

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**SENATE**

The regular meeting of Senate was held on September 13, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. via Webex.

1. PRESENT

The President, Dr. N. Bose, Dr. T. Adey, Dr. K. Anderson, Dr. P. Banahene Adjei, Dr. F. Bambico, Mr. P. Brett, , Dr. K. Bulmer, Dr. T. Brown, Dr. R. Burry, Dr. T. Chapman, Dr. A. Clarke, Dr. A. Cunsolo, Dr. G. Cox, Mr. C. Couturier, Dr. G Curtis, Dr. O. Dobre, Mr. E. Durnford, Dr. J. Etienne, Dr. T. Fridgen, Dr. J. Flynn, Dr. G. Galway, Dr. G. George, Dr. J. Hawboldt, Dr. E. Haven, Dr. R. Haynes, Dr. D. Hardy Cox, Dr. M. Haghiri, Dr. N. Hurley, Dr. J. Hawbolt, Dr. P. Issahaku, Dr. K. Jacobson, Dr. D. Keeping, Dr. E. Kendall, Dr.D. Kelly, Dr. L McKivor, Dr. E. Merschrod, Dr. P Morrill, Dr. D. Mullings, Dr. S. Neilsen, Ms. T. Noseworthy,. Dr. D. Peters, Dr. A. Pike, Ms. J. Porter, Dr. J. Pridham, Dr. C. Purchase, Dr. S. Rowe, Ms. H. Skanes, Dr. M. Steele, Dr. P. Sullivan, Dr. M. Stordy, Mr. P. Sullivan, Dr. I. Sutherland, Dr. L. Twells, Dr. G. Watson, Ms. C. Walsh, Dr. J. Westcott, Dr. A. Warren, Dr. M. Wells, Mr. E. Pittman, Ms. I. Ojeda, Mr. J. Chowdhury, Mr. J. Nafis, S. Merchant, S. Shetty, S. Jain.

PRESENT BY INVITATION

Ms. Michelle Snow, Interim Secretary of Senate

Dr. Shannon Sullivan, Chair of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Dr. A. Bittner, Dr. J. Pridham, Dr. C. Schiller, Mr. Paul Brett, Dr. S. Bugden, Dr. I. Percy, Dr. R. Shea, Dr. K. Snelgrove,

2. MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. George, and seconded by Dr. Sutherland and carried to adopt the agenda.

3. MINUTES

It was carried that the Minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2022 be taken and read as confirmed.

4. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

President Timmons opened the meeting by welcoming the newly appointed University Registrar and Senators for the 2022-2023 Academic year.

- Dr. Lee Ann McKivor, University Registrar
- Returning Members:

- Cyr Couturier, Ed Durnford- Marine Institute
- Kirk Anderson and Mary Stordy- Education
- Newly appointed Senators:
  - Robin Burry- Nursing
  - Scott Neilsen and Sylvia Moore- Labrador Campus
  - Sherrylynn Rowe- Marine Institute
- Thanked all members whose terms have expired with Senate.
- Dr. Timmons announced Mr. Earl Ludlow has been appointed by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador as the 8th Chancellor for Memorial University. Mr. Ludlow is well known to the Memorial community as an alumni, former Regent and longstanding supporter. Among his many accomplishments, he has been awarded the Order of Canada and has received an Alumni Tribute award.
- Congratulations were extended to Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo on the opening of the new Labrador Campus.
- Announced the University has a balanced budget as indicated in July Board of Regents meeting.
- Mr. Rob Philpott has been appointed as the new Vice-President (Administration and Finance) effective September 1, 2022. He has been extended an invitation to present to Senate at a future meeting.
- An update was provided on University enrollment data, noting that enrollments are down slightly from last year, 2021, where Memorial had seen the highest enrollment.
- The search for a new Provost and Vice-President (Academic) is a high priority and that work has now begun.
- Vice-President of Grenfell Campus search will be beginning very soon.
- The 2025 Canada Games have approached the university regarding the possible construction of new athletic facilities to be constructed on University property in St. John's. Negotiations are ongoing and the President acknowledged that this could result in a legacy gift to the University.
- Dr. Neil Bose has assumed the role of Interim Provost and Vice-President (Academic) effective September 1, 2022.

