

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

October 13, 2020, 4:00 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams

Present via Remote Connection: K. Bell, P. Berry, L. Bidder, JP. Boudreau (Chair) A. Beverley, F. Black, C. Brett (Secretary), K. Bubar, C. Burke, A. Cockshutt, M. Cormier, J. Dryden, E. Edson, B. Evans, A. Fancy, S. Fanning, N. Farooqi, J. Ferguson, A. Gant, D. Hamilton, L-D, Hamilton, M. Hamilton, K. Hele, J. Hennessy (Vice Chair), R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, G. Jollymore, J. Kalyn, D. Keeping, L. Kern, A. Koval, R. Lapp, M. Levesque, D. Lieske, M. Litvak, C. Lovekin, K. Meade, E. Millar, K. Morse, J. Mullen, & 2 ¶ 1 H Deorse, C. Roberts, B. Robertson, N. Robinson, V. St. Pierre, E. Steuter, E. Stregger, S. Tobin, J. Tomes, C. VanBeselaere, N. Vogel, W. Wilson

Regrets: A. Lepage, G. Ouellette, A. Whiteway

Observers: A. Comfort, L. Decker Hawthorne, R. Hiscock, A. Nurse

01.10.13 Land Acknowledgement

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asked that senators respect and engage Indigenous ways of knowing, teaching, and relating.

02.10.13 Approval of the Agenda

Motion (V. St. Pierre/A. Fancy): that Senate adopt the Agenda as circulated

Motion Carried

03.10.13 Approval of the Senate Minutes September 15, 2020

Motion (E. Millar/S. Tobin): that Senate adopt the Minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2020

Motion Carried

C. Brett read a correction concerning the authorship of the Statement on Privacy in Online and Remote Teaching and Learning. This correction will appear in the approved minutes.

04.10.13 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

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lobbying the Government of New Brunswick for the establishment of a mobile testing centre in Sackville.

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the AAU is October 31, rather than the customary October 31. Nevertheless, the shared some unofficial enrollment numbers with Senate. Compared to the same time last year, total enrollment is up by 1.2% (at 2192); the number of new students is down 7% (at 651); the number of returning students is up by 5% (at 1541); the number of new international student is down 24% (at 87); the number of returning students is up 7% (at 273). Student enrollments from New Brunswick and from Newfoundland and Labrador are up from last year, while enrollments are down from other parts of Canada. He noted increased enrollments in Sciences, Commerce, Aviation, and Fine Arts.

JP. Boudreau noted that the enrollment numbers are good news, and he acknowledged the efforts of the entire university to make these numbers a reality. He noted the work of faculty in re-working their courses to fit the three modes of course delivery this term. He also urged caution, as retention remains a concern. He noted that a check-in session will be held on October 21 to examine what lessons the current term holds for Winter 2021. He also announced that a survey of faculty experiences will launch soon. He thanks colleagues in the Department of Psychology for developing the survey.

K. Bell and J. Dryden expressed appreciation for the work of Keagan Hawthorne, the Educational Technology Consultant, in helping faculty prepare for online modes of course delivery. JP. Boudreau added thanks to the Teaching and Learning Committee for taking an active role in that process.

approximately \$2.27 million, split almost equally between the Operating and Ancillary Accounts. He noted that the budget is in draft form and is still to be approved by the Board of Regents. He informed Senate of two upcoming Town Hall Sessions: a general session on finance on October 16 and one on the budget on October 30. JP. Boudreau also noted that, as of the date of the meeting, there has been no direct government support to universities, neither federal nor provincial, to help with the costs associated with COVID-19.

Finally, the President reminded Senate of the some recent achievements: the offering of new

Visual and Material Cultures, and Community-Engaged Learning; the launch of the Frank McKenna School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics; the over \$385 thousand raised during the recent Mountie-to-Mountie campaign for direct student aid; the nearly 600 registrants for the

and emotional health by NB Public Health.

0.6.10.13 Candidates for Degrees October Graduation

Motion (V. St. Pierre/B. Robertson): that Senate move *in camera* for the purpose of considering candidates for degrees.

Motion Carried

Senate considered candidates for degrees *in camera*.

Motion (E. Millar/B. Robertson): that Senate move *ex camera*.

Motion Carried

07.10.13 Fall Convocation

JP. Boudreau declared Convocation open. As Vice-Chancellor, he then conferred degrees *in absentia* to the candidates whom Senate had approved. Senators congratulated the new graduates with a round of applause. JP. Boudreau then declared Convocation closed.

08.10.13 Report from the University Planning Committee

J. Hennessy gave a verbal report to Senate. He noted that the MPHEC has suspended academic program reviews for this year. A revised schedule is being worked out.

The Provost informed Senate that the committee has received twenty proposals for new positions. The committee plans to put these proposals in a prioritized list by the end of October. The number of new positions is yet to be decided upon.

J. Hennessy also informed Senate that the committee has agreed on new process and timeline for future hiring recommendations. Details of this process will be communicated to departments in the coming days.

JP. Boudreau thanked the committee for their work.

09.10.13 Report from the Academic Matters Committee

N. Farooqi gave the report (appended to these minutes), which consisted for the following motion.

Motion (N. Farooqi/J. Hennessy): that Senate approve the changes in courses and programs in Mathematics and Computer Science as listed in the Report to Senate, October 13, 2020.

Motion Carried

10.10.13 Report for Information

Senate received the following report (appended to these minutes).

a) the Teaching and Learning Committee

JP. Boudreau expressed appreciation to the committee for its work in recent months.

11.10.13 Other Business

There was no other business.

12.10.13 Adjournment

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm (V. St. Pierre).

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett
Secretary

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Appendices to the Minutes

- < Report from the Academic Matters Committee
- < Report from the Teaching and Learning Committee

Academic Matters Committee

Report for Senate, October 13, 2020

This report contains recommendations for the changes to academic regulations and academic programs effective under the 2021- 2022 academic calendar, unless otherwise indicated:

- Mathematics and Computer Science

Note: additions~~changes~~ are indicated in bold text, deletions are indicated with ~~strikeout~~.

The Academic Matters Committee recommends approval of the following changes in Mathematics and Computer Science:

1. The cross-listing of new PHYS course (cross-list with existing MATH~~C~~ OMP 3411)

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- x Recommend content warnings be used
- x Provide resources to faculty
- x Host an open Teams session on this subject
- x Provide template language

Student and Faculty Mental Health

The committee had started a preliminary discussion of this. It viewed the issue as important and it has clearly become more important but the committee had not moved to the point where it had recommendations to make.

Connections to the Maple League Professional Development opportunities

The TLC sees these opportunities provided via the Atlantic Association of Universities and Atlantic as valuable. It will undertake to help advertise the range of PD opportunities that are available and encourage involvement.

Online Learning Platforms:

TLC discussion of online learning platforms previous to the advent of COVID was rendered moot by the pandemic. Meanwhile, in response to this challenge, Keagan Hawthorne initiated a regular series of PD sessions for faculty on the successful use of online teaching platforms, especially Moodle, the summer months. This effort has considerably elevated the role of the committee in practical and transformative outreach to faculty, and we are grateful to Keagan for the extra work this involved.

Teaching Day:

The TLC had begun to plan a revitalized Teaching Day with a series of workshops before the Tucker Talk. This will not be possible this year and is not, in our view, needed because of the ongoing MTA Teams sessions and Maple League Bluejeans sessions. Our discussion focused on maintaining sessions during

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