

President's Council

Meeting Notes

October 10, 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

Regrets: P. Hauf, K. Brebner

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of September 21st and 27th were tabled.
3. Business Arising: none
4. Capital Projects
The foundation for Mulrone Hall is being poured and the building will be fully enclosed by April 2018, the renovations in the Main Gym are almost complete and construction for Nicholson Tower renovations will begin May 2018.
5. IT Project Planning
The current IT services were reviewed by focus groups, then a strategic plan with seven themes and 60 initiatives was drafted with the goal of creating achievable timelines. The factors used to determine the priorities for the annual IT projects include: budget considerations, legality, risk issues, ROI and the complexity of the project. Some of the upcoming projects include a security review and new platforms for departmental websites.
6. Board of Governors Meeting
The next Board of Governors meeting will be October 26 and 27. The meeting will include an orientation session for new board members as well as a session on residence and academic programming, and a student mixer. The focus of the board meeting will be finances, enrolment, and capital projects.
7. Enrolment Numbers and Enrolment Planning
There is a strong intake for the new Arts and Science degree in Health. Transfer numbers are up by 30%. Retention from first to second year is at 80%, on par with last year. There is a trend of shifting from full time to part time, and part time numbers overall are increasing over the last several years.
8. Reconciliation Process
The committee on reconciliation is reviewing: academic programming, impact of StFX on communities, the Elder in Residence program, Elders Advisory Council and receiving feedback from Indigenous communities. Chiefs and community representatives met in August to create an advisory committee, which will meet three times a year. There will also be a committee for academic programs, and a third for student success. All three will be in alignment with the AAU principles and StFX Strategic Plan.

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9. AAU Thirteen Principles Update

The AAU created thirteen principles as part of their Truth and Reconciliation Action plan. This provided StFX with a framework to assess its progress and StFX has provided AAU with responses to each of the principles.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence