

# President's Council

## Meeting Notes

November 18, 2015

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**Present:** K. MacDonald, K. Wamsley, B. Hale, T. Hynes, P. Hauf, J. Orr, J. MacDonald, K. Brebner, J. Webber, T. Buksaitis, K. Bell, A. Beckett, S. Murray

**Regrets:** R. Isnor

**Invited Guests:** J. Fox, M. MacLellan, J. Swinemar-Murray

1. Agenda approved.
2. The minutes from the November 3, 2015 meeting were approved.
3. January Intake Update  
We are coming up to our deadline for January intake (November 20). We currently have approximately 30 confirmed, with 50 more applicants. Everything is confirmed for our January Welcome day, which is set for January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Currently 18 of the confirmed students are international.
4. September 2016 Application Update  
PC was updated on our current application numbers for September 2016. Currently our applications are up significantly over last year. Bachelor of Arts and Science are showing strong interest. Our international applications are also up over last year. We will once again be facing pressures in our high demand programs, (Nursing and Human Kinetics specifically).
5. Projections by Program  
PC was updated on where Admissions expects our enrolment numbers to land by program in September 2016. At this point we are expecting modest increases but we are again facing challenges based on program caps in higher demand programs.
6. Scholarship Process  
PC was provided with information on why we wait until the spring to award our scholarships. Generally, early acceptance is granted based on grade 11 marks, while scholarships are awarded based on first term grade 12 marks.

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### 7. StFX Day and Convocation Briefing

PC was updated on the StFX Day events, as well as the events surrounding convocation. There was discussion around traditions during the X-ring ceremony and the importance of the event to the students. PC also discussed the issue of classes being scheduled during the ceremony and how to handle this in future years. Fall convocation will take place on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting approximately 200 graduates in this ceremony. This will be our first convocation with our new Chancellor. A reception is held in the conference rooms of the Keating Centre immediately following the ceremony.

### 8. Changes to Benefit Program

PC was updated on the changes to our current benefit plan. Human Resources is in the process of updating unions and subscribers as to the changes which will take place effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

### 9. Community Code Update

PC was updated on the proposed changes to the Community Code. One of the proposed changes involves the constitution of the Discipline and Appeals committees

### 10. Student Residence Protest

PC discussed the recent protest by students about the proposed changes to residence. PC would like to recognize the work of the students in preparing proposed solutions. The next step is to schedule a meeting with the students regarding these issues.

### 11. Leadership Summit

PC discussed the need to coordinate leadership activities around campus in order to ensure consistency across the university. The next step is to identify appropriate people to serve on a planning committee, and begin work on planning for a summit in February.

### 12. Energy Management Program

PC was updated on the energy management program. This is a project that we have been working on for 6-8 months. The Board of Governors Finance and Buildings and Grounds committee will be recommending this plan to the full Board. One of the additional benefits of this program will be an improvement to air quality and lighting across campus, as well as a reduction

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in our environmental impact. Once Board approval happens, work will begin in January 2016.

## 13. MSB Redevelopment

PC was updated on the MSB redevelopment. The Board of Governors Finance and Buildings and Grounds committees have recommended proceeding with redeveloping MSB, both the nursing space and the residential space.

## 14. Fee Structure Review

PC discussed the possibility of moving to a per credit fee structure. The current market adjustment was also discussed. The university budget committee has seen the information on the per credit fee structure and voiced some concern but was generally in favour.

## 15. Budget 2016-2017

PC discussed the 2016-2017 Budget and the work that still needs to be done to reduce expenses/increase revenues in order to hit our targets. The Finance department and the Budget committee will be working diligently over the next few months to reduce this gap.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. Murray