

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The special meeting of Senate was held on December 11, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Lecture Theatre in the Physical Education Building, Room 2001.

41. PRESENT

Dr. A. Surprenant (Acting Chair), Dr. N. Bose, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. J. Keshen (via videoconferencing), Dr. D. Hardy Cox, Dr. M. Abrahams, Dr. S. Bugden, Ms. S. Cleyle, Dr. A. Gaudine, Dr. K. Goodnough, Dr. T. Hennessey (via videoconferencing), Dr. K. Jacobsen (via videoconferencing), Dr. G. Naterer, Mr. T. Nault, Dr. M. Piercey-Normore (via videoconferencing), Dr. J. Simpson, Dr. M. Steele, Dr. I. Sutherland, Dr. G. Watson, Dr. D. Behm, Mr. P. Brett, Dr. G. Cox, Dr. R. Croll (via videoconferencing), Dr. N. Daneshtalab, Dr. G. Galway, Dr. S. Ganz (via videoconferencing), Dr. G. George, Dr. E. Haven, Dr. J. Hawboldt, Dr. R. Haynes, Dr. E. Kendall, Dr. K. Korneski, Dr. J. Leibel, Dr. J. Lokash, Dr. S. MacDonald, Dr. M. Marshall, Dr. E. Merschrod, Dr. D. Peters, Dr. K. Power, Dr. A. Sarkar, Dr. C. Schiller, Ms. H. Skanes, Dr. K. Snelgrove, Dr. M. Stordy, Dr. J. Westcott, Dr. R. Whitaker, Ms. A. Francis, Mr. B. Greeley, Ms. K. McLaughlin, Mr. L. O'Neill.

The following members of the Presidential Search Committee attended by invitation: Ms. Iris Petten (Chair of the Board of Regents and Chair of the Search Committee), Mr. Glenn Collins, Mr. Denis Mahoney, Mr. James Igloliorte, Dr. Julia Lukewich, Mr. Mark Bradbury, Ms. Sana Jamil, Mr. Stephen Dodge. The following members of Senate who also served on the Search Committee were in attendance: Dr. Jennifer Lokash, Ms. Susan Cleyle.

42. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. S. Barkanova.

43. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Dr. Surprenant welcomed Senators including those attending by videoconference from Grenfell Campus. She advised that since the agenda concerned matters of a confidential nature, that this was a closed session and she asked any observers to leave the room.

Dr. Surprenant advised that the Secretary of Senate had been informed by Ms. Tina Scott, Secretary to the Board of Regents, on December 9, 2019, that the Presidential Search Committee intends to submit a report to the Board of Regents at a meeting of the Board scheduled for today, December 11, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. as per the provisions of the MUN Act, Section 51 which state:

“There shall be a president of the university who shall be appointed by the board in consultation with the senate and with the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.”

Ms. Scott also noted that the Chair of the Board of Regents and of the Presidential Search Committee, Ms. Iris Petten, requested that a meeting of the Senate be scheduled for December 11, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in order for her to present the report of the Presidential Search Committee to Senate.

At the invitation of Dr. Surprenant, Ms. Petten presented the report of the Presidential Search Committee, a copy of which is appended to these Minutes. Ms. Petten elaborated on the search process, emphasizing that the recommendation that Dr. Vianne Timmons be appointed as President and Vice-Chancellor, effective April 1, 2020, was unanimously by the Presidential Search Committee.

The Presidential Search Committee then left the meeting.

It was moved by Dr. K. Snelgrove, and seconded by Dr. R. Whitaker that Senate recommend to the Board of Regents that they undertake a review of the Presidential Search process involving an open and wide consultation with University community including all campuses.

The motion was put to a vote and carried.

It was then moved by Mr. P. Brett, seconded by Dr. G. Blackwood, and carried that the Senate endorse the Search Committee’s recommendation that Dr. Vianne Timmons be appointed as the new President and Vice-Chancellor of Memorial University.

Dr. Surprenant then thanked Senate and asked that confidentiality be preserved until the approval process is complete and the public announcement is made by the University at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2019.

44. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

CHAIR

SECRETARY