

# President's Council

## Meeting Notes

October 1, 2014

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**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:** Kyler Bell, J. Fox, M. Kolanko

1. Agenda approved.
2. Minutes from the September 23, 2014 meeting were approved.
3. No new business was introduced
4. Coady Update

J. Gaventa provided a quick update on two Coady students on campus from Sierra Leone. Due to the Ebola outbreak and restrictions on travel in and out of their country, Coady and StFX will consider how to provide reasonable support to these two students until it is safe for them to return home.

J. Gaventa announced he has accepted a new position at the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex. He expressed his sadness in leaving StFX, however, PC thanked Dr. Gaventa for his wonderful work while leading Coady.
5. Review of Fee Structure

A. Beckett discussed moving the university to a per-credit tuition structure. There was a request for more information on the financial model. It was agreed to bring this topic back next week for further discussion.
6. Tuition Policy

A. Beckett distributed a document from the Government Working Group on Tuition Policy and requested that PC members read it and provide him with feedback on the framework.
7. SEM International Tiger Team Update

T. Hynes updated PC on the SEM International Tiger Team meeting. The group identified the need for a long term plan as part of a larger University

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strategic plan. The group discussed questions that need to be answered and barriers to international students. It was agreed that one person would be asked to lead this effort in the short-medium term to ensure priorities are identified and implemented.

8. Dates for Leadership and Chairs/Supervisors meetings.

S. Murray provided PC with potential dates for these two meetings. It was agreed that the Leadership group meeting would happen on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and the Chairs/Supervisors meeting would take place on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

9. Recruitment Presentation

J. Fox and M. Kolanko provided PC with an overview of the 2015 StFX recruitment plan. K. MacDonald reiterated that 2015 enrolment was his greatest priority and the recruitment plan will guide this objective.

10. Installation Update

K. MacDonald gave PC a briefing on the topic of his installation speech and informed the group of his major priorities for his term as President of StFX.

11. Task Force

K. Bell and L. MacLaren updated the group on the roll out of the Task Force report, which is scheduled for Monday, October 6.

12. In-Class Presentation Computers

A. Beckett requested feedback from PC on the possibility of removing/changing the in-class presentation computers systems.

13. January Entries.

L. MacLaren briefed PC on StFX's readiness to accept more January entries. There was a need identified to plan for an appropriate version of Welcome Day to mark the date.

14. Withdrawals

R. vandenHoogen shared some data with PC around early term withdrawals from StFX.

Respectfully submitted,  
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