

President's Council

Meeting Notes

February 23, 2016

Present: K. MacDonald, K. Wamsley, B. Hale, T. Hynes, P. Hauf, J. Orr, J. MacDonald, K. Bell, K. Brebner, T. Buksaitis, K. Bell, J. Webber, A. Beckett, L. Lawrence, M. Kyte.

Regrets: R. Isnor

Invited Guests: J. Fox, H. MacGregor

1. Agenda approved as amended (Process for Strategic Plan was added to the agenda).
2. The minutes from the February 2, 2016 meeting approved as amended.
3. Business Arising - AUS Policy
PC reviewed an AUS Travel and Accommodation policy and discussed application on all policies at StFX. PC decided that Student Services would use the AUS policy as a guide to draft a new StFX policy and will bring it back to PC for review.
4. Residence Life
The Residence Life Sub Committees provided PC with an update: all of the groups had met at least once, had identified areas for improvement and will meet again in April.
5. Financial System Upgrade
PC received an update from H. MacGregor on the financial system upgrade including the communication plans and times lines for the upgrade. It was agreed that a formal professional development plan be created to help ensure an effective implementation.
6. 2016-2017 Budget
A. Beckett provided PC with an update on the budget which had been approved by the Finance Committee. PC discussed the budget and planned two presentations for the campus community. PC reasserted it position that the budget and the budget process must remain transparent for the University community.
7. Wireless Communication Device Policy

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PC received reviewed the Wireless Communication Device Policy, discussed reviewing the process for issuing devices and agreed to revisit the policy at a future meeting.

8. Board of Governors Agenda Overview

PC received an update on the February 26th Board of Governors meeting agenda items.

9. Enrolment Update

PC received an update on recruitment information sessions which had had a higher than expected attendance. PC also discussed the calling campaigns and the update on residence numbers. Overall StFX continues to show strong application numbers, however we are entering an important time in the recruitment cycle.

10. MoodCheck App

PC reviewed a MoodCheck proposal (a cell phone application) and decided to forward the proposal to Counselling Services.

11. Missing Students Policy

PC reviewed a draft StFX Missing Students Policy and discussed the capture of emergency contact information. PC determined that the procedure should be simplified and a separate policy must be created.

12. Process for Strategic Plan

PC discussed the work that had been completed thus far in creating the Strategic Plan and the upcoming process for completing the plan prior to the June Board of Governors Meeting. Work continues on the plan and consultation with the university community will continue.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Lawrence