

MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND

SENATE

The regular meeting of Senate was held on March 12, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. NDT via Webex.

191. PRESENT

Dr. N. Bose – Chair	Dr. J. Hawboldt	Dr. A. Pike
Dr. J. Lokash – Deputy Chair	Dr. E. Haven	Dr. J. Pridham
Mr. M. Alam	Dr. K. Hodgkinson	Dr. C. Purchase
Dr. T. Allen	Dr. N. Hurley	Dr. P. Ride
Dr. J. Anderson	Dr. P. Issahaku	Mr. S. Shah
Dr. K. Anderson	Dr. K. Jacobsen	Dr. K. Shannahan
Dr. F. Bambico	Dr. D. Keeping	Dr. S. Shetranjiwalla
Dr. E. Bezzina	Dr. D. Kelly	Ms. B. Simmons
Ms. M. Broders	Dr. E. Kendall	Dr. K. Simonsen
Dr. T. Brown	Ms. C. Korchoski	Dr. J. Sinclair
Dr. S. Bugden	Dr. K. Laing	Ms. B. Smith
Dr. K. Bulmer	Dr. A. Loucks-Atkinson	Dr. M. Stordy
Dr. R. Burry	Dr. M. Marshall	Dr. A.M. Sullivan
Dr. P. Button	Dr. D. McKeen	Mr. P. Sullivan
Mr. J. Chowdhury	Dr. L.A. McKivor	Dr. I. Sutherland
Mr. C. Couturier	Dr. L. Moore	Dr. K. Szego
Dr. J. Gerard Curtis	Dr. S. Moore	Dr. L. Twells
Dr. P. Dold	Dr. D. Mullings	Ms. C. Walsh
Dr. E. Fraser	Dr. K. Myrick	Dr. A. Warren
Dr. T. Fridgen	Ms. T. Noseworthy	Dr. J. Westcott
Dr. E. Durnford	Dr. P. Osmond-Johnson	Dr. B. White
Dr. D. Hancock	Dr. D. Peters	Dr. M. Woods
Mr. J. Harris		Mr. S. Yadav

PRESENT BY INVITATION

Dr. S. Sullivan, Chair, SCUgS

192. OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. P. Banahene	Ms. M. Doyle	Ms. J. Porter
Ms. P. Beh	Ms. P. Dyke	Ms. J. Rosales
Ms. C. Best	Ms. M. MacLean	Mr. P. Stewart
Dr. A. Clarke	Mr. K. Matthews	Mr. R. Murphy
Ms. V. Collins	Mr. C. Pelley	Ms. V. Hutchings

193. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. S. Abyaz	Mr. N Gillingham	Dr. L. Moores
Ms. H. Bello	Dr. S. Giwa	Dr. P. Morrill
Dr. A. Bittner	Dr. M. Haghiri	Dr. S. Neilsen
Dr. P. Brett	Dr. D. Hardy-Cox	Ms. H. Pretty

Dr. T. Chapman
Dr. A. Cunsolo
Dr. O. Dobre
Dr. G. George

Dr. R. Haynes
Dr. T. Hennessey
Mr. N. Keough
Dr. C. Kozak
Mr. E. Ludlow–
Chancellor

Dr. S. Rowe
Mr. S. Sayeedi
Mr. R. Waye

194. WELCOME:

The Chair welcomed all Senators to the meeting and read the land acknowledgement statement.

195. MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA

RESOLVED: That Senate approve the Agenda for the Regular Senate Meeting of March 12, 2024 meeting of Senate to be adopted as presented.

The motion was moved by Dr. M. Woods and seconded by Dr. E. Bezzina, and carried to adopt the agenda as presented, with no oppositions and no abstentions.

196. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the regular Senate meeting held on February 13, 2024, be approved as circulated.

The motion was moved by Mr. C. Couturier and seconded by Ms. M. Broders and carried that the minutes from the regular Senate meeting on February 13, 2024, be taken and read as confirmed, with two members abstained and no members opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLVED: That Senate approve the consent agenda as circulated.

The motion was moved by Dr. A. Warren seconded by Ms. C. Walsh and carried that the consent agenda be approved as presented. The motion carried with one member abstained and no members opposed.

197. 4.0 **Report of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies:**

4.1 **Proposed Calendar Changes – Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science**

The Faculty Proposed:

- Amending the prerequisites of ONAE 6002 and ONAE 8074

198. 5.0 **Report of The Academic Council, School of Graduate Studies**

5.1 The Faculty of Education

Revisions to section 17.2 governing the Degree of Master of Education and Graduate Diplomas in Education and 17.8.7 of the Reading Development and Instruction program, which include:

- Updated program descriptions for Diploma and Degree.
- Addition of course route and new course ED 6490. Insertion of Wording in the calendar about the project and thesis route option.
- Expansion of the list of elective courses for the M.Ed. program.
- Calendar deletions.

REGULAR AGENDA

The Chair invited Dr. McKivior to speak further on Item #6.0.

199. 6.0 **Recommendation of the Senate Committee on Elections, Committees and ByLaws (SCECB)**

6.1 **Ad hoc Committee Concerning the Ode to Newfoundland during the University's Convocation Ceremonies**

- Terms of Reference - Amendment.

Dr. McKivior advised that the the Ad-hoc Committee concerning the Ode to Newfoundland during the University's convocation ceremonies agreed at the meeting held on January 25, 2024, to request the following amendments to the Terms of Reference:

4.0 – Term – starting January 19, 2024 (the first full meeting).

5.0 – Meetings – add will meet “weekly” and remove “send a delegate to the meeting”.

8.0 – Report – in (a) remove “final” and add sentence This report is intended to include an interim recommendation for the spring 2024 convocation ceremonies. Also, add (b) A final report will be presented to Senate at the conclusion of the committee's work.

