

President's Council

Meeting Notes

April 7, 2015

Present: K. MacDonald, T. Lang, J. Landry, B. Hale, A. Beckett, R. van den Hoogen, G. Cunningham, R. Nemesvari, L. MacLaren, S. Murray

Regrets: T. Hynes

Invited Guests: J. Fox

1. Agenda approved.
2. There were no minutes for approval
3. Enrolment Report
The Director of Admissions and Recruitment presented the current enrolment numbers to PC and informed the group of some recent staffing changes.
4. Desire2Learn
PC was updated on the recent review of eLearning platforms that was conducted across the Maritimes. Several Maritime Universities have made the switch to Desire2Learn as a result. StFX will continue using Moodle due to several factors, including cost.
5. Diversity Committee Survey
PC was given a copy of the Diversity Committee's Survey Employment Equity Self-Identification survey. PC suggested several small changes to the survey.
6. Benefit Plan Update
PC was updated on the status of our benefit plans, including positive news on LTD rates. A bulletin will be distributed to faculty and staff in the near future outlining premiums.
7. NSGEU Bargaining
PC was informed that the University and NSGEU are ready to begin bargaining. The University hopes to have a new agreement in place before the current one expires on June 30, 2015.

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8. 2015-16 Budget Work Plan

PC was informed that the Board of Governors has requested a detailed plan showing how the University plans to pull out of deficit. The plan should be finalized by mid-May.

9. Nicholson Hall Updates.

PC discussed the Nicholson Hall project and the need for a comprehensive strategy around what is going to be included.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Murray