

# President's Council

Minutes

October 8 2019

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**Present:** K. Wamsley, M. Kyte, G. Cunningham, J. MacDonald, T. Hynes, K. Brebner, R. Isnor, T. Buksaitis, K. Bell, J. Orr, A. Fox, T. Boyle, L. DeLorey

**Regrets:** A. Beckett

1. The agenda was approved with the addition of; "Questions from the Floor" at the conclusion of the President's report
2. The minutes of September 24, 2019 were approved
3. Business Arising
  - Jeff discussed The Jeannine Deveau scholarship fund. Tim elaborated on the need to create better awareness of the fund
  - Kevin suggested an Open House for Indigenous and African Nova Scotians recruitment in November vs. January, given winter weather challenges. Jeff further added this be substituted with a community education recruiter
  - Jeff suggested a dedicated person to be hired by recruitment office to recruit the Indigenous communities to create awareness
  - Tim will organize a meeting to discuss with a goal of reaching out to all NS schools
4. President's Update
  - BMIG experienced some water damage today. No class interruptions
  - Many Alumni events scheduled in upcoming months with vision to inspire more donations
  - Richard discussed a provincial initiative with a research focus on mental health and addictions. More to come
  - Questions from the floor
    - i. Andrew to review both smoking and smudging policies
    - ii. Although a very good article about StFX in MacLean's edition this year, the overall consensus regarding the rankings is one that requires an analysis to be completed
5. Academic Update
  - Tim reminded everyone Fall Reading week is next week
  - New art gallery director has been hired and will begin November 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Third Annual Indigenous Art Exhibition in the Schwartz MacNeil Gallery will start Oct 23
  - Tara confirmed numbers were reported on Oct 1<sup>st</sup> to AAU, showing an increase in enrolment overall

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## 6. Open House

- Mary Jessie discussed the detailed schedule of the Open House, Oct 19, as a premier event for StFX

## 7. Advancement Update

- Homecoming debrief happening on Thursday, with overall Alumni feedback very positive after 44 events took place over weekend
- Alumni council showing great leadership
- Both on and off campus reported some minor misdemeanors

### Fall Convocation

- Jeff recommended a graduate student be selected as class speaker
- Fall Convocation takes place Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

## 8. Coady Update

- Gord proposed an X-Pin ceremony be considered for Coady students
- Coady and Advancement are working closely to build endowment fund
- On Friday Ron MacGillivray to host a social to show Coady is an important part of our community.

## 9. Environment Committee Update

- Letter being articulated announcing partnership to be released in conjunction with Environment week on how to work together to make a difference
- Richard presented a Terms of Reference on the Committee to be formed, citing communication as a key step