

President's Council

Meeting Notes

August 5, 2014

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

Regrets: None

Invited Guests: J. MacDonald, D. Mattie, C. MacKenzie

1. Welcome and Introductions.

The President welcomed members of President's Council and thanked them for their support and information over the summer. He also welcomed Andrew Beckett and Janice Landry to the PC Committee.

2. Agenda approved.

3. Business Arising

It was agreed that the start time for President's Council would begin at 9:00 am to allow members time to address items prior to the start of the meeting. It was also proposed to change the name of the committee from SAC to President's Council (PC)—*approved*.

4. A Term of Discovery (Guests – J. MacDonald, D. Mattie)

K. MacDonald's 100 day plan "a Term of Discovery" was introduced by J. MacDonald and D. Mattie. PC provided advice to help ensure the efforts were even more inclusive. It was agreed that the project team would be expanded to include a representative from Coady.

5. Public Sector Compensation Disclosure (Guests – C. MacKenzie, J. MacDonald)

C. MacKenzie provided an overview of the PSCD and media coverage to date. To continue efforts to enhance transparency, A. Beckett requested that his contract, like the President's, be posted to his website.

6. President's Performance Framework

K. MacDonald reviewed his performance framework document. Input was received. Members agreed that the university's enrolment needed to be enhanced. It was agreed a Strategic Enrolment Management Committee would be created. This item will be discussed at a SEM retreat that will be scheduled later in August.

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7. Management Forum Agenda Items

It was agreed to establish a forum to connect all StFX employees who held a position with supervisory responsibilities. PC members contributed several items for the MF agenda. Members of PC will meet with their direct reports to identify participants to attend the forum.

8. Enrolment Update

L. MacLaren provided an overview of fall term enrolment. PC discussed program caps and scheduling as well as marketing material for 2015-16 recruitment season. It was agreed to hold a PC retreat on enrolment (see SEM above) planning in late August.

9. Fall 2014 Term Startup

It was agreed to hold a meeting with key players (likely Director level) prior to Welcome day to ensure all systems and services are ready for the fall term start-up.

10. Information Items:

K. MacDonald distributed a copy of George Keller's "Transforming a College" book to each member of the PC. A future discussion will explore observations from the book.

Respectfully submitted,
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