

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

May 9, 2019, 1:30 p.m.  
Tweedie Hall

Present: F. Antonelli, B. Blakney, JP. Boudreau (Chair), C. Brett (Secretary), A. Cockshutt, O. Corrigan, G. Cruttwell, J. Devine, E. Edson, B. Evans, N. Farooqi, C. Forstall, A. Grant, J. Holton, R. Inglis, R. Ireland, L. Kern, D. Lieske, J. Lilburn, M. Litvak, S. MacIver, K. Meade, R. Moser, A. Nurse, J. Ollerhead (Vice-Chair), C. Parker, E. Patterson, D. Poitras, J. Rogers, S. Runge, L. Snyder, V. St. Pierre, F. Strain, E. Titarenko, J. Tomes, M. Truitt, S. Unger, J. Vickery, N. Vogan, K. Wilock, W. Wilson

Regrets: P. Berry, F. Black, A. Cannon, J. Dryden, A. Fancy, O. Griffiths, D. Hornidge, M. Klohn, B. Robertson, E. Steuter, N. Verret

Observers: A. Beverley, A. Comfort, LD. Hamilton

01.05.09 Land Acknowledgement

JP. Boudreau read the statement of aboriginal custodianship.

02.05.09 Approval of the Agenda

**Motion (M. Truitt/S. Unger): that Senate adopt the Agenda as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

03.05.09 Approval of the Senate Minutes of March 12, 2019

**Motion (V. St. Pierre/A. Cockshutt): that Senate adopt the Minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2019.**

**Motion Carried (1 abstention)**

04.05.09 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

0.5.05.09 Report from the Chair

JP. Boudreau provided each senator with an éclair as a token of his appreciation for their work.

He thanked everyone for their work throughout the academic year, and expressed his excitement for the upcoming Convocation and Reunion. He noted the arrival of the Class of 54. He congratulated students who will be graduating.

On the internal front, the President noted that the university is working toward a strategic plan focused on the following elements:

1. Academic programs: with emphasis on differentiating Mount Allison and opening up new programs, partnerships and credentials.

2. Student experience: including co-curricular records, experiential learning, core competencies, and service provision.
3. The learning environment for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: including classroom configuration and library resources.
4. A community-minded university: with emphasis on building on our history of impact on the community and expanding its geographic scope.

He stated that he would update senators on strategic planning in the fall. Finally, the President noted that the Budget would be considered by to the Board of Regents at its May meeting.

Externally, the President has met with provincial officials and the Premier of New Brunswick. Mount Allison and CCNB have agreed to a Memorandum of Understanding on new partnerships. Finally, the president has met with donors all over Canada.

JP. Boudreau invited everyone to Convocation, and encouraged senators to be part of the platform party. He also invited everyone to the Employee Recognition Reception on May 16.

Finally, the President thanked retiring senators M. Truitt, S. MacIver, and C. Parker for their services to Mount Allison. Senators joined in with a round of applause.

06.05.09      Candidates for Degrees

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

**Motion Carried**

**Motion (A. Cockshutt / C. Parker): that degrees be awarded to the candidates on the list provided.**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion (V. St. Pierre/L. Kern): that Senate move *ex camera*.**

**Motion Carried**

07.05.09      Report from the Graduation Review Committee

N. Farooqi gave the report. He said that the committee met in January and May, 2019. They considered seven cases, and the decisions of the committee were reflected in the circulated list of candidates for degrees.

08.05.09      Report from the Academic Matters Committee

N. Farooqi presented the report (appened to these minutes), which contained a series of motions.

**Motion (N. Farooqi/C. Parker): that Senate approve changes to the Music Program as outlined in the Report to Senate, May, 2019**

Motion Carried

**Motion (N. Farooqi/C. Parker): that Senate approve changes to the Geography and Environment Program as outlined in the Report to Senate, May, 2019**

Motion Carried

**Motion (N. Farooqi/C. Parker): that Senate approve the addition of Arts courses as outlined in the Report to Senate, May, 2019**

Motion Carried

**Motion (N. Farooqi/C. Parker): that Senate approve the Certificate in Biopsychology as outlined in the Report to Senate, May, 2019**

