

President's Council

Meeting Notes

February 1, 2017

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

1. The agenda was approved.

2. The minutes of January 17, 2017 were approved.

3. Business Arising

The President's Council (PC) will receive a required Health and Safety Presentation February 28, 2017.

4. President's Report

The Recruitment and Admissions Report of January 23rd, 2017 was reviewed. PC will continue to review and monitor enrolment and retention.

5. Capital Projects

The Oland Centre main gymnasium floor and bleachers renovation will take place this spring. This investment will be solely financed through fundraising.

6. Government Funding Initiatives

Joe MacDonald provided PC with an update on Provincial and Federal opportunities which may support university initiatives.

7. B.Ed./NSTU Update

Students in Education programs in Nova Scotia may not be able to meet their practicum requirements for graduation this May, due to the work to rule action by NSTU. StFX and four other universities are seeking a decision on whether the NS Education Act allows student teaching under work to rule.

8. Strategic Priorities

The executive is developing a priorities framework document which translates the goals and objectives of the strategic plan into initiatives that will be undertaken in the 2017-2018 year. This document will be presented to the Board of Governors at their February meeting.

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9. Budget Update

The 2017-2018 budget was reviewed by the Budget and Finance committees. Compared to last year's budget it is more cautious in terms of assumptions. The draft version has a deficit of \$750,000.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence