

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
Faculty Council Meeting Notes
Tuesday, October 30, 2018
4 pm
Cons 004 (The Band Room)

The meeting failed to achieve quorum and thus no motions were entertained.

Present: S. Andrews, L. Beck (Secretary), P. Berry, A. Beverley, A. Cockshutt (Chair *pro-tem*), J. Devine, N. Farooqi, C. Forstall, J. Holton, C. Ionescu, H. Lane, M. Lee, J. Martínez, K. Meade, E. Millar, R. Moser, C. Parker, B. Robertson, V. St. Pierre, E. Steuter, M. Truitt, and E. Wells.

Regrets: J-P. Boudreau, J. Ollerhead, and J. Rogers

Observers: A. Christie, S. Colette, and N. Fry (MASU),

1. Appointment of a Chair, *pro-tem*.

A. Cockshutt assumed the chair after consulting with the membership, none of whom objected.

2. Approval of the agenda.

No objections to proceeding with the agenda as circulated were aired.

2. Approval of the minutes of Sept. 18, 2018.

Comments and questions about the minutes were solicited; no corrections were received.

3. Report from the Chair.

A. Cockshutt shared some remarks and encouraged community to engage in the process to replace the director of research services as well as the early alert programme.

4. New selection process and advising for exchange students.

A. Christie circulated information at the meeting about the new model for the student selection, predeparture, and study abroad processes. Exchange advisors will no longer have the same role; instead, a faculty contact will assist with the student selection process and liaise as needed with the programme. The registrar's office will take care of assessing transfer credits in consultation with the departments. A. Christie welcomed faculty participation in the new study abroad process and encouraged members to be in touch should they wish to get involved, especially those with research or other ties abroad. A survey will be circulated to faculty shortly so that the study abroad office can better apprehend the extent of faculty ties abroad. A number of members sought clarification about the new model, how the registrar would manage transfer credits, and how studying abroad fit into degree programmes.

5. Student retention.

K. Meade announced that the university has struck a retention committee and has been collecting data about student retention, which makes our decisions with respect to retention data-informed, yet the reasons for lower retention rates this year are not yet known. The committee is reaching out to students who are not returning in order to discover why they chose not to continue. She passed around a list of resources that faculty can use to provide students with information on programmes that may help their success on campus. Several members offered suggestions concerning retention, which ranged from the existence of provincial incentives elsewhere in Canada that may incentivize students to transfer elsewhere, the impact of the late withdrawal policy, and whether students' parents were apprised of the programmes offered on campus to ensure student success.

6. Other business.

No new business arose.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.