Motion Carried

**Motion (N. Farooqi/C. Parker): that Senate approve the Certificate in Social Research Methodologies as outlined in the Report to Senate, May, 2019**

Motion Carried

**Motion (N. Farooqi/C. Parker): that Senate approve changes to Calendar Regulations 10.3.2 AND 4.4.1 as outlined in the Report to Senate, May, 2019**

Motion Carried

The committee also submitted a Report on Distribution Requirements (appended to these minutes). R. Ireland asked whether any action would be taken regarding distribution requirements. He noted that action may be needed to counter a drop in enrollment in first-year courses in Modern Languages. N. Farooqi responded that the Committee chose not to make a recommendation at this time. E. Patterson added that the committee thought that a judgment two years into the life of the current system might be premature. S. MacIver warned that waiting to take action also has dangers, especially for enrollments in Modern Languages.

09.05.09 Report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Withdrawal Policies

A. Cockshutt gave the report (appended to these minutes), which contained the following motion.

**Motion (A. Cockshutt/ C. Parker): that the Withdrawal Policy be returned to that in place from 2008/2009 until 2016/2017; specifically, that Calendar Regulations 10.4.1, 10.4.3, and 10.4.4 be changed as outlined in the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Withdrawal Policies.**

Motion Carried (24 yays, 11 nays)

A. Cockshutt noted that the system introduced in 2017 had two drawbacks. First, some students withdrew from courses very late in order to avoid low grades. Second, late withdrawal of students posed problems in courses with group work components. She noted that the recommendation of the committee was not unanimous.

S. Unger said that students do not favour reverting to the 2008-2017 system. They would rather the problems of the existing system be remedied through evolution rather than taking a step backward.

A. Cockshutt noted that student concerns were taken into account. She also remarked that the proposed drop date would be the latest among universities in the Maritime Provinces and the proposed withdrawal date would be consistent with those at other universities.

S. MacIver noted that the 2017 system has increases stress levels in upper year courses with group work, and any system must balance this concern with the potential mental health benefits of allowing late withdrawals. J. Devine then asked if the Meighen Centre had any evidence on the mental health effects of the 2017 system. A. Comfort noted that the 2017 system led to a reduction in the number of cases for withdrawal from courses processed by the Centre.

J. Tomes noted that reverting to the 2008-2017 system would require working out criteria for making decisions on whether to grant late withdrawals. She asked whether these criteria had been drawn up. R. Moser asked if it would be possible to tailor the withdrawal policy to the type of course so as to avoid, for example, the problems identified in courses with group work.

C. Parker noted that it would be difficult to monitor a highly differentiated system.

A. Cockshutt, E. Patterson, and J. Ollerhead then engaged in a discussion of the apparent asymmetry of allowing students to drop courses within four weeks of the start of term, while allowing just two weeks to add courses. It was noted that this gives students more flexibility than is available at many other institutions.

JP. Boudreau underscored the need to find out the needs of all students in matters such as these. He thanked students for their input on this issue.

10.05.09      Report from the Committee on Committees

J. Tomes gave the report, which consisted of the following motions.

**Motion 1: (J. Tomes/V. St. Pierre ) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate acclaim the following faculty and librarians to the following Senate Committees for three year terms beginning July 1, 2019.**

**Motion Carried**

**Academic Appeals Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian not on the Academic Integrity Committee  
Chris Forstall

**Academic Matters Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian (any faculty)

Robert Lapp

**Admissions and Readmissions**

1 faculty member or librarian

Leslie Kern

**Committee on Emeriti Appointments**

1 faculty member or librarian

Karl Hele

**Graduate Studies Committee**

3 faculty members: one from Arts and at least two from Science, of which one should be from Chemistry

Jeff Waller (Science - Chemistry)

Matt Betti (Science – Math & CS)

Chris Down (Arts – Fine Arts)

1 alternate faculty member from Science

Gene Ouellette (Science – Psychology)

**Graduation Review Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian (any faculty)

Margaret-Ellen Messinger

**Readmissions Appeals Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian, who is not a member of the Admissions and Readmissions Committee

