

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

January 10, 2023, 4:00pm  
Windsor Grand Room & Microsoft Teams (hybrid format)

Present: N. Anthonisen, K. Bell, A. Beverley, J-P. Boudreau (Chair), A. Comfort, S. Chun, B. Clayton, J. Dryden, B. Evans, A. Fancy, S. Fanning, A. Francis, L. Garnett, D. Hamilton, M. Hamilton, J. Hennessy (Vice-Chair), R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, K. Johnston, J. Kalyn, K. Keleher, L. Keliher, A. Kreuger, A. LePage, I. Lirette, C. Lovekin, C. MacDougall, C. Major, V. Meli, R. Minocha-McKenney, R. Moser (Secretary), T. Nelson, G. Ouelette, T. Reiffenstein, B. Robertson, R. Rubin, S. Runge, S. Park, C. Pringle-Carver, S. Sarkar, V. St. Pierre, J. Tomes, N. Vogan, B. Walters, W. Wilson

Guests: T. Bilsbury, J. Mullen, G. Sandala

01.01.10 Territorial Acknowledgement

J-P. Boudreau welcomed everyone back to Senate for the New Year, and read the official territorial acknowledgment written by Elders and the Indigenous Advisory Circle as follows:

We would like to acknowledge that we are located within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq. Our relationship and our privilege to live on this territory was agreed upon in the Peace and Friendship Treaties of 1752. Because of this treaty relationship it is to be acknowledged that we are all Treaty people and have a responsibility to respect this territory.

02.01.10 Approval of agenda

**Motion (B. Robertson / R. Rubin): that Senate adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried**

03.01.10 Consent Agenda

Approval of the minutes (6 Dec, 2022)

Report from Academic Matters, Curriculum & Academic (J. Hennessy)

The Chair briefly reminded Senate of the consent agenda format, indicating that the contents are to be read into the minutes as approved, and at this time any Senator may remove any item for discussion on the main agenda, and to hold any applicable motions. There was no discussion.

04.01.10 Business arising from the minutes

No business arising.

05.01.10 Chair's remarks

The Chair provided an update on the student who was struck by a car at the crosswalk at Main street and King street in December 2022. There has been some progress toward recovery, but the student is still in serious condition in a Halifax hospital, and presently the family has asked for privacy.

The Chair extended a special welcome to 33 new international students who joined the Mount Allison community last week. Students came to the President's residence to say "We're here—where's our room?", and the President directed them to Bermuda House. Thanks to staff in the International Office and Student Affairs for excellent orientation, care, and stewardship of these new students. The Provost provided further comment, indicating that this is a higher number than usual for a January start, and echoed the Chair's thanks to all who have worked to welcome them, house them, feed them, and get them registered without a hitch. The Provost remarked that this welcoming stewardship is a special thing we do here with our international students, and we do it better than anyone else.

The Chair extended hearty thanks and encouragement to the Academic Recruitment team helping to get students to Mt.A. next year. It is too early for enrollment projections, but the Recruitment office is doing the needful, important work.

The Chair followed up on a comment made in the previous meeting that he approached CCLISAR (the Canadian Centre for Legal Innovation in Sexual Assault Response) for their assistance in giving independent, external review of the University's new Sexual Violence Prevention and Response policy. The Chair expects to hear soon—this week—about CCLISAR's involvement.

#### 06.01.10 Report from University Planning Committee (J. Hennessy)

The Provost indicated that the UPC hasn't met since the last Senate meeting, and he expects the committee to kick it into high gear in the coming weeks.

M. Hamilton asked how many faculty positions are expected to be filled for the coming AY. Referring to the UPC written report discussed at the previous Senate meeting, Hamilton also asked whether the positions named there are listed in order of priority or by some other ranking. The Provost replied that almost all positions in the "immediate priority" category are approved, with the exception of a position in Drama that is holding off on a search while awaiting results of an external review. The Provost also mentioned that searches are now approved for two units listed as high priority last year (VMCS and COMM), but which had not yet been authorized to begin the search.

J.-P. Boudreau commented that not meeting enrollment targets has made it a challenging budget to work with. The Provost and UPC are doing good work with what's available and with a view to helping our existing and newly-developing programs.

#### 07.01.10 Discover Mt.A

V. St. Pierre announced the following items:

Congratulations to Dr. Elizabeth Wells on publication of her book *The Organized Academic*; a launch is scheduled for this Friday, January 13 at the University Club from 3pm-5pm.

A general reminder that all Music events are open to the campus community at a very reasonable cost. The first recital of the new term, by Christina Haldane, is Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.

ENGL is hosting a book launch for Dr. Ama Ede's new book of non-fiction essays *Imagination's Many Rooms*, hosted by Dr. Geordie Miller on February 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-5:30 in the Windsor Grand Room.

The Dean issued unofficial congratulations to some officially uncomplimentables, the content of which was immediately stricken from the minutes, leaving only this cryptic trace of the gesture.

Congratulations to Dr. Brent White for an award from the Canadian Academic Accounting Association, for his project 'Searching for MacDonnell.'

J. Tomes announced the following:

The Mt.A. Gemini Observatory and the Department of Physics hosts events open to the public. The next event is January 19<sup>th</sup>, weather-permitting. Email [gemini@mta.ca](mailto:gemini@mta.ca) for information.

The President's Speakers' Series next event is with Desmond Cole, "How much EDIA do we need?", scheduled for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, in Crabtree Auditorium and digitally via MS Teams.

R. Minocha-McKenney announced the following:

Garnet and Gold's musical this year is "High School Musical", which runs from January 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, with several showtimes, all at Convocation Hall.

Thanks to the class of COMM 3321 for their work on creating job evaluation criteria for students in academic assistance roles on campus. J.-P. reiterated the importance of the work done here for the students and the campus community, saying it was a collation of important data not previously available.

R. Rubin congratulated Laura Landon on an interactive exhibit concerning the Canadian Museum of Immigration. Rubin also congratulated Elizabeth Stregger on an Atlantic OER Development Grant.

A. Comfort noted Career Week coming up January 30<sup>th</sup>—February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and indicated that the Experiential Learning Office is busy with new courses and initiatives. Comfort further noted that the International Office has upcoming events, and to watch their homepage for announcements.

C. Pringle-Carver announced that the Advancement Office has raised \$11 million in the fiscal year to date, with active gift solicitations still in market. Pringle-Carver noted that Rob Hiscock had recently announced hiring a new digital marketing specialist to augment recruitment and retention. January 11<sup>th</sup> is "International 'Thank You' Day", and an event will be held on campus. Finally, Tom Deans ('84) will give a webinar offering a perspective on investment and financial planning, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 8pm.

08.01.10      Other business

There was no other business.

09.01.10      Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:33pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Moser  
Secretary