

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies**  
**Minutes, Meeting of October 17, 2022**

PRESENT: A. Warren (Chair), A. Kim, E. Pittman, J. Liebel, A. Lang, A. Dorward, R. Williams, R. Shanahan, A. Cunsolo, F. Polack, H. Liu, J. Rodway, K. Parsons, N. Barykina, S. Burman, V. Kavanagh, C. Walsh, C. Badenhorst, C. Brown, C. Manful, M. Chowdhury, S. Ganz, R. Joy

APOLOGIES: B. Chen

1. MINUTES

It was moved by A. Warren, and seconded by J. Leibel, that the minutes of the meeting held September 20, 2022 and September 21, 2022 be approved as circulated. The motion

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

EDI-AR and Indigenization items discussed at previous meeting continuing to be discussed at various levels of administration.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. DEAN'S REPORT/REPORT OF SENATE

- i. A. Warren noted that Senate approved the Applied Health Services Research Revisions to sections 38.1.3.1 and 38.2.3 of the University Calendar. A. Warren noted that the president acknowledged and sends support to Iranian students. A. Warren noted that A. Kim has reached out to Graduate Officers (GO's) regarding ways SGS can assist and A. Warren reached out to GO's with a message asking that they be flexible with students at this time. The President also acknowledged and sends support to the South West of Newfoundland and the damage that was caused by Fiona. The Provost provided an update on searches, noting that the searches for a new Dean for the Faculty of Engineering Applied Science (FEAS) as well as for Dean of the Faculty of Education have now begun.
- ii A. Warren congratulated Grenfell on their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Graduate Programs. She looks forward to attending the event and thanked Grenfell faculty, staff and admin. team for continued dedication to graduate students.

5. REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

M. Chowdury noted that this last month has been very busy for the GSU. They have organized a lot of events this month including orientation and a dinner where welcome packages were provided to students. They organized a Health and Dental information session and an Internationalization Office Resource session for students. The GSU is making efforts to better organize finances and website information. The GSU also thanked Dr. Burchell for her assistance this fall. They also noted that they expect Bitters to be opening soon, possibly in December 2022.

6. a) Academic Council Executive

i. Arctic and Subarctic Futures

The School of Arctic and Subarctic studies are requesting approval of the proposed new Graduate Diploma, Master's, and PhD in Arctic and Subarctic Futures. Included for review is the review committee report, proponent's response and proposal. It was moved by E. Pittman and seconded by J. Liebel, that the proposed new Graduate Diploma, Master's and PhD in Arctic and Subarctic Futures be approved. The motion

CARRIED

ii. Education Calendar Changes

The faculty of Education are requesting approval of revisions to section 13.8.5 and six new Graduate courses for the Master of Education (Educational Technology) program which will permit Memorial University courses to align with Cape Breton University partnership courses. It was moved by E. Pittman and seconded by C. Walsh, that the proposed revision be approved. The motion

CARRIED

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- i. A. Warren congratulated Dr. Ashlee Cunsolo and all those with the Labrador Campus who have worked to propose new (and first) graduate programs for Memorial's Labrador campus. She acknowledged that this is very big milestone for Memorial, and the Labrador campus in particular.
- ii. A. Warren acknowledged and thanked Academic Council Executive (ACE) members for their continued service on ACE and made special note of their work on things like new program proposals.
- iii. A. Cunsolo thanked Academic Council for support of the new graduate programs for the Labrador campus and thanked all those who provided support and guidance along the way.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

9. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

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A. Warren, Chair

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Echo Pittman, Secretary