Margaret-Ellen Messinger

1 faculty or librarian to serve as alternate, who is not a member of the Admissions and Readmissions Committee

Linda Pearse

**Research and Creative Activity Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian, ideally from Social Science

Mario Levesque

**Research Ethics Board**

3 faculty members

Lisa Dawn Hamilton

Dave Thomas

Renata Schellenberg

**Scholarships & Bursaries Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian

Krista Johnston

**Teaching & Learning Committee**

1 faculty member from Science  
Karen Crosby (Science)

**Honorary Degrees Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian  
Christina Ionescu

**Experiential Learning Committee**

1 faculty member or librarian  
Fiona Black

**Motion 2: (J. Tomes/V. St. Pierre ) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate elect three of the following nominees to the University Planning Committee**

**Motion Carried**

James Kalyn (Arts)  
Erik Edson (Arts)  
Anne LePage (Library)  
Brent White (Social Science)  
Gene Ouellette (Science)  
Andrew Grant (Science)

Senate elected Erik Edson, Anne Lepage, and Andrew Grant to the committee.

**Motion 3: (J. Tomes/V. St. Pierre ) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate elect one of the following nominees to the Committee on Students with Disabilities. (The vacancy is for a faculty member from Science, and so all nominees are faculty members from Science.)**

**Motion Carried**

Emily Austen  
Michael Cormier  
Karen Crosby

Senate elected Karen Crosby to the committee.

**Motion 4: (J. Tomes/V. St. Pierre ) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate elect one of the following nominees to the Academic Information Technology Committee. (The vacancy is for a faculty member from Social Sciences, and so both nominees are faculty members from Social Sciences.)**

**Motion Carried**

Carla VanBeselaere  
Mario Levesque

Senate elected Mario Levesque to the committee.

**Motion 5: (J. Tomes/V. St. Pierre ) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate acclaim the following nominee to the Graduate Studies committee for a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2019:**

**Motion Carried**

Matt Betti

**Motion 6: (J. Tomes /V. St. Pierre ) The Committee on Committees moves that the following students be acclaimed to positions on the following committees for terms to begin immediately and end in May 2020:**

**Motion Carried**

Academic Appeals Committee: 2 students who are not on the Academic Integrity Committee, elected by the Senate

Mary Siobhan Doyle  
Jessica Vickery

Academic Information Technology Committee: 2 students, elected by the Senate

Mary Siobhan Doyle  
Kailey Wilock

Academic Integrity Committee: 2 students, elected by the Senate; 1 alternate student, elected by the Senate

Brandon Blakney  
Kailey Wilock  
Alternate – Sam Unger

Academic Matters Committee: 1 student, elected by the Senate

Kailey Wilock

Admissions and Readmissions Committee: 1 student, elected by the Senate

Caitlin O'Connor

Committee on Emeriti Appointments: 1 student, elected by the Senate

Mary Siobhan Doyle

Committee on Students with Disabilities: 1 student with a learning disability (selected by Director of the Meighen Centre); 1 student with a disability other than a learning disability (selected by Accessibility Services Coordinator)

Peter Gale

Sam Fischer

Graduation Review Committee: 1 student, elected by the Senate  
Brandon Blakney

International Programs Committee: 1 student who has been on an international exchange or study abroad program (nominated by the co-ordinators of international exchanges and study abroad programs), elected by the Senate  
Claire Genest

Research and Creative Activities Committee: 2 students, one from the Science faculty and one from the Arts/Social Science faculties, elected by the Senate  
Jessica Vickery (Science)  
Olivia Corrigan (Arts)

Scholarships and Bursaries Committee: 1 student, elected by the Senate  
Caitlin O'Connor

Teaching and Learning Committee: 2 students, elected by the Senate  
Olivia Corrigan  
Caitlin O'Connor

University Planning Committee: 2 students, elected by the Senate  
Sam Unger  
Brandon Blakney

Experiential Learning Committee: 1 student, elected by the Senate  
Olivia Corrigan

Honorary Degrees Committee: 1 student, elected by the Senate  
Jessica Vickery

Senate Agenda Committee: 1 student, elected by the Senate  
Sam Unger

**Motion 7: (J. Tomes/V. St. Pierre) The Committee on Committees moves that the following graduate student be acclaimed to a position on the Graduate Studies Committee for a term to begin immediately and end in May 2020:**

**Motion Carried**

Julia Campbell

**Motion 8: (J. Tomes/V. St. Pierre ) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate approve the following changes to the Terms of Reference for the International Programs**

## Committee.

### Motion Carried

#### 11. The International Programs Committee

- (i) Terms of Reference: The Committee will:
  - (a) review academic policies and standards bearing on the adoption, development, and operation of international programs and exchanges, and make recommendations for changes to the Senate as appropriate;
  - (b) make recommendations to the Senate on the adoption of new international programs and exchanges;
  - (c) advise the International Centre on guidelines for faculty, student and staff international exchanges, and for other programs that involve studying abroad;
  - (d) review standard protocols for transfer credit assessments and credit weighting systems at various international universities, and recommend changes to the Senate as appropriate
- (ii) Membership (8 members): 3 ex officio members

An Academic Dean

A staff representative of the International Centre designated by the Vice-President International and Student Affairs

The Registrar or designate

#### 5 elected members

Four faculty members **or librarians, at least two of whom are Faculty Contacts for International Programs** (~~two members at large and two who are also co-ordinators of international exchanges or study abroad programs and who have been nominated by the co-ordinators of exchanges and study abroad programs listed in the University Calendar~~), elected by the Senate

One student who has been on an international exchange or study abroad program (to be nominated by **the International Centre** ~~the co-ordinators of international exchanges and study abroad programs~~), elected by the Senate

**The Study Abroad & Exchange International Affairs Coordinator attends meetings as a resource person to the committee.**

Before October of each year the Committee will elect a chair, and the Committee on Committees will be informed. The Committee Chair is responsible for convening a meeting of the **Faculty Contacts for International Programs** ~~co-ordinators of exchanges and study abroad programs listed in the University~~

~~Calendar~~ at least once per year.

(iii) Quorum:

Two ex-officio members

At least three elected members

11.05.09 Election to the Committee on Committees

Following a Call for Nominations issued by the Secretary of Senate via email on April 3, 2019:

**Motion (C. Brett/F. Strain): That the following persons be elected to the Committee on Committees with a term commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.**

**Stephen Runge**

**Carla VanBeselaere**

12.05.09 Reports for Information

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

- Research Ethics Board
- Committee on Students with Disabilities
- Graduate Studies Committee
- University Planning Committee (Academic Unit Review Summaries)

G. Cruttwell asked whether the new tuition model in Graduate Studies would apply in 2019. A. Cockshutt answered that it would, provided that the Board of Regents approves the proposed budget.,

13.05.09 Discover Mount Allison

A. Cockshutt announced that Jesse Popp received a Tier II Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Environmental Science. She also noted that Mount Allison researchers received over \$1.2 million in funding from NSERC in recent competitions. Finally, she congratulated Stephen Westcott on being named to the Chemical Institute of Canada.

K. Meade announced that Mount Allison would be hosting the Interchange Conference for guidance and admissions councilors on May 15-17.

N. Farooqi announced the publication of Brad Walter's book *The Greening of St. Lucia*.

J. Tomes thanked colleagues Lisa Dawn Hamilton and Gene Ouellette for organizing the Science Atlantic Biopsychology Conference at Mount Allison.

S. MacIver thanked Janine Rogers for introducing the new ARTS 1991 course.

14.05.09      Other Business

S. Unger and N. Fry, on behalf of MASU, presented thank-you gifts to M. Truitt, S. MacIver, and C. Parker, all of whom are scheduled to leave Mount Allison over the upcoming summer. Senators added their appreciation via a round of applause.

J. Ollerhead reminded senators of the website containing information on External Reviews. He announced that Canadian Studies, Geography and Environment, and Fine Arts are currently preparing their self-studies. He also asked departments wishing to request tenure-track appointments to submit their requests to the University Planning Committee by Labour Day.

C. Parker thanked senators for their collegiality during her time as Registrar.

15.05.09      Adjournment

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm (V. St.Pierre/E. Patterson).

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett  
Secretary