

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
JOINT MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY COUNCIL

April 4, 2023, 4:00pm
via Microsoft Teams

Present via remote connection: N. Anthonisen, F. Antonelli, K. Bell, A. Beverley, L. Clark-Black, S. Chun, B. Clayton, A. Comfort, S. Dewolfe, J. Dryden, B. Evans, A. Fancy, S. Fanning, A. Francis, D. Hamilton, M. Hamilton, J. Hennessy (Chair), R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, K. Johnston, E. Jollimore, J. Kalyn, K. Keleher, L. Keliher, A. Koval, A. Kreuger, R. Lapp, A. Lepage, M. Levesque, I. Lirette, C. Lovekin, C. MacDougall, C. Major, V. Meli, R. Minocha-McKenney, A. Morash, R. Moser (Secretary), J. Mullen, 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: P. Brown, C. Down, G. Goodwin, O. Griffiths, L.-D. Hamilton, B. Jewett, L. Khattab, J. Kurek, L. Landon, J. Liefer, C. Milner, E. Stregger, D. Thomas

01.04.04 Territorial Acknowledgement

J. Hennessy 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.

02.04.04 Approval of agenda

The Chair signaled that Senator K. Johnston intended to add an *in camera* discussion and motion concerning the Honorary Degree recipients for the upcoming Convocation. This would require motion to waive the usual 48-hours notice for Senators of any motion, and then a motion to add an item to the agenda.

Motion (K. Johnston / M. Levesque): That Senate waive the 48hr notice required for motions, to accommodate adding to the agenda an *in camera* item with motion concerning honorary degrees.

Motion carried

Motion: (K. Johnston / M. Levesque): That Senate add to the agenda an *in camera* item with motion concerning honorary degrees.

Motion carried

The item was added to the present agenda as 8. Discussion concerning honorary degrees (with motion).

Motion (K. Bell / A. Beverley): that Senate adopt the agenda as modified.

Motion carried

03.04.05 Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the Minutes (Joint Meeting of Senate and Faculty Council, April 5, 2022)

b. Report from Committee on Committees (S. Runge)

There was no discussion.

04.04.04 Business arising from the minutes

No business arising.

05.04.4 Chair's remarks

The Chair noted that what R. Inglis was about to present wasn't a fully-baked budget. We are projecting a deficit and budgeting for 700 new students. Hennessy thanked R. Rubin and everyone who contributed to the recent Library Renovation engagement sessions. He congratulated five faculty on being promoted to Professor: Dr. S. Andrews, Dr. I. Battioro, Dr. V. Meli, Dr. D. Thomas, and Dr. T. MacCormack, each of whom impressed the committee with their outstanding dossiers.

06.04.04 Presentation on Budget Development and Future Budget Planning

R. Inglis noted that the presentation would be similar to the one delivered at the two town hall meetings held last week. The presentation is available on the Senate Teams site at:

[https://mountallison.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/Senate/Shared%20Documents/2022-23%20Meeting%20Materials/April/Joint%20Faculty%20Council-Senate%20\(4%20April%202023\).pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=kpxhUb](https://mountallison.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/Senate/Shared%20Documents/2022-23%20Meeting%20Materials/April/Joint%20Faculty%20Council-Senate%20(4%20April%202023).pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=kpxhUb)

The budget supports strategic initiatives. There is a projected deficit of \$2m by April 30, and an expected deficit for next year's budget as well. The government grant base will be increased by 2%. If we increase our enrollment by 2%, they increase their grant amount by another 1.5%. In real numbers, a 2% enrollment increase translates to 47 new students (as measured on October 1). Tuition is projected to rise by 3%, which is consistent with other regional universities. There are no reductions to departmental budgets, and in some cases efforts are made to increase non-labour operating budgets. The provincial increase in minimum wage is built into the budget. The Provost noted that we secured government funding to (i) support the THRIVE foundation course initiative and (ii) upgrade recruitment software.

07.04.04 Other business

There was no other business.

08.04.04 Discussion concerning honorary degrees (with motion)

Senate moved *in camera* for discussion.

09.04.04 Adjournment

Senators were reminded of the Faculty Council portion of the meeting in progress on a separate MS Teams channel. The meeting adjourned at 5:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Moser
Secretary