

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

November 5, 2019, 4:00 p.m.  
Windsor Grand Room

Present: P. Berry, A. Beverley, B. Blakney, JP. Boudreau (Chair), C. Brett (Secretary), A. Cockshutt, O. Corrigan, J. Devine, J. Dryden, E. Edson, B. Evans, A. Fancy, N. Farooqi, C. Forstall, S. Garrett, D. Hamilton, L-D, Hamilton, K. Hele, J. Holton, C. Ionescu, D. Keeping, K. Meade, A. Nurse, C. O'Connor, J. Rogers, S. Runge, A. Solomon, E. Steuter, E. Titarenko, J. Tomes, S. Unger, J. Vickery, N. Vogan, B. Walters, K. Willock, W. Wilson

Regrets: F. Black, D. Hornidge, A. Grant, R. Inglis, L. Kern, D. Lieske, A. Nurse, J. Ollerhead, L. Ricker, V. St. Pierre

01.11.05 Land Acknowledgement

JP. Boudreau reminded senators that the meeting is taking place on the unceded ancestral lands of the Mi'kmaw people. He asked everyone to respect indigenous ways of seeing, teaching, and knowing.

02.11.05 Approval of the Agenda

**Motion (A. Cockshutt/E. Edson): that Senate adopt the Agenda as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

03.11.05 Approval of the Senate Minutes of October 15, 2019

**Motion (A. Cockshutt/N. Farooqi): that Senate adopt the Minutes of the meeting of October 15, 2019.**

**Motion Carried**

04.11.05 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

05.11.05 Report from the Chair

JP. Boudreau congratulated the organizers of the University Open House, which had a record attendance of more than 800 registered participants. He congratulated the Mount Allison Debating Team on winning the Maple League *Up for Debate* competition. He also congratulated the Football Mounties on reaching the AUS playoffs and thanked C. de St. Croix and M. Lombard for organizing a tailgate party (complete with donairs) for parents, family, and friends.

The President asked everyone to be mindful of mental health during the upcoming Fall Break. He also thanked everyone who participated in the Town Hall sessions and a meeting with MASU on the Strategic Framework.

JP. Boudreau announced the formation of the Search Committee for the Provost, consisting of K. Meade, N. Farooqi, S. Law, C. Inonsecu, M.E. Messinger, S. Garrett, J. Wright, M. Litvak, S. Unger and K. DeVere-Pettigrew. A website will be created to contain updates on the search. Knightsbridge Robertson Surette are the search consultants. A committee will be struck soon to search for a new Dean of Arts.

On the external front, JP. Boudreau attended the Universities Canada Conference, together with a Maple League pre-conference, during the week of October 28. He will also take part in the Workforce 2020 Summit in Moncton on November 12. The President also informed Senate that the University is holding talks with the Nova Scotia Community College system in the hopes of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding.

Finally, JP. Boudreau drew special attention to the following upcoming events:

1. A Teaching Workshop by Frances Garrett on November 6.
2. The University Commemoration of Remembrance Day on November 11.
3. A Social Impact and Community Engagement Roundtable on November 13.
4. Therapy Dogs on November 21
5. A Concert by Jeremy Dutcher in the Performing Arts Series on November 30.
6. The National Day of Remembrance of Action on December 6.

06.11.05 Report from the University Planning Committee

The committee gave no report.

07.11.05 Report from the Committee on Committees

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

**Motion 1: (J. Tomes /J. Dryden) that Senate acclaim the following nominees to the President's Advisory Committee for the Appointment of Named Academic Chairs.**

**Ralf Brüning  
Bob Rosebrugh  
Nancy Vogan**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion 2: (J. Tomes/S. Unger) that Senate approve the following changes to the Terms of Reference for The Committee on Students with Disabilities.**

8. The Committee on Students with Disabilities

- (i) Terms of reference
- (a) The Committee will:

