

President's Council

Meeting Notes

November 20, 2018

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

Regrets: K. Bell, J. Webber

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of October 16th and November 5th, 2018 were approved.
3. Academic Update
Due to StFX network issues, there are challenges with registration for second term courses. Banner will be available soon. Admissions is still able to receive online applications and match them to hard copy transcripts.
4. Capital Projects Update
The therapy space at Oland Centre will be completed by March 2019. Facilities Management is working on the heating and cooling system in Immaculata Hall. Mulroney Hall and Nicholson Tower construction is progressing well.
5. Board of Governors Meetings
The next Board meeting will be a conference call on December 5th, prior to, the Finance, Executive and Investment committees will hold meetings.
6. 2018-2019 Budget
The 2018-2019 budget is on target and the 2019-2020 has forecasted a 3.4 million dollar deficit.
7. Sexual Violence Prevention Task Force
The working group has recommended to the President's Council that the Task Force consist of three members: a person with a university legal background, a female person with a background in the field sexual violence prevention, and a recent female graduate. They will convene in January and after a discovery and consultation period will issue a report next fall, followed by implementation work.
8. International Recruitment Update
Dr. Wamsley and Dr. MacDonald recently returned from Mexico where a recruitment foundation is being built with the assistance of a full time Mexico based employee. There are also two strategies in place for recruitment from India, and an ongoing relationship with Changzhou University in China.

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9. Leadership Council Meeting

The next StFX Leadership Council meeting will be held on December 11th and will take place at Friends United International Center in Cape Breton.

10. Homecoming Athletics

The President's Council discussed the upcoming 50th anniversary of the X Men and X Women becoming part of StFX University. Advancement and Athletics will build a strategy for a stronger profile of women's sports.

11. Canada Research Chairs – Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan

The President's Council received a brief update regarding the development of a revised Canada Research Chairs Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Plan, which requires StFX to have women in 33% of its Chair positions. StFX is already in compliance with this requirement. The federal requirements for these plans also requires the University to set broader action plan requirements pertaining to overall workplace equity, diversity and inclusion planning. A full draft of the revised plan will be provided to the President's Council before the December 15th submission deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence