



## Senate Meeting

McCain 105/106; MS Teams

April 26, 2024

2 p.m.

### MINUTES

**Present:** J. Dickinson (Chair), K. Allan, K. Blotnicky, S. Brigham, R. Bursey, C. Cameron, A. Card, M. Coolen, P. Crouse, G. Durepos, M. Eskritt, D. Fisher, L. Francis, T. Franz-Odendaal, J. Fraser, J. Gahagan, S. Goswami, M. J. Harkins, K. Jones, N. Kayhani, J. MacLeod, C. McLean, I. Nault, D. Rodrigues, K. Schlieff, C. Schneider, M. Siddiquee, C. Slumkoski, G. Sneddon, L. Steele, J. R. Sylliboy, A. Thurlow, S. Trenholm, J. Valcke, R. Zuk

**Regrets:** R. Gechtman, M. Gonick, S. Hale, G. MacInnis

**Observers:** K. Gallant, J. Lamb, L. Mann

*The meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. Observers were identified and welcomed.*

*Senators whose terms are ending were thanked, including, D. Fisher, D. Rodrigues, K. Allan, C. Cameron, M. Coolen, K. Schlieff, S. Goswami, and G. MacInnis.*

*Procedures to be used during the meeting and while voting on motions were outlined.*

#### 1. Indigenous Land Recognition

J. Dickinson provided an acknowledgement that the Mount is built on traditional, unceded Mi'kmaq territory and paid respect to the Indigenous peoples of the land on which Senate meets.

#### 2. Approval of Agenda

Item 7.5 (Confidential Business) was moved to the end of the agenda, to follow item 9 (New Business).

**Moved** by R. Bursey, seconded by D. Fisher, to approve the agenda as amended. CARRIED.

#### 3. Approval of Minutes

3.1. March 22, 2024

**Moved** by D. Fisher, seconded by L. Steele, to approve the minutes of March 22, 2024, as presented. CARRIED.

#### **4. Business Arising from the Minutes**

##### **4.1. Julie-Anne Carol Memorial Graduate Studies scholarship**

J. Dickinson reported on the amount of funding available in the first two years of the scholarship, as well as how that amount will be awarded. She also shared that one scholarship has already been awarded and accepted, to the great pleasure of the donor.

##### **4.2. Availability of gymnasium for academic programs**

L. Francis reported that there is a willingness to ensure the gymnasium be available in the Spring/Summer months to run a physical education course but that a few details need to be worked out, including timing (booking the gym further in advance) and involving the University Registrar and Athletics Director in the plans.

#### **5. Administration Updates**

##### **5.1. President**

J. Dickinson offered congratulations to faculty members Dr. Tamara Franz-Odendaal for her appointment as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and Dr. El Jones who will be receiving an Honorary Doctorate from Acadia University at their Spring convocation.

J. Dickinson also offered congratulations to the MSVU Co-Op program on 45 years of co-op excellence, as well as MSVU students Nanette Black, a recipient of this year's Frank H. Sobey award; Olivia Bazot, a 2024 recipient of the Prix du Consulat général de France dans les Provinces atlantiques; and Lillian Flynn and Cassidy Plagos, recipients of Courage to Act 2024 awards.

J. Dickinson acknowledged those who assisted in next year's budget preparation, noting that the budget will be going to the BoG for review on May 2. J. Dickinson also acknowledged and thanked the admissions team, who have diligently been working to issue Provincial Attestation Letters [PALs] for new international students.

J. Dickinson congratulated and welcomed Amelie Gero on her new role of African Nova Scotia Community Pathways Navigator. J. Dickinson also acknowledged and thanked Janice Keefe, Ian Pottie, Bohdan Luhovyy and Susan Trenholm for their participation in the recent Shannex visit on campus.

J. Dickinson reported on the Alexa McDonnough Institute, noting that an events coordinator has been hired and that the steering committee is being reconstituted, with a decision on who will be made Chair to come soon.

##### **5.2. Vice-President Academic and Provost**

L. Francis updated on the University Librarian position: a candidate has accepted the role, D. Rodrigues' position of Acting University Librarian is ending on April 30, and an interim University Librarian will be announced soon.

L. Francis shared two upcoming communications: requests for full-time faculty hiring for 2025-2026 and a call for faculty representatives on the Strategic Enrollment Engagement Planning Committee.

L. Francis noted that grants/surpluses line accounts were not included in yesterday's budget presentation and shared two items of note included in these lines: back-up generators for science labs/areas and technology for the Education Faculty.

L. Francis provided an update regarding the number of PALs issued, sharing that other universities are in similar positions due to the onerous process of issuing PALs. She also reiterated the amount of information required from the province to fulfill our one-year bilateral agreement in order to have our government grant released.

### 5.3. Vice-President Administration

I. Nault briefly reported on the AVP People and Culture search, sharing that the final two candidates are being interviewed on May 13 and 14.

## 6. Question Period

S. Brigham asked for clarity on the meaning of "PALs" to which L. Francis responded that it is an acronym for the new Provincial Attestation Letters that are required by IRCC for any student who is applying for a study permit.

C. Schneider commented that at the last Senate meeting, L. A. MacFarlane was named as a contact person regarding accessing data/reports while the Institutional Analyst's role is vacant; however, L. A. MacFarlane does not have access to the data needed and nor do Registrar's Office staff. C. Schneider reiterated that hiring replacements efficiently is of utmost importance. L. Francis shared that a new Institutional Analyst is being actively recruited and that she will follow up regarding any gaps with accessing data in the interim.

T. Franz-Odendaal noted that the AVP People and Culture was not a designated position and since the position will oversee the new EDIA office, some faculty had expressed concern that the reporting structure to the new position could be problematic. She therefore questioned if the special advisor roles will change given the new reporting structure.

J. Dickinson confirmed that the titles have been changed to reflect that each would be an advisor to MSVU rather than to the President. The resources available to the new AVP People and Culture were also discussed.

## 7. Committee Reports

### 7.1. Academic Policy and Planning

#### 7.1.1. Status of Joint Board/Senate Liaison Committee

P. Crouse reported on the new Bylaw change due to the previous vote at Senate to have joint ownership with the Board of Governors over the Joint

Board Senate Liaison Committee [JBSL]. She shared that the addition is Bylaw 15, which includes the terms of reference for JBSL, and that the Rules of Order have subsequently been renumbered.

7.2. Academic Policy and Planning

7.2.1. Class Attendance regulation in Graduate Calendar

L. Francis shared that, due to an oversight, the motion in the previous Senate submission to revise the Academic Calendar attendance entry did not indicate that the revision should also apply to the Graduate Calendar.

**Moved** by L. Francis, seconded by K. Allan, that the Class Attendance regulation in the Graduate Calendar (2.2.9) be revised to match the revision to the undergraduate Calendar approved at the March 22, 2024, Senate meeting, effective immediately. CARRIED.

7.2.2. External review schedule

L. Francis presented the external review schedule for information. She noted the review date for PECS will be 2025-2026, not 2024-2025 as written in the document circulated.

A. Thurlow mentioned the upcoming MPHEC review of external reviews and wondered if that review will follow the same process as our external reviews. L. Francis shared that the MPHEC review follows a seven-year cycle and, while some elements are similar to our external reviews, MPHEC will be asking for other reports as well.

7.3. Academic Policy and Planning and Graduate Studies Program and Policy

7.3.1. Revised Graduate Studies Programs in Applied Human Nutrition

7.3.1.1. Proposal for Revised MAHN and MScAHN programs

L. Francis introduced these program revisions and noted that following an omnibus motion for 7.3.1.1 through to 7.3.1.4.10, discussion would be welcomed on any item. L. Mann was present from the Department of Applied Human Nutrition to address questions.

R. Zuk sought clarification on the administrative procedure to have this presented by CAPP. L. Francis shared that it was organized this way on advice of MPHEC, due to the extensive changes of the program.

S. Trenholm brought Senate's attention to a clerical error in the circulated document (p. 30 of the complete package), whereby a sentence was not marked as having been stricken. L. Francis and S. Trenholm agreed to a friendly amendment to rectify the error.

- 7.3.1.2. Course deletions due to new program
  - 7.3.1.2.1. GAHN 6325: Advanced Human Nutrition and Metabolism
  - 7.3.1.2.2. GAHN 6326: Food, Health, and Social Policy
  - 7.3.1.2.3. GAHN 6330: Food, Nutrition and Aging
  - 7.3.1.2.4. GAHN 6400: Issues in Food Product Development
  - 7.3.1.2.5. GAHN 6408: Medical Nutrition Therapy I
  - 7.3.1.2.6. GAHN 6409: Medical Nutrition Therapy II
  - 7.3.1.2.7. GAHN 6414: Nutrition Education in the Community
  - 7.3.1.2.8. GAHN 6417: Management and Entrepreneurship in Nutrition Practice
  - 7.3.1.2.9. GAHN 6600: Recent Advances in Nutrition Research
  - 7.3.1.2.10. GAHN 6602: Contemporary Issues in Food, Health and Disease
  - 7.3.1.2.11. GAHN 6607: Nutrition Education
  - 7.3.1.2.12. GAHN 6616: Community Education
  - 7.3.1.2.13. GAHN 6617: Food Security: Issues and Approaches
- 7.3.1.3. Changes to existing courses due to new program
  - S. Trenholm presented the following in an omnibus motion.
  - 7.3.1.3.1. Revised prerequisites and description for GAHN 6609: Nutrition and Population Health Assessment
  - 7.3.1.3.2. Revised prerequisites for GAHN 6620: Clinical Trials in Food and Nutrition
  - 7.3.1.3.3. Revised prerequisites for GAHN 6650: Special Topics
  - 7.3.1.3.4. Revised prerequisites for GAHN 6670: Quantitative Methods of Nutrition Research
  - 7.3.1.3.5. Revised prerequisites for GAHN 6675: Qualitative Methods of Nutrition Research
- 7.3.1.4. New course proposals included in revised program
  - S. Trenholm presented the following in an omnibus motion.
  - 7.3.1.4.1. GAHN 6715: Food and Nutrition Security: Issues and Approaches
  - 7.3.1.4.2. GAHN 6720: Public Health Nutrition
  - 7.3.1.4.3. GAHN 6725: Applied Human Nutrition and Metabolism
  - 7.3.1.4.4. GAHN 6730: Advances in Food Design and Evaluation
  - 7.3.1.4.5. GAHN 6735: Food and Nutrition for Older Adults
  - 7.3.1.4.6. GAHN 6740: Food and Nutrition for Children and Youth
  - 7.3.1.4.7. GAHN 6745: Advanced Food and Nutrition Counselling
  - 7.3.1.4.8. GAHN 6750: Food and Nutrition Interventions for Communities
  - 7.3.1.4.9. GAHN 6755: Leadership in Food and Nutrition

7.3.1.4.10. GAHN 6760: Food and Nutrition Enterprises

**Moved** by L. Francis, seconded by S. Trenholm, that Senate approve the revisions to the MAHN and MScAHN programs. CARRIED.

7.4. Undergraduate Curriculum

7.4.1. Child and Youth Study

A. Card presented the following as an omnibus motion.

7.4.1.1. New Course Proposal

7.4.1.1.1. CHYS 4424: Early Childhood Education: Pedagogical Documentation

7.4.1.2. Deletion of Course

7.4.1.2.1. CHYS 4601: Early Childhood Education: Pedagogical Documentation

**Moved** by A. Card, seconded by S. Trenholm, that Senate approve the new course CHYS 4424 and the deletion of CHYS 4601. CARRIED.

7.4.2. Mathematics and Statistics

7.4.2.1. Changes to Existing Program

7.4.2.1.1. Calendar description re placement test and registration

**Moved** by A. Card, seconded by K. Allan, that Senate approve the revision to the Calendar description for the Mathematics and Statistics Department placement test and registration. CARRIED.

7.4.3. Changes

A. Card presented the following changes for information.

7.4.3.1. Biology

7.4.3.1.1. New description for BIOL 1152: Introductory Biology I

7.4.3.2. Child and Youth Study

7.4.3.2.1. New description for CHYS 1110: Introduction to Child and Youth Study

7.4.3.3. Canadian Studies/Political Studies

7.4.3.3.1. New course name and short title for CANA 1001/POLS 1001: Government, Law and Leaders

7.4.3.3.2. New course name and short title for CANA 1002/POLS 1002: State, Democracy and Change in the Global Era

7.4.3.3.3. New course name and short title for CANA 2201/POLS 2201: Law, Government and Politics in Canada

7.4.3.3.4. New course name for CANA 3301/POLS 3301: Contemporary Canadian Policy Issues

7.4.3.3.5. New course name for CANA 4401/POLS 4401: Seminar on Canadian Issues

- 7.4.3.4. Economics
  - 7.4.3.4.1. New course name for ECON 3308: Economics of Health Care
  - 7.4.3.4.2. New course name for ECON 3335: Income Inequality
- 7.4.3.5. Political Studies
  - 7.4.3.5.1. New course name for POLS 2244: Contemporary World Events and Issues
- 7.4.3.6. Political Studies/Philosophy
  - 7.4.3.6.1. New course name for POLS 3314/PHIL 3314: Democracy and Deliberation
- 7.5. Appointment, Promotion and Tenure or Permanence for Academic Administrators
  - 7.5.1. Professor Emeritus Nominations

**Moved** by T. Franz-Odendaal, seconded by A. Thurlow, that Senate move in-camera. CARRIED.

**Moved** by T. Franz-Odendaal, seconded by J. MacLeod, that Senate move out of the in-camera session. CARRIED.

While in-camera, Senate approved three nominations for Professor Emeritus/Emerita status.

- 7.6. Student Experience
  - 7.6.1. Calendar revision re Student Judicial System
    - K. Jones introduced the following two motions:

**Moved** by K. Jones, seconded by D. Fisher, that Senate approve the revision of the Student Judicial System regulation in the Graduate Calendar (2.2.19) to match the revision to regulation 2.2.26 of the Undergraduate Calendar approved at the January 26, 2024, Senate meeting, effective immediately. CARRIED.

**Moved** by K. Jones, seconded by K. Allan, that Senate approve the deletion of “Student Judicial System” from the Glossary of Terms in both the Undergraduate and Graduate Calendars. CARRIED.

## 8. Other Reports

- 8.1. Students’ Union
  - K. Allan reported on the MSVUSU transition of outgoing and incoming reps on May 1, as well as the status of the search for two new full-time staff members.
  
  - C. Cameron shared that the academic appeals support program has been well utilized this term. They also shared an update on the food security roundtable scheduled for April 30.

## 9. New Business

No new business was discussed.

## 10. Items for Communication

### Senate approved:

- Minutes of March 22, 2024
- Graduate Calendar revision to Class Attendance regulation
- Graduate and undergraduate curriculum changes
- Graduate Calendar revision to Student Judicial System regulation and glossary revision to both Calendars
- Awarding of Professor Emeritus status on Dr. Katherine Darvesh, Dr. Reina Green and Dr. Donovan Plumb

### Senate received for information:

- Report on JBSL status
- External review schedule
- Undergraduate curriculum changes

Senate thanked student Senators whose terms end in April—K. Allan, C. Cameron, M. Coolen, S. Goswami, G. MacInnis, K. Schlieff—D. Fisher, whose term as Acting Dean of Arts and Science is ending, and D. Rodrigues, whose term as Acting University Librarian is ending.

## 11. Adjournment

**Moved** by seconded by K. Jones, seconded by R. Bursey, that the meeting be adjourned.  
CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:24 p.m.