The Chair then invited the Deputy Chair of Senate to make remarks from the Provost and VP(Academic) portfolio.

5. REMARKS FROM THE DEPUTY CHAIR

- Dr. Bose thanked Dr. Timmons, Dr. Steele and the staff in the Office of the Provost for the support provided to him in this time of transition.
- An update was provided on several active and impending searches for Deans.

CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Dr. George and seconded by Dr. Sutherland and carried that the consent agenda be approved as follows:

6. Report of the Senate Committee on Undergraduate Studies

- 6.1 On page 132, of the 2022-2023 University Calendar under the heading 11.2 Complementary Studies and Interdisciplinary amend the following course:

**“5100 Probability and Random Processes** (same as the former ENGI 5420) ...

CR: the former ENGI 5420

OR: twelve 1-hour tutorial sessions per semester

PR: ECE 4600 or the former ENGI 4823”

On page 129, of the 2022-2023 University Calendar under the heading 11.1 Civil Engineering amend the courses as follows:

**“ 3440 Mathematics for Civil Engineering I** (same as the former ENGI 3425) ...

CR: the former ENGI 3425

OR: tutorial 1 hour per week

PR: Mathematics 1001 and 2050”

**4450 Mathematics for Civil Engineering II** (same as the former ENGI 4425)...

CR: the former ENGI 4422, the former ENGI 4425

OR: tutorial 1 hour per week

PR: CIV 3440 or the former ENGI 3425

**3424 Engineering Mathematics** includes...

CR: the former ENGI 2422

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OR: tutorial 1 hour per week

PR: Mathematics 1001, Mathematics 2050”

7. Report of the Senate Committee on Elections, Committees and Bylaws.

- 7.1 Senate received background information and approved the appointments of the following members to Senate by Acclamation as outlined in the background information:

**Constituency**

**Name**

Marine Institute

Cyr Couturier  
Ed Dunford  
Sherrylynn Rowe (new member)

Faculty of Education

Kirk Anderson  
Mary Stordy

Faculty of Nursing

Robin Burry (new member)

Labrador Campus

Scott Neilsen  
Sylvia Moore

- 7.2 Senate received background information and approved the appointment of new student representative to the Senate Committee on Elections, Committees and Bylaws as follows:

Ms. Toma Rani Graduate Student Union Representative

- 7.3 Senate received background information and approved the appointments of Student Representation from the Graduate Students Union (GSU), and Memorial University of Newfoundland Students Union (MUNSU) to Senate the following Senate Standing Committees:

**Graduate Students' Union (GSU)**

**Senate Committee**

**GSU Nominee**

Senate	Nafis Akib
Executive Committee of Senate	Siddanth Sunil Shetty ( <i>Executive Director of External Affairs</i> )
University Planning and Budget Committee	Sunzida Ali Khan
Committee on Academic Appeals	Md Mahe Chowdhury
Teaching and Learning Committee	Antonia Sula May R Francis
Academic Unit Planning Committee	Md Mahe Chowdhury
Committee on Course Evaluation	Tanjil Islam
Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial	Anila Chakma
Committee on Research	Sanjay Dubey

**Memorial University Students' Union (MUNSU)**

**Senate Committee**

**MUNSU Nominee**

Senate	Jawad Chowdhury ( <i>Executive Director of Advocacy</i> )
	Emily Dyer ( <i>Executive Director External Affairs</i> )
	Ely Pittman ( <i>Executive Director Student Life</i> )
	Eva Redmond ( <i>Undergraduate Student</i> )
	Farhan Basir ( <i>Undergraduate Student</i> )
	Isabel Ojeda ( <i>Executive Director of Campaigns</i> )

	Masrur Rashid Sabri ( <i>Executive Director of Finance</i> )
Executive Committee of Senate	Jawad Chowdhury ( <i>Executive Director of Advocacy</i> )
University Planning and Budget Committee	Mashrur Rashid ( <i>Executive Director of Finance</i> )
Committee on Academic Appeals	Emily Dyer ( <i>Executive Director External Affairs</i> )
Committee on Admissions	Jawad Chowdhury ( <i>Executive Director of Advocacy</i> )
Committee on Course Evaluation	Nicolas Keough ( <i>Undergraduate Student</i> )
Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial	Ely Pittman ( <i>Executive Director Student Life</i> )
Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships Bursaries and Awards	Ely Pittman ( <i>Executive Director Student Life</i> )

### **Grenfell Campus Students' Union (GCSU)**

Ms. Shireen Merchant will represent the GCSU on each Standing Committee of Senate until December 1, 2022 after which time another representative will be nominated.

