

President's Council

Meeting Notes

January 16, 2018

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

Regrets: P. Hauf, J. Orr, T. Hynes

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of December 19th, 2017 were approved.
3. Capital Projects
 - a. Mulroney Hall construction is on time and on budget. The Classroom Committee is active and consultation is continuing,
 - b. The next Oland Centre project includes renovating the bleachers and an expansion behind the pool. This will be completed by summer 2018. The varsity locker room will be renovated next year.
4. Nicholson Tower Update

A contractor has been selected for the Nicholson Tower renovation, which will include staining the bricks in addition to, window, mechanical and electric replacements.
5. Sexualized Violence Policy

After a review of the Code of Conduct Policy, some changes and clarification of the Sexualized Violence Policy were required in order to improve the processes therein. Those changes were approved by the Sexualized Violence Committee. President's Council reviewed and approved of the changes. Going forward, the policy will be reviewed by the committee annually.
6. Q3 Update and Budget Development

The draft budget for next year contains a three-million-dollar deficit.
7. Residence Changes

President's Council reviewed the merits of co-ed residences and the recommendations from consultants regarding improvement and enhancements for StFX residences.
8. Residence Confirmations

Residence numbers continue to trend positively. New student numbers are up approximately 130 from previous year. Returning student numbers are down by approximately 80. This is a direct result of having less students living in residence in the current year.
9. Enrolment Update

Nova Scotia "direct from high school" applications have improved compared to last year. The focus going forward is on increasing applicant pool. The update noted that there are almost as many tours conducted for students from Ontario as there are for Nova Scotians.

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10. Student Union Referendum Update

Next week students will be asked to vote for their Student Union President and Vice President. They will also be asked if they support a capital levy of \$125 per student for the next ten years to maximum of five million dollars to support the renovation and expansion of the fitness centre. Two open houses are planned to discuss the proposal and the referendum.

Respectfully submitted,
L. Lawrence