

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

February 7, 2023, 4:00pm  
Windsor Grand Room & Microsoft Teams (hybrid format)

Present: N. Anthonisen, F. Antonelli, K. Bell, A. Beverley, J-P. Boudreau (Chair), L. Cl 0 g0 G[M.]9( Leve)10(sque)JTJET

Regrets: A. LePage

Guests: J. Mullen

01.02.07 Territorial Acknowledgement

J-P. Boudreau read the official territorial acknowledgment written by Elders and the Indigenous Advisory Circle as follows:

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.

02.02.07 Approval of agenda

**Motion (R. Rubin / K. Bell): that Senate adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried**

03.02.07 Consent Agenda  
Approval of the minutes (10 Jan., 2023)

There was no discussion.

04.02.07 Business arising from the minutes

No business arising.

05.02.07

The Chair reported on some progress toward recovery for the student who was struck by the car in

Our thoughts are with students and staff who have any loved ones in Turkey and Syria in the ongoing aftermath of the earthquake that affected regions in both countries.

The Sexual Violence Prevention Policy was passed by the Board last Friday. An important milestone has been reached. The Chair thanked the many staff, students, faculty, and board members involved in developing the Policy.

Since last Senate meeting there has been an exciting announcement concerning the renovations to the RP Bell Library and Archives. The Federal government and the New Brunswick provincial government have committed together to contributing \$36 million toward the renovations. It is the largest contribution from

the Dean of Libraries and Archives and the Head of Facilities Management, to review the scope of the project and ensure everything is within budget.

The Chair signaled many events of note on campus in February, including multiple events connected to Black History Month, Healthy Relationships Week, and the upcoming Sweetest Little Thing.

#### 06.02.07 Report from University Planning Committee (J. Hennessy)

The Planning Committee met yesterday and discussed program review reports for Biology and for Economics. Each was a very positive review, and each cited resource issues as areas for growth and improvement. The virtual site visit for Modern Languages, Literatures and Cultures began today.

resources. Even merely balancing the budget just gets us to supporting existing programs, leaving nothing for additions or development. The Provost expressed some concern with how we go about planning,

- The Provost suggested it may help for programs to think about doing what members want to do, what makes faculty and students happy, and playing to strengths. That sort of ground-up approach to curricu-500511gg 1 134hguQu9( i1 134hgu11(m)-4(en)9(t)s(he )9(m)-6(a3(s)ba7e)8(h )11(t

An approach to that problem is to develop programs where points of contact and collaboration amongst existing programs are possible. The Provost closed by indicating that he attended a conference recently that convinced him the demand for general liberal arts degrees is on the rise in the United States, with less restriction and specialization. Mount Allison does this superbly well, and is poised to be on the crest of that wave of renewal. The President noted that the

J. Dryden said \_\_\_\_\_, and agreed with K. Bell that Faculty Council would be a good place for discussions of potential program collaborations. Speaking from experience, Dryden said it is possible but challenging for her small department (Philosophy) to contribute to a lot of other programs. Dryden noted the new HLTH program was built with interdisciplinarity in mind, but \_\_\_\_\_ For some innovative programs to exist and grow as planned the university needs to invest in them.

M. Levesque \_\_\_\_\_ that perhaps we need to be more critical about choosing new pro \_\_\_\_\_ Levesque said he was on a recent review team for a policy program which had been approved with a complement of 5 faculty, and they are currently still working with a single initial faculty member struggling to offer the program.

\_\_\_\_\_ He recalled that Senate used to reject a lot of program proposals, precisely with an eye to tensions between new growth and preserving existing programs. It is work Senate has been capable of doing very well. He said he agrees broadly with the \_\_\_\_\_ we are offering, what we are trying to offer, and why.

V. Meli \_\_\_\_\_ certainly help some people make these sorts of structural estimations of their programs. The Provost agreed, and thanked everyone for engaged discussion.

07.02.07 \_\_\_\_\_ Report from Academic Matters, Curriculum & Academic (J. Hennessy)

**Motion (J. Hennessy / V. St. Pierre): To treat the changes proposed to programs by the Academic Matters, Curriculum & Academic report for this meeting as omnibus.**

**Motion carried**

**Motion (J. Hennessy / V. St. Pierre): The Academic Matters, Curriculum & Academic Committee moves that Senate approve the changes to Computer Science and Music, the Certificate in Arts Administration, Biology, Philosophy, History, and Canadian Studies, as described in the report for the 2023-24 academic calendar.**

**Motion carried**

08.02.07 \_\_\_\_\_ Discover Mt.A

V. St. Pierre announced the following items:

Dr. Ilaria Battiloro has been cho \_\_\_\_\_ (Ontario & Québec) lecture tour for the coming year.

Dr. Barbara Scarfo (Classics) is giving a public lecture on Representations of Mothers and Infants on Classical Attic Funerary Monuments, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm at the Owens Gallery.

*Bernie Langille Wants*

09.02.07      Other business

There was no other business.

10.02.07      Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Moser  
Secretary