### **Marine Institute Students' Union**

No current representation at this time.

7.4 Senate received background information and approved the reappointments of representatives to the Senate Standing Committees as follows:

University Planning and Budget Committee	Hamid Usefi (Math/Stats)
Academic Unit Planning Committee	Charlene Walsh (Marine Institute)
Committee on Academic Appeals	Jennifer Lokash (English)
Committee on Research	Bing Chen (Engineering) Emmanuel Haven (Business)
Committee on Undergraduate Scholarships Bursaries and Awards	Francesca Kerton (Chemistry) Kathryn Simonsen (Classics)
Executive Committee of Senate	Ronald Haynes (Math/Stats)

- 7.5 Senate received background information and approved the reappointments of members to the Senate Committee on Elections, Committees and Bylaws as follows:

Glyn George (Engineering)

Bert Riggs (English)

Adrian Unc (Grenfell Campus)

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Student representatives Isable Ojeda and Jawad Chowdhury, both from MUNSU, presented the following Resolution to Senate regarding the Provincial Day of Action on November 22, 2022.

“Academic Amnesty - Provincial Day of Action for Tuition

The following motion was submitted by Isabel Ojeda, MUNSU Executive Director of Campaigns

WHEREAS the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador ended Memorial University’s historic tuition freeze, resulting in a tuition increase of 150% for domestic students. The cost of a degree is \$25,480 compared to the \$10,200 students paid during the years when the province froze tuition fees.

WHEREAS the average undergraduate tuition for International students has increased by 97%, meaning they will pay \$41,810 more for their Memorial University degree than they did before the cuts. This means that Memorial University will be the most expensive university in Atlantic Canada for International students.

WHEREAS students are currently facing unprecedented threats to accessible and affordable education in Newfoundland and Labrador. Young people and families across this province and country are terrified for their futures as their ability to access even a marginally affordable Post-Secondary Education is being ripped away. Low-income students and folks from marginalized backgrounds are watching as their opportunity to attend university disappears.

WHEREAS residents of Newfoundland and Labrador believe that historic commitments to funding accessible and quality post-secondary education must be honoured and protected to ensure the prosperity of future generations that wish to study in the province.

WHEREAS investments in post-secondary education and affordable tuition have supported the growth and health of diverse communities across Newfoundland and

Labrador for over 22 years. Cuts to post-secondary education have jeopardized the growth of these communities.

WHEREAS education is a public right that all students, both domestic and international, have the right to quality and accessible education in the province.

WHEREAS academic amnesty has historically been granted to allow students to exercise their right to protest and the Memorial Student Code of Conduct reads that “The University recognizes academic freedom and the right to free speech, creative expression and peaceful protest, acknowledging that the common good of society depends upon the search for knowledge and its free expression.”

It is moved by Isabel Ojeda, MUNSU Executive Director of Campaigns, that BE IT RESOLVED THAT Senate encourage academic units and professors to grant Academic Amnesty on November 2nd, 2022 to all students of all Memorial University campuses, insofar as academic units and professors remain flexible in making alternate arrangements, including rescheduling examinations and the deadlines for submission of assignments, and in adopting any other required forms of leniency for students who are absent from classes on November 2nd, 2022, so that they may freely participate in the provincial strike for education without fear of academic repercussions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this offer of Academic Amnesty be communicated to students and faculty by Memorial University.”

Isable Ojeda, seconded by Dr. D. Hardy Cox, moved the Resolution. By a show of hands this motion was carried.

