

# President's Council

## Meeting Notes

December 5, 2018

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

**Regrets:** K. Bell, J. Webber

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 were approved.
3. Academic Update  
The President's Council noted the great work by many in preparing for convocation; despite the technical challenges they faced this this fall. The Registrar's office will provide an update on new applications to the President's Council in two weeks. The Schwartz Foundation scholarships, bursaries and research internships are being made available this year.
4. Capital Projects Update  
The tentative date of June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 will be the grand opening of Mulroney Hall. Martha Drive will have to be closed when the stairs are installed on the slope in the coming weeks. The walk way and stairs will be accessible by February. Nicholson Tower is proceeding very well.
5. Sexual Violence Task Force  
A working committee provided recommendations to the President's Council regarding scope and composition of task force. The Working Committee was comprised of: Andrew Beckett, Jeff Orr, Karen Brebner, Richard Isnor, Margie MacKinnon and Lucille Harper. Their recommendation is that the task force be small in number and that its members be independent from the University. The following backgrounds for the members was also recommended: someone with a university/legal background, a female with Women's and Gender Studies background and a recent female graduate. The task force will be initiated January 2019.
6. CRC Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan  
The President's Council reviewed and discussed the draft copy of the revised StFX Canada Research Chairs, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan which will be implemented December 15, 2018. The Federal Government will review all Canadian university plans next year.
7. Regalia Update  
The President's Council reviewed a proposal for clothes, stoles, or hoods for graduating students of African descent. The President's Council decided it was important to have wider engagement with student advisors and community leaders before taking it to Senate. They also discussed the hood design for the Bachelor of Arts and Science in Health and Climate programs.

Respectfully submitted,  
L. Lawrence