

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND  
SENATE

The special meeting of Senate was held on January 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Room E5004, Education Building.

50. PRESENT

The President, Dr. D. Wardlaw, Mr. G. Blackwood, Dr. M. Bluehardt, Dr. M. Abrahams, Dr. A. Al-Krenawi, Dr. K. Anderson, Mr. B. Belbin, Ms. L. Busby, Dr. A. Card, Mr. G. Collins, Dr. N. Golfman, Dr. L. Hensman, Dr. L. Rankin, Dr. R. Shea, Dr. R. Venkatesan, Dr. E. Waterman, Dr. W. Zerbe, Dr. P. Bendzsa, Mr. P. Brett, Dr. J. Connor, Dr. S. Corbin-Dwyer, Dr. G. Farrell, Dr. A. Fiech, Dr. D. Foster, Dr. K. Gallagher, Dr. G. George, Dr. S. Ghazala, Dr. D. Gustafson, Dr. S. Kocabiyik, Dr. S. LeFort, Dr. P. Marino, Dr. D. McKay, Dr. S. Mulay, Dr. W. Okshevsky, Dr. J. Parsons, Dr. D. Peters, Mr. B. Riggs, Professor G. Riser, Dr. A. Rose, Dr. C. Sharpe, Professor D. Walsh, Dr. M. Wernerheim, Dr. P. Wilson, Mr. S. Despres, Ms. K. Keats, Mr. J. Robinson, Ms. A. Highway, Ms. A. Howley, Mr. J. Jeddore, Mr. M. Kehoe, Mr. R. Leamon, Mr. R. Murphy, Ms. C. Simms, Mr. M. Walsh.

Dr. Kachanoski opened the special meeting of Senate by welcoming all Senators back for the first meeting of the new year.

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dr. C. Loomis, Dr. S. Peters, Dr. F. Balisch, Dr. J.J. Connor, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. R. Helleur, Dr. D. Kelly, Dr. D. Kimberley.

52. Development of the Engagement Framework

Dr. Kachanoski noted that the Planning and Budget Committee has recommended that the topic for this special meeting of Senate be the development of the engagement framework. In this regard, he welcomed Dr. Rob Greenwood, Executive Director, Office of Engagement and The Harris Centre of Regional Policy, and invited him to give a presentation on the development of the engagement framework.

Dr. Greenwood thanked the President for the welcome and noted that he was happy to have in attendance with him today, Ms. Kate Reid-Shute, who works closely with him on this topic.

Dr. Greenwood began his presentation by noting that Engagement is one of the three pillars of the University. The three pillars are: Teaching and Learning, Research, and Engagement.

Dr. Greenwood in his presentation then posed the following questions and provided some preliminary answer to these questions:

- What is it?
- What will MUN's Definition of Engagement be?
- What is Our Vision for Engagement?

Development of the Engagement Framework (cont'd)

He noted as well that March 31, 2012 is the target for completion of the Engagement Framework document.

He advised that Theme Sessions will be held in St. John's, Corner Brook, Happy Valley-Goose Bay, and in various other communities in rural Newfoundland. Dr. Greenwood's powerpoint presentation, a copy of which is attached to the original of the minutes, listed some of the themes/topics being booked and he asked Senators to identify what is missing and what can be combined. In this regard, Dr. Greenwood asked that any ideas and suggestions be forwarded to him.

A discussion then ensued with questions and comments from the floor covering such topics as:

- Memorial's relationship with CONA
- student engagement versus faculty and staff engagement
- engagement in teaching, research as well as service and outreach
- engagement within the university as well as outside the university

The President thanked Dr. Greenwood for his very informative presentation and Senators for their contribution to a productive question and answer session.

Dr. Kachanoski also reminded Senators that work on updating the University's Strategic Plan and Targets Document which was approved by Senate on January 30, 2007 has been delayed by the various pro tempore senior appointments made over the past several years. He noted that from discussions with various campus groups and leaders and with the endorsement by Senate of the Teaching and Learning Framework on May 10, 2011, the Strategic Research Plan on September 17, 2011 and today's proposed Engagement Framework, a bottom up approach may not be necessary in the updating of the Strategic Plan. Instead, another approach which would involve appointing a small group to synthesize existing framework documents (Teaching and Learning, Research and Engagement) as well as other relevant documents might be preferable to produce an umbrella Strategic Planning Framework. In this regard, there was general agreement to this approach from Senators. Dr. Kachanoski asked that Senators forward any further comments or suggestions to him.

53. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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CHAIRMAN

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SECRETARY