- (1) review the Senate Policy on Students with Disabilities and make recommendations to the Senate for changes as appropriate;
  - (2) review the services available to students with disabilities and make recommendations to the appropriate bodies concerning improvement in these services;
  - (3) consult with other resource people, within and outside the University community, for advice on improving the environment for students with disabilities.
- (ii) Membership (9 ~~10~~ members, including 4 elected faculty and librarians):
- 3 ex-officio members:
- an academic dean
  - the Director, ~~of the Meighen Centre~~ **Accessibility and Student Wellness**, or designate (chair)
  - ~~the disability services coordinator~~ **Disability Services Advisor**
- 3 faculty, elected by the Senate, with representation from each faculty:  
1 librarian elected by Senate
- 1 student with a learning disability (selected by the ~~co-ordinator of The Meighen Centre~~ **Director, Accessibility and Student Wellness**), elected by the Senate  
1 student with a disability other than a learning disability (selected by the ~~disability services co-ordinator~~ **Director, Accessibility and Student Wellness**), elected by the Senate
- 1 student, current MASU Accessibility Representative, or designate**
- (iii) Quorum
- at least 1 ex-officio member
  - 2 elected faculty or librarians
  - 2 students

**Motion Carried**

J. Dryden spoke in favour of the changes. She noted the increase in the number of students on the committee, which she deemed consistent with the mandate of the committee.

0.8.11.05 Report from the Honorary Degrees Committee

**Motion (A. Cockshutt/S. Unger): that Senate go *in camera* for the purpose of considering candidates for honorary degrees.**

**Motion Carried**

Senate then considered candidates for honorary degrees.

**Motion (A. Cockshutt/S. Unger): that Senate move *ex camera*.**

**Motion Carried**

09.11.05      Calendar of Events

**Motion (S. Garrett/N. Farooqi): that Senate approve the Calendar of Events for 2020-2021 as circulated.**

**Motion Carried**

The proposed Calendar of Events is appended to these minutes.

A. Cockshutt asked why the Fall Break is much later in the term than is the Winter Break and whether students have views on where to position the Fall Break.

S. Unger noted that the MASU Executive has discussed the issue, but have not arrived at a consensus. Attaching the break to Thanksgiving seems too early, while attaching it to Remembrance Day seems too late.

E. Titarenko said that she thinks that the current placement of the Fall Break, coinciding with Remembrance Day, is too late in the term for it to serve its original purpose as a mental health break. She questioned whether it had to be attached to a long weekend.

S. Garrett noted that attaching the break to a long weekend minimizes the number of make-up days or other adjustments needed in the timetable.

J. Dryden noted that many other Canadian universities have breaks that do not coincide with long weekends. She remarked that Remembrance Day is not always on the same day of the week, so it will not always be MWF classes, for example, that are disrupted.

K. Meade noted that it would not be possible to change the timing of the Fall Break for 2020 because other elements of the Fall schedule, notably the University Open House, are already set and publicized.

S. Runge noted that an ad hoc Senate committee on the Fall Break had reported on the issue in recent years. C. Brett undertook to find the report of the ad hoc committee and to share it with the Registrar and MASU.

10.11.05      Reports for Information

Senate received the Report on Employment Equity (appended to these minutes). There were no questions or comments.

11.11.05 Discover Mount Allison

A. Cockshutt announced that the MPHEC has approved Mount Allison's BA in Cognitive Science program. She thanked Drs. R. Moser and G. Desmarais for preparing the submission.

N. Farooqi announced the finalization of an agreement with Moncton Flight College to launch the BComm Aviation program. He also announced partnership agreement with PSB Academy, Singapore. In addition, he informed Senate of the Canada's Outstanding CEO of the Year® Futures Fund Scholarship, an award that Mount Allison Commerce students have won three of the last then years.

E. Edson noted that the *Handmade Assembly*, a co-presentation of the Department of Fine Arts, the Owens Art Gallery, the Faucet Media Arts Centre, and Struts Gallery, will take place November 20-23. He invited everyone to attend the associated exhibits, workshops, and talks.

JP. Boudreau thanked P. Berry for attending the *Up For Debate* competition at Bishop's University and for coaching a business case competition the same weekend.

12.11.05 Other Business

There was no other business.

16.11.05 Adjournment

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm (J. Devine)

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett  
Secretary