

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

March 15, 2022, 4:00pm
via Microsoft Teams

Present via remote connection: N. Anthonisen, K. Bell, A. Beverley, B. Blakney, J-P. Boudreau (Chair), C. Burke, B. Clayton, A. Comfort, H. Crouse, G. Desmarais, T-A. Dixon, B. Evans, A. Fancy, S. Fanning, N. Farooqi, D. Fleming, D. Hamilton, L-D. Hamilton, J. Hennessy (Vice-Chair), R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, K. Johnston, J. Kalyn, S. Keller, L. Kern, A. Koval, A. Kreuger, L. Landon, R. Lapp, A. Lepage, M. Levesque, D. Lieske, M. Litvak, C. Lovekin, G. MacLean-de Stecher, R. Majithia, C. Major, V. Meli, M-E. Messinger, N. Milliea, R. Minocha-McKenney, R. Moser (Secretary), J. Mullen, C. Pringle-Carver, B. Robertson, S. Runge, E. Steuter, E. Penton, V. St. Pierre, K. Stentaford, J. Tomes, N. Vogan, W. Wilson

Observers: P. Berry, J. Devine, L. Hawthorne, K. Hele, G. Sandala, L. Shumka,

Regrets: L. Garnett

01.03.

03.03.15 Approval of the minutes (8 February, 2022)

The Chair noted that a web link to his statement on divestment would be added to the minutes as an amendment.

Motion (B. Evans / H. Crouse): that Senate adopt the minutes of the meeting of 8 February, 2022 as amended.

Motion carried

04.03.15 Business arising from the minutes

The Chair offered an update on the statement on divestment. He said Mt.A. has engaged Mercer to better understand what other Canadian universities are doing concerning divestment. Some initial observations: some have committed to divestment, some have committed to ESG principles, some are having discussions about investment management, and all take fiduciary and legal duties seriously. The Mercer study will review and form a best-in-class approach for Mt.A. The Chair is also in a working group of university presidents across the country on this matter.

05.03.15 Chair's remarks

COVID-19

Yesterday there was a change toward dropping many COVID regulations in New Brunswick. Mt.A. will continue to stay with all COVID measures until April 30. There are 61 active cases reported, all are in contact and following protocol. The Chair issued a strong plea not to become complacent, but to stay the course, follow protocols, be mindful & look out for one another in the community.

Enrollment

Applications and deposits look good, and we're tracking ahead of last year, and in some cases tracking ahead of 2019. The Chair congratulated everyone on a great Open House, with great faculty lectures and great engagement from students.

Budget

The Budget Development Group is working on a post-COVID budget. There are far more requests than funds, which is always a challenge. The BDG is being strategic, mindful of supporting areas that have been historically under-supported. There is a strategic pathway to grow the institution and maintain a long-term sustainable budget. Some 'community conversations' about the budget will begin next week.

Ukraine

The Chair referenced a statement emailed to the Mt.A. community on March 3rd, and reiterated that Mount Allison stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine. He made note of the blue and yellow lighting on the PCCA sign at the edge of campus, and of the Ukraine flag now flying.

Mountie Day

The Chair signaled the 8th annual Mountie Day coming up on March 31st, and he gave a shout out and thank-

Teaching and Learning Committee

VACANCY: 1 student - **Emma Penton**

Motion carried

Motion: (S. Runge / V. St. Pierre) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate acclaim the following nominee to the committee indicated for a term commencing immediately, and ending June 30, 2023.

The Committee on Students with Disabilities

VACANCY: 1 faculty member from the Faculty of Social Sciences

Christiana MacDougall

Motion carried

11.03.15 Report from Committee on Emeritus Appointments

R. Moser informed Senate that Dr. Michael Fox will be awarded the title of Professor Emeritus, effective as of its official announcement at Convocation 2022. J.-P. Boudreau drew attention to many accolades and virtual clapping appearing in the Teams windows and chat.

12.03.15 Discover Mt.A

V. St. Pierre congratulated MUSC on many recent events, noting Graham Johnson, Dory Hayley, and Stephen Runge. St. Pierre congratulated Dr. S. Andrews and the EXPL office for securing funding contributing to student experiential learning. St. Pierre noted a 'Back to the 90s' alumni poetry event in ENGL. R. Lapp echoed St. Pierre's plug of the poetry reading, and pasted a link in the Teams chat for the 3rd Faculty of Arts Speakers Series. St. Pierre also mentioned the Tintamarre production 'Mascarade' running March 16th-19th.

J. Tomes congratulated recent MSc graduate Madeline Power on receiving a national graduate student merit award. Tomes plugged the final Presi s d the fina (

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