

President's Council

Meeting Notes

December 5, 2017

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

Regrets: K. Brebner

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of November 7th were tabled.
3. Capital Projects
The steel pillars of Mulroney Hall are being constructed. The Board of Governors will approve the contract for the Nicholson Tower renovation at an upcoming meeting. Proposals may be requested for a landscape architect for Mulroney Hall and campus, and the Oland Centre stadium work will be completed by the summer of 2018.
4. Board of Governors Update
The next meeting will be December 6th and it will be a regular meeting including the President's Update, the Finance Update.
5. Budget
A draft of the 2018-2019 budget is in progress. There are three main revenue streams therein: endowment, enrolment and government funding.
6. Enrolment update
The enrolment report for the President's council has a new format which will offer the potential to explore specific recruitment plan for particular faculties.
7. Coady and Extension Update
Coady initiated an educational program review this year, and launched an institutional strategy for 2017-2022. During an overview of barriers for Coady participants, the issue of visas and economics were revealed as the most prominent barriers. The new Centre for Employment Innovation program met with employers from across the province for training on successfully engaging employees from diverse backgrounds
8. Giving Day Update
On November 28th StFX introduced its first "Giving Tuesday". A total of \$135,000 was donated for student financial aid, through 344 gifts, 189 of which were new donors.
9. Alcohol Policy Update
StFX Student Life reevaluated its alcohol policy and provided new guidelines which designated specific residence lounges where alcohol would be permitted (as well as alcohol free spaces and lounge rules). Compared to previous years, the new policy resulted in a considerable decline of conduct notices and alcohol related hospital visits.

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10. X Ring and Convocation Update

Both events were very successful and ran under the expected time frame, as a result of continuous improvement. On December 3rd, 871 X rings were issued and a record number of family and friends attended the event.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence