

President's Council

Meeting Notes

August 26, 2014

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

Regrets: None

Invited Guests: None

1. Agenda approved with minor changes.
2. Minutes from the August 19th meeting were approved.
3. No new business was introduced
4. Enrolment Update
 - L. MacLaren presented an overview of our current enrolment status. There are still inconsistencies in the reporting tools. It seems the financial report is most accurate. It is agreed that PC will need to start looking at ways to manage budget in preparation for a slight decline in enrolment.
5. Residence Occupancy Report
 - B. Hale provided a snapshot of our current residence occupancy. We are currently running at 98% occupancy. The unknown is food services. We should have a better picture in time for the next PC meeting.
6. Strategic Enrolment Retreat
 - K. MacDonald provided a debrief of the Enrolment Retreat. There were three main priorities identified and "Tiger Teams" were named to begin work on these areas with each team being led by a PC member. It was agreed that the teams would report back in two weeks.
7. International Staff Recruitment
 - J. Gaventa talked about the complexities involved in hiring international staff. It was agreed that we need a more centralized approach to save time and money. A. Beckett is willing to have an on campus workshop to assist in coordination of efforts/applications. K. MacDonald agreed to bring the issue to Peter Halpin at the Association of Atlantic Universities for further insights.

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8. Supervisor/Chairs Group Membership
 - A. Beckett distributed a list to PC and asked for any revisions.

9. McKenna Centre update
 - L. MacLaren provided an update on plans for the McKenna Centre and the need for continued leadership.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Murray
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