

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

September 17, 2019, 4:00 p.m.  
Windsor Grand Room

Present: P. Berry, A. Beverley, F. Black, B. Blakney, JP. Boudreau (Chair), C. Brett (Secretary), A. Cannon, A. Cockshutt, O. Corrigan, J. Devine, S. Doyle, J. Dryden, E. Edson, B. Evans, A. Fancy, N. Farooqi, C. Forstall, S. Garrett, A. Grant, D. Hamilton, L-D. Hamilton, C. Ionescu, G. Jollymore, D. Keeping, L. Kern, M. Lee, D. Lieske, K. Meade, A. Nurse, C. O'Connor, J. Ollerhead (Vice-Chair), G. Ouellette, C. Parker, L. Ricker, J. Rogers, S. Runge, A. Solomon, V. St. Pierre, E. Steuter, E. Titarenko, J. Tomes, S. Unger, C. VanBeselaere, J. Vickery, N. Vogan, K. Wilock, W. Wilson

Regrets: M. Litvak, D. Hornidge

Observers: A. Fleming

01.09.17 Land Acknowledgement of Lands

JP. Boudreau reminded senators that the meeting is taking place on the unceded ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaw people. He then asked everyone present to consider how they infuse their activity with Indigenous ways of knowing.

02.09.17 Approval of the Agenda

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

**Motion Carried**

03.09.17 Introductions

JP. Boudreau welcomed all senators, new and returning. He noted the new venue for the meetings, and asked for feedback on its configuration. We welcomed the new Registrar, S. Garrett, University Librarian, D. Keeping, and Dean of Arts, A. Nurse. Senators joined in the welcomes with applause.

04.09.17 Approval of the Senate Minutes of May 9, 2019

**Motion (K. Wilock/A. Cockshutt): that Senate adopt the Minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2019.**

**Motion Carried**

Senators pointed out a few typos. C. Brett promised to fix them in the approved copy.

05.09.17 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

JP. Boudreau thanked the university community for their engagement in his first year as President. He signaled the beginning of putting ideas into action. He noted that the incoming class numbers are on course to meet budget targets, including the largest ever cohort of international students. He congratulated MASU's Orientation Committee, the organizers of Academic Orientation, and the Town of Sackville for their work in welcoming new students to Mount Allison.

The President then announced a number of internally-focused initiatives, including:

1. A set of Open Sessions, to occur in October, to discuss how to move forward on the four pillars identified in the Strategic Roadmap (Academic Programs and Differentiation, Student Experience, A Learning Environment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and A Community-Minded University).
2. A national search for a recruitment company to lead the hiring process for a new Provost, and planning for the hiring of new Dean of Arts. J. Ollerhead has agreed to stay on as Provost until a replacement is in place.
3. The striking of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Academic Program Development, chaired by A. Cockshutt, the Dean of Science and Graduate Studies.
4. The launch of a Presidential Ideas Fund to help launch new initiatives.
5. A push to move budgetary timelines forward, especially in the area of approving faculty hiring.

JP. Boudreau informed Senate that he continues to meet with officials from the provincial government, and that a regular schedule of meetings has been set up in. Representatives of all universities in the province are set to appear in front of the Select Committee of the Legislature on September 24. The President has been part of 107 visits with donors and prospective donors over the summer. JP. Boudreau also informed Senate that the Board of Regents is holding a retreat on September 30.

Finally, the President expressed his excitement for the many events scheduled for the upcoming year. He drew special attention to the following:

1. The launch of the RBC Rising Tide Initiative on September 19,
2. A workshop on the Business of the Arts, also on September 19.
3. The opening of the Indigenous Gardens on September 20.
4. The Celebration of the Tucker Teaching Award on September 26.
5. The talk by Chef Michael Smith, in the President's Speakers Series, on October 7. (JP. Boudreau thanked A. Nurse for chairing this year's speakers committee.)
6. The Indigenous Day of Learning and Language, with keynote speaker Cindy Blackstock, on October 9.
7. The University Powwow on October 10.

07.09.17 Report from the University Planning Committee

J. Ollerhead pointed senators to the website on Academic Unit Reviews, where they can find documents relating to completed reviews. The URL is

[https://www.mta.ca/Community/Governance\\_and\\_admin/VP\\_Academic\\_and\\_Research/Academic\\_unit\\_reviews/Academic\\_unit\\_reviews/](https://www.mta.ca/Community/Governance_and_admin/VP_Academic_and_Research/Academic_unit_reviews/Academic_unit_reviews/)

He also noted that reviews are currently underway in Canadian Studies, Fine Arts, and Geography and Environment. External reviewers are scheduled to visit campus in October.

The Provost reported that the committee met for the first time on September 16. It received new requests for tenure track positions. The committee is considering these requests alongside unfilled requests from previous years.

J. Devine asked how many faculty positions are likely to be authorized this year. J. Ollerhead answered that he did not know yet, but that he expected there to be one or more. He added that he was waiting to see the October student numbers and the associated revenue forecasts before saying more. He hoped to have a clearer view on the matter in October.

JP. Boudreau added that this year's budget is a deficit budget, passed by the Board of Regents with an understanding that the University could increase student numbers.

08.09.17 Reports for Information

Senate received the following reports (all appended to these minutes).

- a. Late Granting of Degrees Committee
- b. Academic Appeals Committee
- c. Admissions and Readmissions Committee
- d. Readmissions Appeals Committee

There were no questions or comments.

09.09.11 Discover Mount Allison

JP. Boudreau explained the purpose of this agenda item — to celebrate achievements around the university— to new senators.

A. Grant announced that there will be a reunion of Chemistry and Biochemistry students during Homecoming. He expects approximately 45 alumni to attend, from graduation years as far back as the 1940s.

S. Unger asked senators to save the dates November 12-14, 2019. MASU is organizing Mental Health First Aid workshops on those dates. Details will be circulated as they are finalized.

G. Jollymore said that she has been impressed by the recent work of Mount Allison faculty as expert commentators in the media. JP. Boudreau expressed a desire to find ways to support staff and faculty who wish to engage with the media.

JP. Boudreau congratulated the students recognized at the recent Music Gala.

N. Farooqi invited everyone to the launch of Brad Walter's new book, *The Greening of St. Lucia*, to be held on September 19.

J. Dryden noted the work of Gemey Kelly, Director Emerita of the Owens Art Gallery, in obtaining Canada Council funding for the exhibition *Automatisme Ambulatoire: Hysteria, Imitation, Performance*, running at the Owens from September 6 through November 6. She drew attention to the associated website, which is designed to be as accessible as possible. The link is <http://automatismeambulatoire.ca/>

F. Black noted the recent field course in Haida Gwaii attended by 16 students from Geography and Environment and Religious Studies. She noted that the Crake Foundation has provided funding to explore similar opportunities for students in partnership with Dorchester. JP. Boudreau welcomed the partnership with the community in Dorchester.

10.09.11      Other Business

There was no other business.

11.09.11      Adjournment

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm (V. St. Pierre).

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett  
Secretary

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**Appendices to the Minutes**

- Late Granting of Degrees Committee
- Academic Appeals Committee
- Admissions and Readmissions Committee
- Readmissions Appeals Committee

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## Late Granting of Degrees Committee Report to Senate – September 17, 2019

Committee Members:

The Provost and Vice-President, Academic & Research (Chair) – Dr. Jeff Ollerhead

The Secretary of Senate – Dr. Craig Brett

The Registrar – Ms. Chris Parker

The Late Granting of Degrees Committee met via email correspondence on Friday, May 10, 2019 to approve a student for a Bachelor of Science degree upon receipt of a transcript from Moncton Flight College and confirmation of completion of degree requirements.

The Late Granting of Degrees Committee met via email correspondence on Saturday, May 11, 2019 to approve a student for a Bachelor of Arts degree upon receipt of the final grade for a course completed on Letter of Permission at another university and confirmation of completion of degree requirements.

Respectfully submitted,



J. Ollerhead, PhD, PGeo

Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Research  
Mount Allison University



**Academic Appeals Committee  
Report to Senate  
September 2019**

Members of this committee in 2018-2019 were: J. Ollerhead, chair, B. Robertson, P. Sianchuk, L. Bedgood, student and N. Verret, student.

There were no Academic Appeals and consequently the Academic Appeals Committee was not required to meet during this period.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Ollerhead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

J. Ollerhead, PhD, PGeo  
Provost and Vice-President, Academic and Research  
Mount Allison University

## **Admissions and Re-admissions Committee Report to Senate –September 17, 2019**

Committee Members: T. Craig, K. Johnston, C. Lovekin, M. Klohn (to May 30, 2018) C. O'Connor (as of June 1), A. Cockshutt (Chair) C. Parker (secretary)

The Admissions and Re-admissions Committee met six times during the period from September, 2018 through September 2019, on the following dates:

- November 1 - by email – 1 application
- April 5 - by email – 5 applications
- May 4 - by email – 1 application
- June 11 - 5 applications, plus 51 academic standing appeals
- June 27 - by email – 1 application
- August 1 - by email – 1 late academic standing appeal

### **Applications for Readmission following a period of Suspension or Dismissal**

From the period of September, 2018 through September 2019, the committee considered thirteen applications for re-admission following a period of Academic Suspension or Dismissal. In two cases, students requested re-admission with permission to register for courses on Letter of Permission (LOP) while on Probation and in one case the student requested readmission so that they could transfer to another university. In all cases, the students were re-admitted on Academic Probation for the term requested.

