



## Report to Faculty Regarding the First Regular University Senate Meeting October 6, 2021

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### Reports Given:

- Chair of Senate
- Academic Vice-President (Acting)
- University Registrar
- University Librarian
- Deans
  - Arts
  - Business
  - Education
  - Science (Acting)

### Motions Carried:

#### 1. Motions from the VP Academic:

- i. Move that the CAR Report for Math and Statistics be approved by Senate. **Passed**
- ii. Move that the annual March 1 deadline to apply for Entrance Scholarships [scholarships based on final Grade 12 averages] be eliminated. Eligibility for guaranteed entrance scholarships will be determined upon receipt of a student's **confirmation of acceptance** to the University and receipt of their official Grade 12 final transcript. [The March 1st deadline for the University's Major Scholarships, and all other eligibility requirements, will remain. Regulations regarding subsequent retention of Entrance Scholarships will also be unchanged]. **Passed**

#### 2. Motions from the Associate Vice-President Research and Graduate Studies:

- i. Move that CSCI 5XX: Machine Learning Design be approved. **Passed**
- ii. Move that CSCI 5XX: Mobile Robotics be approved. **Passed**

#### 3. Motions from the Deans:

- i. Dean of Arts:

1. Move that **HIST 2xx** (three credits) – **History for the People?: An Introduction to Public History** be approved. **Passed**
  2. Move that the proposal from the Interdisciplinary **AQUA program** to eliminate the 65% progression rule be approved. **Passed**
  3. Move that the proposal from the Interdisciplinary **AQUA Program** for an open enrollment in AQUA 100 and AQUA 200 level courses for all StFX student be approved. **Passed**
- ii. Dean of Science:
1. Move that **Biology 4XX** (Animal Minds) be approved. **Passed**
    - Some discussion was had regarding the lack of indigenous content, and some members voted against the motion. Approval was not unanimous.
  2. Move that **Physics 252** (Digital Signal Processing for Scientists and Engineers) be approved. **Passed**

#### **4. Motions from VP Students:**

- i. All current students in their first year of an undergraduate program at StFX will be required to complete the non-credit Xaverian Community Foundations Certificate prior to registration for courses in the 2022-23 academic year. Moved by Senator Yeo, and seconded by Senator Hynes, **Passed**.
- ii. All new students entering an undergraduate degree program at StFX for the 2022-23 academic year will be required to complete the non-credit Xaverian Community Foundations Certificate prior to registration for courses in their second year. Moved by Senator Yeo, seconded by Senator Hynes, **Passed**

#### **Elections:**

- i. Equity Advisory Committee: Wendy Mackey, (July 2021 to June 2024). **Elected**
- ii. Senate Committee on Academic Discipline: Christine Lomore, (July 2021 to June 2024). **Elected**
- iii. Committee on Honorary Degrees: Brad Long, (July 2021 to June 2023). **Elected**
- iv. Vice-Secretary of Senate: Kailin Wright, (July 2021-June 2022). **Elected**