

President's Council

Meeting Notes

September 13, 2016

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

Regrets: J. Webber

1. Agenda was approved.

2. The minutes of August 30th, 2016 were approved.

3. Business arising – Website Update

Murray provided an update on the rebuilding of stfx.ca. This is the #1 recruitment tool for StFX. Testing will continue until the launch in October and faculty will be provided opportunities to preview the site and provide feedback.

4. President's Report

Dr. MacDonald provided an update regarding Minister Regan's upcoming visit to StFX for two important announcements, and updates on his recent meetings with Mr. Mulroney and Mr. Schwartz.

5. Capital Projects

PC received an update on the summer maintenance program, the funding for the Mulroney Institute of Government, the unsuccessful bid for funding for the green energy project and the concept plans for recreation health and wellness. PC also discussed future naming opportunities for Lane Hall.

6. Overview of Start-up and Orientation

PC reviewed the feedback from Welcome Day and Orientation Week: there were many positive comments about the food and the informative presentations, long but expected waits for advising and the events were well attended by students. PC discussed reducing wait time on Welcome Day, the timing of the faculty event, and assessing the living arrangements for athletes prior to Welcome Day.

7. Mulroney (MIG) Update

PC received an update on the plans for announcements this fall.

8. Board of Governors Agenda

PC discussed the agenda for the meeting on September 30th, new director orientation, touring the Mount and the board dinner. The board members attending their first meeting in September are Chief Prosper, Frank van Schaayk and Judy Steele.

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9. Enrolment Update

PC received a report on enrolment as of September 8th. It is looking quite good as it is up overall compared to last year, but down slightly for new students. PC discussed strategies to address the issue of some fourth year students not graduating.

10. Emergency Response Plan

PC received an update on this plan created by FM for responding to different types of incidents. This project is being coordinated with RCMP and Town and County officials. The main purpose is to provide education in terms of roles and responsibilities for such incidents.

11. MSB and Rankin School of Nursing Update

PC reviewed the plans for the Rankin School of Nursing official opening on September 26th and the MSB grand re-opening event on September 29th.

12. Sexualized Violence Policy – update

PC discussed the process for the development of this policy which had been reviewed by the Policy Oversight Committee, lawyers and the Working Group on Sexualized Violence.

13. Committee on Indigenization

PC discussed the process for indigenizing academic programing. There is a concept paper being developed which will be brought to PC by the end of the term. It is possible the process will follow the same procedure as a program change. PC discussed strategies for to address non-academic university indigenization with a holistic and comprehensive approach.

14. Announcements

- There will be a timetable review on September 12th
- The Student Success Centre opens September 14th
- The Leadership Summit will be on September 24th

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence