

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

September 12, 2023, 4:00pm
Windsor Grand Room & Microsoft Teams (hybrid format)

Present: N. Anthonisen, F. Antonelli, C. Brett (Secretary), P. Brown, R. Bruening, B. Clayton, A. Comfort, J. Devine, S. Dewolfe, B. Evans, A. Fancy, A. Francis, C. Forstall, D. Hamilton, M. Hamilton, O. Hart, R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, K. Johnston, L. Keliher, L. Landon, R. MacKinnon (Chair), R. Majithia, C. Major, I. McCardle, V. Meli, L. Michaelis, R. Minocha-McKenney, G. Ouelette, T. Reiffenstein, R. Rubin, S. Runge, S. Scott, V. St. Pierre (Vice-Chair), J. Tomes, N. Vogan, B. Walters, A. Warr, W. Wilson

Guests: M. Hashemi, J. Liefer, A. Nurse, R. Pascoe Deslauriers, L. Pearce, G. Sandala, S. Strong

Regrets: B. Jewett, C. Pringle-Carver, B. Robertson, E. Steuter

01.09.12 Territorial Acknowledgement

R. MacKinnon 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.

02.09.12 Approval of agenda

Motion (V. St. Pierre / S. Scott): that Senate adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

03.09.12 Welcome

R. MacKinnon welcomed Senators to the meeting and thanked everyone for their willingness to serve.

04.09.12 Consent Agenda (V. St. Pierre/ J. Tomes)

- a. Approval of the minutes (May 11, 2023)
- b. Report from the Graduation Review Committee
- c. Report from the Admissions and Readmissions Committee
- d. Report from the Admissions and Readmissions Appeals Committee

Approved without discussion

05.09.12 Business arising from the minutes

No business arising.

06.09.12 Chair's remarks

R. MacKinnon thanked C. Brett for agreeing to be Secretary.

The president then informed Senate that preliminary enrollment counts show 740 new students and 2320 students in total, both numbers exceeding budget targets by 40.

The chair stated that he looks forward to learning more about Mount Allison and to meet the challenges of the University president.

07.09.12 Report from University Planning Committee (J. Hennessy)

V. St. Pierre reported that the committee has met once, to review its terms of reference and to outline procedures for position requests. The committee hopes to process requests quickly so that searches can begin early in the hiring cycle.

The Provost acknowledged receipt of a formal response from the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures to its external review. The Committee is preparing its response, which will be posted in due course.

M. Hamilton asked about the timeline for hiring decisions. V. St. Pierre responded that exact dates are not yet known but she hopes to announce decisions as soon as possible.

08.09.12 Report from the Academic Matters (Regulations Committee)

Motion (V. St. Pierre / C. Major): That Senate approve the following modifications to the 2023-2024 calendar of events: the addition of a day of no classes on Sept 29th to mark Truth and Reconciliation Day, the addition of December 6 as the last day of classes for WF classes, the addition of December 8 as the last day of classes for MWF and Friday-only classes, the modification of the exam period dates to December 11-20. Also, that Senate approves a change the 2024-25 Calendar of Events to mark September 30 as a day of no classes, but that the University remains open.

Motion carried (1 abstention, 1 nay)

P. Brown asked why the University is to remain open. V. St. Pierre answered that people need to be on campus to organize and attend events to mark Truth and Reconciliation Day.

L. Michaelis expressed concern that the content of this motion was conveyed to faculty members as a fait accompli before this vote. D. Hamilton noted that this information came after many faculty members had planned their courses.

V. St.-Pierre apologized for this day not being recognized in the version of the Academic Calendar approved by Senate last year.

M. Hamilton noted that this is the third consecutive year of last-minute additions of Truth and Reconciliation Day to the Calendar. V. St. Pierre noted that the current motion pertains to the 2023-24 and the 2024-25 calendars, so there should be no need for last-minute adjustments next year. R. MacKinnon encouraged Senate to be aware of this issue when the Calendar of Events next appears on its agenda.

D. Hamilton noted that the moving of the last day of exams to December 20 makes it difficult to ensure grades are submitted by December 23. V. St. Pierre acknowledged that this is a tight deadline and asked faculty to do their best.

09.09.12 Report from Committee on Committees

Motion (S. Runge/ C. Ionescu): The Committee on Committees moves that Senate acclaim Kevin Burke to the following Senate Committees for a term beginning immediately and until June 30, 2024:

The Committee on Students with Disabilities

The Teaching and Learning Committee

Motion (S. Runge/ C. Ionescu): The Committee on Committees moves that Senate acclaim the following students to the Committee on Students with Disabilities for a term beginning immediately and ending April 30, 2024:

Eli Wood

Grace Brown

Motion carried

S. Runge called for a nomination or a volunteer to fill a vacancy on the Senate Agenda Committee. In response to this call:

Motion (S. Runge/ C. Ionescu) that Senate acclaim Brad Walters to the Senate Agenda Committee for a term beginning immediately and until June 30, 2026.

Motion carried (1 nay)

10.09.12 Other Business

J. Devine asked for data on the number of students on academic suspensions and on reports of academic dishonesty. J. Tomes said that she would investigate what data might be available and report back.

V. St. Pierre invited senators to present notices of events and achievements in lieu of a Discover Mount Allison item. Starting in October, Discover Mount Allison will become part of the Consent Agenda, so that notices are circulated in a timelier manner.

A. Comfort informed Senate of the following events during Truth and Reconciliation Week.

- September 26, 6-8 p.m.: Screening of *Bones of Crows*
- September 28, 2 p.m.: CCDI webinar viewing and conversation, *Moving from reconciliation to reconciliACTION: Engaging and supporting Indigenous communities.*
- September 28, 6 p.m.: Talk by Elder in Residence, William Nevin
- September 29, 1-3 p.m.: Sweat Lodge Ceremony
- September 29, 1-3 p.m.: Screening of *Bones of Crows* (2nd viewing)

J. Tomes and R. Rubin informed Senate of the following awards to Mount Allison faculty members.

- SSHRC Insight Development Grants awarded in June 2023 to Lauren Beck (VMCS) *Visualizing Far-Right Groups through Medievalism and Early Modernism* (\$73,509 +\$10,000 DND supplement) and Alison Connor (PSYC) *Exploring socioemotional correlates of younger and older adults' lie-telling: A multi-methodological approach* (\$70,632)
- SSHRC Partnership Engage Grant (1/1) awarded in August to Ardath Whynacht (SOC1) *Visualizing Care: Creative Placemaking & Visions of Care in Rural Healthcare Spaces* (\$24,870) – partner: Tantrammar Rural Health Action Group
- NBIF Talent Recruitment Fund award to M. Eric Dusenge (BIOL) (\$55k)

J. Tomes also informed Senate of the talk on September 21 by Tara Fraser, CEO of Iskeww Air, as part of the Ron Joyce Presents series.

S. Scott announced that the Pride Flag will be raised on campus September 14-20 as part of Pride Week. MASU will also be participating in Pride Parade, scheduled for September 16, weather permitting.

R. MacKinnon congratulated Dr. Lauren Beck on her election to the Royal Society of Canada 2023 College of New Scholars, Artists, and Scientists. He then reminded senators of the Summer Undergraduate Research Fair, to be held on September 15. Finally, he invited faculty to a Faculty Meet and Greet at Hammond House on September 25

11.09.12 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm, as moved by M. Hamilton

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett
Secretary