President’s Council
Minutes
October 8 2019

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 1st
   • Third Annual Indigenous Art Exhibition in the Schwartz MacNeil Gallery will start Oct 23
   • Tara confirmed numbers were reported on Oct 1st to AAU, showing an increase in enrolment overall
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 1st

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