Discussion/Questions: None.

RESOLVED: That Senate approve the amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Ad-hoc Committee Concerning the Ode to Newfoundland during the University's Convocation Ceremonies as outlined in Item #6.1 as present in the attached Senate package of materials.

The motion was moved by Mr. C. Couturier and seconded by Dr. P. Dold; carried with no members opposed and one member abstained.

6.2 **Names for Membership on Senate Standing Committee**

- Senate Committee on Academic Appeals – Professor Lisa Moore.

Discussion/Questions: None.

RESOLVED: That Senate approve the new Senate Standing Committee Appointment (Professor Lisa Moore) to the Senate Committee on Academic Appeals as recommended

from the Senate Committee on Elections, Committees, and ByLaws as presented in the attached Senate package of materials.

The motion was moved by Dr. S. Budgen, and seconded by Mr. J. Harris; carried with no members opposed or abstained.

Discussion/Questions: None.

The Chair invited Dr. E. Kendall, Chair of the Senate Committee on Academic Unit Planning Committee, to speak further on Item #7.0.

200. **7.0 Request from the Senate Committee on Academic Unit Planning Committee**

7.1 Report on Space.

Dr. Kendall, provided a brief explanation of the Report on Space from the Senate Committee on Academic Unit Planning Committee as presented for information in the attached Senate package of materials.

Discussion/Questions -- Comments from Senators:

- A recurring theme of the report appears to be that students are spread over multiple physical locations with no single meeting space available.
- It is evident that deferred maintenance within the University impacts all academic units: heating, ventilation, and rodent control are issues faced by many departments. Resources are required to fix and maintain spaces.
- Though no solutions are offered in the report, it shines light on issues that every department is facing. Faculties feel the pressure of lack of resources to address these space issues. The student experience is impacted by the lack of communal gathering places where ideas can be shared and friendships forged.
- It was also noted that Grenfell Campus and the Marine Institute are not represented well enough in the report.
- There were concerns raised about the cost recovery model through Facilities Management.
- It was noted that the information in the report was recovered from other reports that were, in some instances, a decade old.
 - The Academic Unit Planning Committee is now an ongoing committee that will continue to add to the information previously collected.

201. **11.0 Remarks from the Chair of Senate – Question/Comments from Senators.**

Dr. N. Bose, Chair of Senate and President and Vice-Chancellor, *pro tempore* provided the following updates:

- There is a Harlow Campus Review forthcoming regarding possible new business opportunities.
- Board of Regents items included (i) review of the University's financial situation; and (ii) approval of the appointment of Alison Randell as Chief Information Officer.

- There are multiple Town Halls to provide input into the Provost and VP (Academic) search.
- The next Senate meeting on April 9, 2024, will have an in-person option on the St. John's campus – the details will be shared with all Senators prior to the meeting.
- Memorial and Lecturers' Union of Memorial University of Newfoundland (LUMUN) reached a tentative agreement on March 10, 2024.

Discussion/Questions: None.

202. 12.0 **Remarks from the Deputy Chair of Senate – Question/Comments from Senators**

The Chair invited Dr. J. Lokash, Deputy Chair of Senate to speak.

The Deputy Chair of Senate provided an update on a number of items from the Provost and Vice-President (Academic) portfolio, including:

- Academic Leadership search updates: (i) Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration – two shortlisted candidates to give a public presentation to the university community between March 20 to April 3; (ii) Dean of Engineering and Applied Science and the Dean of Nursing – the job advertisements for the positions have been posted; (iii) Dean of Music and the Dean of Science – the job descriptions and advertisements are in the final stages of preparation and will be posted soon; (iv) Dean of Social Work still underway still considering candidates; and (vii) Dean of Medicine is now formed and will soon meet. Senators were encouraged to refer to the Provost's website for current updates
- The Presidential Search Committee membership has been established, and the Chair of the Board of Regents, Mr. Glenn Barnes, will provide another update to Senate during an upcoming Senate meeting.

Discussion/Questions:

- The Provincial Government would be presenting the 2024 budget next Wednesday, March 20, 2024.
- The Memorial University Students' Union (MUNSU) elections for April 1, 2024 to May 30, 2025, are currently underway.

Notice of Motion

Through the online chat, Dr. E. Kendall submitted a Notice of Motion to the Senate, which read as follows:

"Notice of Motion for consideration at the next meeting of Senate.

Background: It is noted that certain Standing Committees have appointed or default Chairs. These appointments are contrary to democratic principles and may limit the engagement of other members of Senate. It is proposed that Standing Committee Chairs

be elected annually.

Whereas Senate approves the structure and composition of its standing committees;
And whereas the structure of some Standing Committees is at variance with sound democratic actions;

Therefore, be it resolved that each Standing Committees of Senate annually shall elect a Chair and other necessary officers at a time convenient for the business of that committee.”

- The Chair acknowledged the Notice and advised that it will be handled in the appropriate way.

The Chair acknowledged that Dr. I. Sutherland, Vice-President (Grenfell Campus), has accepted a position as President and Vice-Chancellor at Mount Allison, and thanked Dr. Sutherland for their contributions to Senate and the University.

203. **Report of the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial**

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 ByLaws and Procedures* which reads:

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

The name of 1 candidate recommended by the Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees and Ceremonial was presented to the Senate for award of title of Professor Emeritus for eventual consideration by the Board of Regents. Members were given the opportunity to discuss the merits of the candidate before voting. Upon voting by a show of hands, the 1 candidate was approved by at least a two-thirds majority vote.

204. **Adjournment:**

It was moved by Dr. M. Marshall and seconded by Dr. A. Warren and carried that the meeting of Senate be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

CHAIR

SECRETARY