9. REPORT OF THE AD HOC SENATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

Ms. Michelle Snow, Chair of Ad Hoc Senate Governance Review Committee and Dr. Edward Kendall, Co-Chair provided a status update on the Senate Governance Review. Ms. Snow presented an update on the composition of the Ad Hoc Committee, some early findings from research conducted over the summer and a timeline for a five-phased action plan that will guide the committee’s work. Following and opportunity for questions from Senate, she advised that further update would be provided to Senate at the December regular meeting. A copy of the presentation was provided.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Moved by the University Registrar to table a motion to approve Candidates for Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates (Undergraduate and Graduate) for Fall 2022.  
The motion was as follows:

The University Registrar presented the list for the undergraduate and graduation degrees, diplomas and certificates for Convocation to be held on October 20, 2022 in St. John's, and certify that each candidate has fulfilled all academic requirements, has been or will shortly be approved by the appropriate faculty or academic council, and recommend that the candidates be admitted to the degree or awarded the diploma or certificate as specified (subject to approval by those Councils which have not yet met).

I also recommend, that the University Registrar, in consultation with the Dean and Chairperson of the appropriate faculty committee, be empowered to add to the lists the names of candidates who fulfill all the requirements for a Degree, Diploma or Certificate between the printing of lists and Convocation. The list of candidates were approved as follows:

BACHELOR OF ARTS  
BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONOURS)  
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (HONOURS)  
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE (CO-OPERATIVE)  
BACHELOR OF COMMERCE HONOURS (CO-OPERATIVE)  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (INTERMEDIATE/SECONDARY)  
BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (POST-SECONDARY)  
BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING  
BACHELOR OF KINESIOLOGY  
BACHELOR OF MARITIME STUDIES  
BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (HONOURS)  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING  
BACHELOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION  
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY

DOCTOR OF PHARMACY  
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY  
DOCTOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

MASTER OF APPLIED OCEAN TECHNOLOGY  
MASTER OF APPLIED PSYCHOLOGICAL SCIENCE (CO-OPERATIVE)  
MASTER OF APPLIED SCIENCE  
MASTER OF APPLIED STATISTICS  
MASTER OF ARTS  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN SOCIAL ENTERPRISE  
AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
MASTER OF EDUCATION  
MASTER OF EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS



MASTER OF ENGINEERING  
MASTER OF GENDER STUDIES  
MASTER OF HEALTH ETHICS  
MASTER OF HUMAN KINETICS AND RECREATION  
MASTER OF MARINE STUDIES  
MASTER OF MARITIME MANAGEMENT  
MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY  
MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY  
MASTER OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
MASTER OF SCIENCE  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BOREAL ECOSYSTEMS AND AGRICULTURAL  
SCIENCES  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT  
MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICINE  
MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK  
MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
DIPLOMA IN POLICE STUDIES  
DIPLOMA IN STAGE AND SCREEN TECHNIQUE  
DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY

GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ARTS  
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION  
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN ENGINEERING  
GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN POST-SECONDARY STUDIES

TECHNICIAN DIPLOMA

CERTIFICATE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION  
CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINOLOGY  
CERTIFICATE IN INDIGENOUS STUDIES  
CERTIFICATE IN PUBLIC POLICY

VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

Two statistical reports comparing the graduating class (Undergraduate and Graduate) for May 2021 and May 2022 were also circulated for information.

11. IN CAMERA MEETING- CONFIDENTIAL

Senate moved into a closed session for this item of business in accordance with **Section IV.E.2 SENATE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES** of the Handbook of Senate By-Laws and Procedures which reads:

*Matters of a confidential nature, including honorary degrees, shall be discussed in a closed session; observers are not permitted to attend closed sessions.*

The President noted that the Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial will be held in an In-Camera session and requested that all non-Senators disconnect from Webex.

The names of two candidates, recommended by the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial for the awarding of an Honorary Degree, were presented to the Senate. Members were given the opportunity to discuss the merits of each candidate before voting. Upon voting by a show of hands, each candidate was approved by at least two-thirds majority vote.

12. DISCUSSION

The President discussed with Senators the National Day of Mourning, to be held on Monday September 19, 2022 which was recently announced by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador in observance of passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Following a detailed discussion, and given the short amount of time to consider this decision, Senate agreed that the President, in consultation with appropriate officials, should endeavor to determine the appropriate course of action and communicate to the university at the earliest opportunity.

13. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Dr. I. Sutherland, seconded by Dr. G. George, and carried that the meeting of Senate by adjourned at 5:13 pm.

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CHAIR

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SECRETARY