

President's Council

Meeting Notes

August 30, 2016

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

Regrets: A. Beckett, J. Orr

Invited Guests: J. Fox, M. Gaudet, H. MacGregor

1. Agenda was approved.

2. The minutes of June 7th and June 22nd were approved.

3. Business arising (*none*).

4. Capital Projects (*tabled*)

5. Coady Update

PC received an update on Coady diploma and certificate programs including the Indigenous Women's Leadership Program and the Global Change Leadership Diploma Program. Coady is currently developing a Strategic Plan with five overarching goals. This plan will bring definition to the educational programing and will be finalized in November.

6. Enrolment and Retention

PC discussed the enrolment report. The domestic conversion rate is better than last year but overall the Atlantic provinces are sending fewer students to university. Only 50% of grade 12 students attend university, 10% of whom attend StFX. PC discussed international growth strategies and the possibility of connecting recruiters with Coady staff and participants.

7. President's Breakfast

PC reviewed the plans for the President's Breakfast which will kick off the year and look to the future.

8. Integrated Planning

Integrated budgeting is related to strategy and that strategy is related to planning. This year, templates will be circulated for departments to provide reports. These reports will inform budget decisions (for example, with respect to faculty complements, courses, teaching spaces and equipment needs). By year three and four it will be a more comprehensive process as information from past and current years will assist planning.

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9. BAsC in Climate and Environment

PC received the Concept Proposal and Academic Plan for a Climate and Environment Program from the Academic Vice President, on behalf of the Faculties of Arts and Science. This dual degree strengthens the arts and science relevance of the program as it examines both climate and environment with a science and policy perspective. The program will rely on courses already in place and has received very good feedback from students. This Concept Proposal was approved by Academic Planning and Priorities. PC approved the academic plan outlining the practical and fiscal feasibility of the proposed Climate and Environment Program.

10. Orientation Update

PC reviewed the plans for orientation, international welcome and welcome week.

11. Financial System Update

PC received an update on the migration to the new financial system which is mostly working well.

12. Proposed International Travel Policy

PC reviewed a new proposed International Travel Policy which was developed by a committee including representation from finance, faculty and administration. The purpose of the policy is the protection of employees and students. The policy will require all institutional travel to be registered in a common database and that staff, faculty and students communicate their intentions prior to traveling. PC discussed the different levels of risk for different traveling groups, approving the destination as opposed to the accommodations or travel arrangements and the requirement of some funding organizations that such a policy be in place. The policy will be revised and brought back to PC.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence