President’s Council
Minutes
January 20th, 2020


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.
     o 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.
     o 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.
     o 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
The Sexual Violence Response Policy development continues with a Feb 1 2020 effective date. There will be 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.