

President's Council

Meeting Notes

June 22, 2016

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

Regrets: J. Webber, P. Hauf, A. Beckett

Invited Guests: J. Fox, M. Gaudet, C. Gillis

1. Agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of June 7th were tabled.
3. Business arising (*none*).
4. Website Update
PC received an update on the process of redesigning the StFX website (the current version is no longer supported). This project began last summer and will go live in August. The new design will include 100 department sites in order to achieve a consistent look and feel. "My StFX" will be enhanced and a personalized page will offer a hub for all internal communications. The new design will also integrate with salesforce and other data management activities.
5. Convocation Feedback
PC reviewed the results of a convocation survey conducted by the Advancement Department. The survey results addressed: the timing and length of the graduation ceremony, the Xaverian Farewell, faculty awards and the Graduation Mass and proposed areas for improvement. PC will follow up on feedback in September.
6. Welcome Week and Orientation
PC received a briefing on the plans for Welcome Week. PC discussed strategies for making the orientation process, pancake breakfast and X games more interactive, more international and more inclusive.
7. Enrolment and Retention
The numbers for students straight from high school were encouraging. International enrolment is holding, and limited enrolment programs are on target.
8. Report on Internationalization
PC received a report from the Manager of Internationalization. The data is still being analyzed but the campus culture of recruitment strategies will shift to a more broad

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approach. Access to grades and retention rates will help with decision making. Policies are being developed regarding international travel, service providers and risk management. Campus culture needs to address any barriers or push back regards to diversity and special services, starting with multi- faith services and cultural activities and language services. It also needs to address increased services prior to recruiting. The center for internationalization is tentatively planned to open fall of 2017.

9. X Ring and Campus Store

This project has been in development for two years. The enhancements will include the sale of X rings with the profits going to the Xaverian fund. Students will receive certification and history of The X Ring with their purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence