

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
JOINT MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE AND FACULTY COUNCIL

April 2, 2021, 4:00 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams

Present: K. Bell, P. Berry, A. Beverley, L. Bidder, JP. Boudreau (Chair), C. Brett (Secretary), K. Bubar, A. Cockshutt, A. Comfort, M. Cormier, G. Cruttwell, J. Dryden, E. Edson, B. Evans, A. Fancy, S. Fanning, N. Farooqi, J. Ferguson, C. Forstall, A. Grant, O. Griffiths, D. Hamilton, L-D Hamilton, M. Hamilton, K. Hele, J. Hennessy (Vice-Chair), R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, E. Jewett, G. Jollymore, J. Kalyn, D. Keeping, L. Kern, L. Landon, H. Lane, R. Lapp, A. Lepage, M. Levesque, D. Lieske, M. Litvak, C. Lovekin, B. MacIntosh, C. Milner, R. Minocha-McKenney, R. Moser, A. Nurse, C. O’Neal, G. Oullette, L. Pearse, R. Polegato, C. Pomare, L. Ricker, C. Roberts, B. Robertson, S. Runge, V. St. Pierre, E. Steuter, E. Stregger, S. Tobin, J. Tomes, C. VanBeselare, N. Vogan, L. Wasylikiw, B. White, A. Whiteway, A. Wilson, W. Wilson

Regrets: F. Black, C. Burke, A. Koval, N. Robinson

01.04.06 Land Acknowledgement

JP. Boudreau read the statement of Indigenous custodianship.

He noted that university flags were at half-mast at the time of the meeting in solidarity with members of the Elsipogtog First Nation, who were grieving after a tragic shipwreck off Cape Breton.

02.04.06 Approval of the Agenda

Motion (N. Farooqi/B. Robertson): that the meeting adopt the Agenda as circulated.

Motion Carried

03.04.06 Approval of the Joint Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2019

Motion (N. Farooqi/B. Robertson): that the meeting adopt the Minutes of the Joint Meeting of Senate and Faculty Council of April 2, 2019

Motion Carried

04.04.06 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

05.04.06 Chair’s Remarks

The chair welcomed senators and faculty members to the joint meeting to discuss the university’s budget. He gave an update on the every-evolving COVID-19 situation. He thanked everyone for taking precautions against the disease. He noted that Mount Allison’s response to COVID-19 has been seen as thoughtful by other universities.

The president expressed hope that activities planned for April and May would occur as planned. He noted that Convocation will be held virtually.

The chair informed the meeting that plans for Fall 2021 will be communicated in the coming weeks.

06.04.06 Budget Presentation

JP. Boudreau gave an overview of the draft budget. He thanked R. Inglis, C. Milner, and B. MacIntosh for their work in putting it together. He noted that due to the pandemic the university had to build three budgets this year, including the one presented at this meeting. He noted the work of the new Budget Development Group in developing the document.

R. Inglis then presented the details of the operating, ancillary, and endowment components of the university's 2021-2022 budget. These details were contained in a pre-circulated document.

A. Comfort thanked the university for including spending allocations for response to sexual violence and for EDI initiatives.

J. Hennessy noted that, even in the face of COVID-related cost pressures, the university managed to carve out two net-new tenure track positions, authorize five faculty searches and begin the process of adding a new Canada Research Chair.

G. Jollymore informed Senate and Faculty Council that the university's current fundraising campaign has passed from the planning phase to the quiet phase, in which University Advancement works behind the scenes with key donors. The public phase is scheduled to begin in late 2022. JP. Boudreau noted that the increase in funds raised over the past two years has been among the largest in the university's history.

M. Litvak remarked that this is a second consecutive deficit budget and that the deficits are roughly equal to increases in spending on University Advancement. He asked if this indicates a willingness to incur deficits for this purpose. R. Inglis responded that recent increases in spending on University Advancement are tied to the ramping up of the capital campaign, but that expenditure in this area had been cut in previous years. He also said that he views this money as an investment in future revenue sources. G. Jollymore added that Mount Allison's expenditure per dollar raised is at the lower end of the industry's usual range and that fundraising provides operating dollars and takes pressure off alterations and renovations expenses.

A. Lepage asked about fundraising for the library renovation project. G. Jollymore answered that the campaign goal for the project is \$30 million. R. Inglis noted that the current budget includes some support for the development of this project.

S. Tobin asked why the budget contained a 3% increase in all accommodation fees. R. Inglis responded that this reflects increases in costs.

JP. Boudreau and R. Inglis then thanked everyone for attending.

07.04.06 Other Business

JP. Boudreau invited members of Senate and Faculty Council to share announcements.

N. Farooqi informed the meeting about an upcoming talk by Ed Simms, CEO of WestJet and about the Mount Allison Pitch Competition.

G. Jollymore thanked TD for a gift in support of student entrepreneurship. A formal announcement was to occur on April 9.

B. Robertson invited everyone to the 44th annual Crake Lecture in Classics, presented by Gabriel Zuchtriegel, Director of the Archaeological Park of Paestum and Velia in Italy. He noted that the Crake Lecture is the longest-running lecture series in the region on the Ancient Mediterranean.

J. Hennessy announced the following awards to faculty: Tucker Prize: Susie Andrews; Pare Medal: Lauren Beck; Pare Awards: Christina Ionescu, Nathaniel Johnston, Renata Schellenberg, Dave Thomas.

A. Cockshutt noted the meeting that Jenny Wong has received CFI funding and Vett Lloyd and Michael Fox received an award from NBIF.

S. Tobin informed the meeting that a vote on the unionization of student employees was scheduled for April 16-30.

V. St. Pierre announced that Mount Allison student Dylan Kim finished first place in the advanced category, while fellow student Amy Heo finished third in the open category at the Canadian National Japanese Speech Contest, hosted virtually by the University of British Columbia. She also invited everyone to the Motyer-Fancy Theatre production of Fun Home, April 7-10.

08.04.06 Adjournment

There being no further business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 5:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett
Secretary of Senate