

President's Council

Meeting Notes

January 16, 2019

Present: K. MacDonald, K. Brebner, J. MacDonald, M. Kyte, A. Beckett, T. Hynes, K. Wamsley, R. Isnor, T. Buksaitis, L. Lawrence, J. Orr, K. Bell, J. Webber

Regrets: M. Melchin

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of December 5, 2018 were approved.
3. Academic Update
Applications for admission are up slightly compared to last year. Confirmations and residence numbers are on par with last year.
4. Capital Projects Update
The Mulroney Hall mechanical and electrical work is in progress. The Nicholson Tower renovation is coming along well and the Therapy Space will be completed in February. As an IT systems update, online Banner forms are not yet accessible but within two weeks everything will be operational.
5. Landscape Master Plan
The purpose of the master plan is to set protocols for integrating landscape across campus, assuring landscape is complimentary to the buildings, and it will set standards to create a common look and feel.
6. Proposal Masters in Computer Science
The proposed program will be a course based master's degree. Students will be able to compete the degree in 16 months. The proposal is in line with the Strategic Plan and the Internationalization Strategy as approved by APP. President's Council unanimously approved the development of this plan.
7. 2019-2020 Budget Briefing
The draft budget for 2019-20 was reviewed. Key assumptions used to prepare the budget were discussed as well as targeted investments being made to support strategic initiatives. The budget will be presented to the Finance Committee and then the Board at meetings coming up in February.
8. Sexualized Violence Task Force - Update
President's Council discussed the formation of the Sexualized Violence Task Force and decided to communicate an update to campus.
9. Schwartz School and NSCC Update
The Schwartz School and NSCC have agreed upon a four-year program, which would allow students with a certificate from NSCC to obtain a BBA from StFX.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Lawrence