

President's Council

Minutes

January 20th, 2020

Present: K. Wamsley, J. MacDonald, D. Belliveau, K. Brebner, T. Buksaitis, J. Orr, T. Boyle, A. Beckett, R. Isnor, T. Hynes, L. Delorey, G. Cunningham, K. Bell, E. Yeo

Regrets: M. Kyte

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The minutes of January 7, 2020 were approved.
3. Business Arising from Minutes
 - Actions from previous meetings were addressed.
4. President's Update
 - Upcoming MOU meetings and a CONSUP meeting that will focus on a Report on Sustainability.
 - **Action: Report next PC**
 - A letter has been sent to NS government officials proposing how StFX may support the broader community, both people and businesses, with the closure of Northern Pulp Pictou County.
 - In the interim we need to support students who may be affected by the closure.
 - **Action: T. Buksaitis suggested sending an email out to all students asking if they need support.**
 - Richard reported on the MOU with Maritime Launch Services
5. Academic Update
 - Recruiting / admissions numbers continue to show a year over year increase in applications.
 - Jeff reported healthy enrolment in the BEd program
 - A two-day Human Rights training will be held in February and April and is mandatory for all staff.
6. Capital Projects/Finance
 - Budget challenges have been shared with the Board.
 - **Action: Andrew will send to PC the updated report on projections for current year.**
 - Work continues on 2020-2021 Budget development for Board presentation in June.
 - Banner upgrade completed over weekend; acknowledgement to the team.
7. Student Services Update

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- The Sexual Violence Response Policy development continues with a Feb 1 2020 effective date. There will general familiarization sessions offered to students, faculty & staff.
- Province sending Campus Climate survey to students (511) in February. This provides an opportunity to compare and assess progress against the climate survey completed in 2018.
- African Heritage Month event this Thursday in MacKay Room.

8. Coady Update

- No date finalized for the GAC announcement.
- Working with Advancement (Murray) on a position for Major Gift Officer.