sung at convocation ceremonies. <p>Consensus is to take vote in the meeting by show of hands.</p> <p>Call for a vote: Abstain: 0; Yes / For: 2; No / Against: 8 <u>Motion defeated.</u></p> <p>Michael Woods moved a new motion:</p> <p><i>Motion:</i> The ad-hoc committee concerning the Ode to Newfoundland during the University’s convocation ceremonies recommends to Senate that the Provincial Anthem (Ode to Newfoundland) continues to be paused for the next cycle of convocation ceremonies (May 2024). The committee has not completed consultation to make an informed recommendation.</p> <p>Seconded: Kelly Butler</p> <p>Discussion of what information needs to be included in the motion and what can support it in the report. Dr. McKivior provided clarification that the report is what Senate will be reviewing and voting on while this motion provides a recommendation which will be included in the report.</p> <p>Call for a vote: Abstain: 1; No / Against 1 (noted: Craig Purchase); Yes/For: 8 <u>Motion approved.</u></p> | Approved |
| 3.0 | | <p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p> <p>Move to adopt as presented.</p> <p>Move: Lee Ann McKivior; Second: Mackenzie No objections or abstentions; motion approved.</p> | Approved |
| 4.0 | | <p><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p> | |
| | 4.1 | Minutes from March 15, 2024 | |

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| | | <p>Move to adopt as presented. Move: Michael Woods; Second Edwin Bezzina No objections or abstentions; motion approved.</p> | Approved |
| 5.0 | | <u>Committee Updates</u> | |
| | 5.1 | <p>Actions from last meeting (March 15)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations to Senate [nothing further on this point] • Institutional Survey Oversight Committee (ISOC) update <p>Lisa Russell provided update and path forward for submitting item to the ISOC's agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation groups <p>Member suggested more thought to be given to the groups for consultation. Another member suggested some specific groups related to provincial heritage and former university chancellor(s).</p> <p>Dr. McKivior provided clarification that the committee is seeking groups for two paths of consultation, one for direct consultation (e.g. meetings or interviews) and a separate course of consultation for wider consultation (e.g. online form).</p> <p>Member suggested creating a document in the committee's Teams site for any member to add and edit.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Karen to start a document in Teams that can be updated by members; any member who cannot access it via Teams can email Karen to have comments added.</p> | |
| 6.0 | | <p><u>Preliminary Report to Senate</u></p> <p><i>[Dr. Mullings joined the meeting]</i></p> | |
| | 6.1 | <p>Key points and draft report</p> <p>Member suggested adding a section to the report to indicate plans for future committee work.</p> <p>Member suggested adding more information about why consultation considerations are taking longer than originally expected.</p> <p>Dr. McKivior provided information about the April Senate meeting and said observers can attend.</p> | |

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| | <p>Dr. McKivor raised the question: who will present the report to Senate?; Michael Woods offered to present the report to Senate as a senator; Member suggested having other committee members present at the Senate meeting to answer any questions.</p> <p>Member suggested meeting again prior to next meeting to allow more report work and to approve this meeting's minutes.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Karen to inquire about member availability to meet and arrange a meeting if possible.</p> <p><i>Action:</i> Karen to add edit-able document to Teams site with deadline for edits; any member who cannot access it via Teams can email Karen to have comments added.</p> | |
| 6.0 | <p><u>Other Business</u></p> <p>Mackenzie Broders provided update on replacement student member and indicated efforts are still underway to identify a candidate.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 11:03am</p> | |