### **Review of status of students re-admitted on probation for 18/FW**

#### **Conditions for Readmission for 18/FW – Support Services**

Effective June 2016, students whose appeals were successful were re-admitted on probation with a requirement that they sign a 'conditions for re-admission' form whereby they agreed to meet with the student service provider(s) identified on the form as determined by the committee, before the end of September. There was further follow-up in January based on 18/FA term grades. Student service providers included: Meighen Centre, Wellness Centre, Academic Advisor, Program Advisors, Academic Support Services, International Advisor, Indigenous Affairs Coordinator, Financial Aid Counsellor, Director of Athletics, other Student Affairs staff.

Of the thirty-five (35) students who were re-admitted on probation for the 18/SFW session:

- Eight (8) students achieved Good Standing (~23%)
- Three (3) students ended the year on Academic Probation (~8.5%)
- Twenty-one (21) students ended the year on Academic Suspension; (~60%)
  - Twelve (12) of those submitted academic standing appeals; nine (9) were successful and re-admitted again on probation for 19/FW.
- Three (3) students did not return for 18/FW (~8.5%)

#### **Academic Standing Appeals at the end of the 18/SFW year**

The committee considered fifty-one letters of appeal plus one late appeal in August from a student whose intention was to transfer to another university.

Fifteen students appealing Suspension or Dismissal had an account balance at time of appeal. Calendar regulation 4.4.4 stipulates that appeals to the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee will only be considered if there is no outstanding balance payable on the student's account. Upon the recommendation of the Retention Committee and in consultation with Shane Carroll, the committee was authorized to consider the appeals and to release the outcome even if the account balance was not paid. Students were advised to contact Shane Carroll to discuss possible options for a payment plan.

Students recommended by the committee for re-admission on Academic Probation were re-admitted with the condition that they may register for no more than 15 credits per term and that they will remain on Academic Probation until the end of the 2019-2020 academic session at which time their academic standing will be re-assessed. To return to Good Standing they must achieve a Session GPA of at least 1.5 AND a CGPA of at least 1.5. During the probation period, students are not eligible to take courses on Letter of Permission at another

university. Students were also required to sign a 'Conditions for Readmission on Probation' form confirming agreement to meet with the specified student support service providers before the end of the second week of classes. Most of the students readmitted on probation are also required to attend a series of four academic support sessions in the Fall term coordinated by Shelly Colette.

### **Group I - Academic Dismissal**

Neither of the two (2) students who ended the year on Academic Dismissal appealed.

### **Group II - Academic Suspension from Good Standing**

Twenty-two (22) of forty-two (42) students who began the year in Good Standing but ended the year on Academic Suspension appealed. After considering the appeals of each of the students, the committee recommended that all be re-admitted to full-time studies on Academic Probation.

### **Group III - Academic Suspension from Academic Probation or Re-admission on Probation**

Twenty-nine (29) of fifty-six (56) students who began the year on Academic Probation (17 of 35) or Re-admitted on Probation following previous suspension (12 of 21) appealed their placement on Academic Suspension. The committee recommended twenty-four (24) of those students to be re-admitted to full-time studies on Academic Probation. The committee recommended re-admission on probation for the student who submitted a late appeal. The committee made no recommendation for re-admission for five (5) students and those students were advised that they remain on suspension.

**Students whose appeals were unsuccessful** were advised that the committee's decision may be appealed to the Readmission Appeals Committee under one of the following grounds:

- a) the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee was biased;
- b) the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee made an error in interpreting a regulation;
- c) **new** information has been provided subsequent to the decision of the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee; (eg. Grade change in course(s), medical or other supporting documentation)
- d) the decision of the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee imposes undue or unreasonable hardship.

Re-admissions Appeals Committee  
Report to Senate, September 17, 2019

Membership of the Committee:

- The Secretary of Senate (ex officio), Craig Brett, Chair
- An Academic Dean (ex officio), Amanda Cockshutt
- One Faculty Member or Librarian, Margaret-Ellen Messinger
- One Alternate Faculty Member or Librarian, Linda Pearse

The Re-admissions Appeals Committee met once in the past year, on July 17, 2019, with Nauman Farooqi sitting in as the Academic Dean. It considered four appeals decisions of the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee, all from students who had been placed on Suspension, having previously been re-admitted on probation. Each appellant brought information to the Appeals Committee that was not available to the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee.

The Re-admissions Appeal Committee reversed the decisions of Admissions and Re-admissions Committee in three of the four cases. The three students were re-admitted, subject to conditions. These conditions were tailored to the circumstances of each case, but typically involved mandatory use of support services. In the fourth case, the committee upheld the decision of the Admissions and Re-admissions Committee because the committee deemed the new information did not support the appeal.

The number of appeals was the same as in 2018 and 2017. There was a single appeal in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Craig Brett  
Secretary of Senate and Committee Chair