

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND
SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on December 20, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre in the Physical Education Building, Room 2001.

37. PRESENT

The President, Dr. N. Golfman, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. C. Reynolds, Dr. K. Anderson, Mr. B. Gardiner, Dr. G. Naterer, Dr. L. Phillips, Ms. J. Porter, Ms. B. Simmons, Dr. A. Surprenant, Dr. J. Blundell, Dr. S. Carr, Dr. J. Connor, Dr. A. Fiech, Dr. I. Fleming, Dr. D. Ford, Dr. G. George, Dr. D. Kelly, Dr. F. Kerton, Dr. J. Lokash, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. K. Parsons, Ms. H. Pretty, Dr. C. Purchase, Dr. C. Thorpe, Dr. C. Vardy, Professor D. Walsh, Mr. E. Hussein, Mr. M. Ismail, Mr. M. Barter, Mr. S. Kennedy, Mr. M. O'Keefe.

**Chair of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies
(Standing Invitation)**

Dr. Shannon Sullivan

**Attending by Invitation for 9.A. Presentation on Budget
Framework Report**

Mr. Kent Decker, Vice President (Administration & Finance)

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. R. Gosine, Dr. L. Bishop, Dr. A. Gaudine, Dr. M. Steele, Dr. S. Abhyankar, Mr. C. Couturier, Professor A. Fisher, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. S. Mulay, Dr. M. Mulligan, Dr. A. Rose.

Due to the lack of quorum, it was decided to leave the approval of the Senate Minutes, Honorary Doctorates, Consent Agenda, and the Proposed Regular Agenda until later in the event that a quorum is met.

39. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR - QUESTIONS/COMMENTS
FROM SENATORS

39.1 Presentation on Budget Framework Report

The President invited Dr. Noreen Golfman and Mr. Kent Decker to give a presentation on Budget Framework Report.

Mr. Decker gave a slide presentation and responded to questions from Senators.

The President commented on the following:

- Core Science Tender has gone out and is due back February 28, 2017
- Autonomy and Accountability
 - The Report on Autonomy and Accountability as well as a Report from Donna Ball on Sharing in Governance will be posted on the Senate website.
- Two and half years ago efforts were made to engage Government to open up the University Act but Government was not willing at that time. There now looks like there may be some movement. If the Act is opened, then it will be fully reviewed, not just one piece. This could change the way Senate operates and the power that it has.
- Confidentiality in the Board of Regents
 - With regards to the budget, anything submitted to the Board of Regents is presented to Senate first.
 - While discussions that occur during meetings of the Board of Regents are kept confidential, every decision of the Board is made public.

As quorum was not met, it was agreed to add the Senate Minutes, Honorary Doctorates, Consent Agenda, and the Proposed Regular Agenda to the January 10, 2017, agenda.

The President wished Happy Holidays to all.

40. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY