

**MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY OF NEWFOUNDLAND**  
**Academic Council of the School of Graduate Studies**  
**Minutes, Meeting of September 20, 2022**

PRESENT: A. Warren (Chair), M. Burchell, A. Kim, R. Shannahan, A. Dorward, H. Liu, C. Walsh, J. Leibel, F. Polack, J. Shea, J. Rodway, K. Parsons, N. Barykina, R. Joy, V. Kavanagh, M. Chowdhury, A. Cunsolo, S. Ganz, K. Parsons, C. Bottaro, P. Coady

APOLOGIES: A. Lang, C. Badenhort, E. Pittman, R. Williams, S. Dev Burman

1. MINUTES

It was moved by A. Warren, and seconded by M. Burchell, that the minutes of the meeting held May 16, 2022 be approved as circulated. The motion

CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

3. CORRESPONDENCE

4. DEAN'S REPORT/REPORT OF SENATE

A. Warren noted that Senate discussed the Day of Action to be held by students on November 2, 2022. Senate passed the motion to provide students amnesty on that day to enable them to participate without fear of penalty for missing classes. A. Warren also noted that the report of the Ad Hoc Senate Governance Review committee was presented and included information on what other universities have in place in terms of senate governance. While no potential changes to governance were specifically mentioned, this report will lay the groundwork for future work on senate governance.

5. REPORT OF THE GRADUATE STUDENTS' UNION

Apologies from S. Dev Burman GSU event taking place the same time as Academic Council.

6. a) Academic Council Executive

i. Master of Applied Health Services Research

The faculty of Medicine approval of revisions to sections 38.1.3.1 and 38.2.3 which adds three new AHSR new graduate courses and revisions to the AHSR graduate

program course-based stream.

It was moved by P. Coady and seconded by A. Dorward, that the proposed revision be approved. The motion

CARRIED

ii. Proposed New MASc program in Sustainable Infrastructure Engineering

The faculty of Engineering are requesting approval of the proposed new Graduate program

It was moved by P. Coady and seconded by A. Dorward, that the proposed new Graduate program be approved in principle to permit an external review by SGS. The motion

CARRIED

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

a) Equity, Diversity and Inclusion – Anti Racism (EDI-AR)

A. Warren gave an update for information to Council members on EDI-AR forthcoming work by SGS. There was a discussion with members on new programs and how we go forward keeping considerations related to EDI-AR and Indigenization of curriculum a priority for graduate programs. Two members of council noted some issues with how, when and why we conduct consultations, noting we need to be more mindful about this process. When Indigenous groups or individuals are consulted it should not be to simply complete a checklist, it should be meaningful and necessary based on the program being proposed. A. Warren noted that SGS is currently working with experts within Memorial on how best to move forward keeping these issues in mind. In addition, another member spoke about the struggle to get support in trying to navigate courses with Indigenous content. A. Warren noted the need for units to have dedicated resources for Indigenization as well as broader EDI-AR issues. Members also discussed the need for non-traditional pathways to graduate school for Indigenous people. A. Warren noted there is an existing pathway that can assist called Prior Learning Assessment (PLAR). For more information, please read [Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition \(PLAR\)](#) in the University Calendar.

8. NOTICE OF MOTION

9. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

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A. Warren, Chair

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Echo Pittman, Secretary