

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

November 5, 2024, 4:00pm
Windsor Grand Room & Microsoft Teams (hybrid format)

Present: M. Ahmady, I. Andrea, B. Annear, F. Antonelli, F. Black, Y. Bourgeois, C. Brett (Secretary), B. Broadbent, P. Brown, G. Cruttwell, R. Delaney, J. Devine, S. DeWolfe, E. Doukas, J. Dryden, C. Duguay, A. Fancy, S. Fanning, A. Francis, L. Garnett, Q. Guo, D. Hamilton, C. Ionescu, R. Isnor (Vice-Chair), B. Jewett, N. Johnston, S. Law, A. LePage, C. MacDougall, R. Majithia, C. McLaughlin, V. Meli, E. Millar, C. Milner, R. Minocha-McKenney, K. Morse, A. Nurse, G. Pardy, B. Robertson, R. Rubin, , V. St. Pierre, I. Sutherland (Chair), J. Tomes, M. Vicare, N. Vogan, W. Wilson

Guests: R. Gamm, J. Mullen, C. Pomare, G. Sandala

Regrets: R. Bruening, M. Hashemi, M. Maston, L. Michaelis, C. Pringle-Carver, K. Souch, G. Waldron

01.11.05 Territorial Acknowledgement

I. Sutherland read the official territorial acknowledgment written by Elders and the Indigenous Advisory Circle as follows:

We would like to acknowledge that we are located within the territory of Mi'kma'ki, the unceded, ancestral territory of the Mi'kmaq. Our relationship and our privilege to live on this territory was agreed upon in the Peace and Friendship Treaties of 1752. Because of this treaty relationship it is to be acknowledged that we are all Treaty people and have a responsibility to respect this territory.

02.11.05 Approval of agenda

Motion (B. Robertson/A. Nurse): that Senate adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion carried

03.11.05 Consent Agenda (S. Law/A. Nurse)

- a. Approval of the minutes (October 8, 2024)
- b. Discover Mount Allison

Approved without discussion

04.11.05 Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

05.11.05 Report from the Chair

The chair invited senators to the November 14 Board-Senate gathering and to join the Academic Procession as part of the President's Installation on November 22. The procession will gather at the University Chapel at 1:15pm.

The President highlighted some of the information in a pre-circulated written report, with particular emphasis on events in the fine and performing arts including the Tesla Quartet performance, the Moyter-Fancy Theatre production of Never Swim Alone, and The Dark, a co-presentation of the Department of Music and the Drama and Screen Studies Program.

I. Sutherland noted that he attended the swearing in of the new Government of New Brunswick, acknowledging that Premier Susan Holt is the first woman premier of the province. The President noted that the university is engaging with members of the new government on areas of mutual concern.

06.11.05 Report from University Planning Committee

R. Isnor gave an oral report. He updated Senate on department and program reviews. Following the departmental response, the summary report from the review of Sociology is in preparation. Site visits have been conducted as part of the reviews of Psychology and Visual and Material Cultures. A review of Classics is scheduled for Winter 2025.

The Committee reviewed the proposed Major in Community, Education, and Social Change, and concluded that incremental resource requirements do not pose a barrier.

R. Isnor reported that some position authorizations are completed and that he will provide further updates when the authorization process is complete.

V. Meli asked if the committee will provide feedback on the position requests and the rankings arrived at by the committee. R. Isnor answered that departments will receive feedback on their submissions and that he will follow past practice on providing rankings to Senate. G. Cruttwell asked how many positions have been authorized. R. Isnor responded that six positions have been authorized so far, with the potential for others if funds are available.

07.11.05 Strategic Planning Update

Senators joined the President in thanking the co-leads of the Strategic Planning Facilitation Team, R. Rubin and C. Brett. I. Sutherland then reminded senators of the November 8 deadline for nominations to the team and invited self-nominations from senators. The President and the co-leads will select a team of 10-14 people from the nominees.

I. Sutherland informed Senate that the consulting contract is in process, with an announcement to follow once it is signed by the proponent and the university.

S. Law asked if the SPFT will be selecting the consulting company. I. Sutherland answered that the consultants were selected by a panel consisting of the President, the Vice-Presidents, and the co-leads. The President noted that consultants were asked during the selection process how they would work with the team.

08.11.05 Report from the Academic Matters (Curriculum and Academic) Committee

Motion (V. St. Pierre/B. Annear): that Senate approve the changes to courses, academic regulations, and academic programs as outlined in the Academic Matters (Curriculum and Academic) Committee Report for Senate, November 5, 2024.

Motion carried (2 abstentions)

K. Morse raised a point of order. He asked if B. Annear was in attendance, so that he could second the motion. B. Annear, who was attending via Teams, made his presence known to the meeting.

V. St. Pierre noted that the University Planning Committee has considered the resource implications of the proposal, finding that resources pose no barrier to creating the new program.

J. Devine raised concerns with the selection of language courses listed in the new major, noting that, in particular, some of the courses in French are offered infrequently. He offered to provide an alternative list of suitable language courses. F. Black responded that the courses listed in the proposal are examples, with students' choices to be finalized with the help of academic advisors. I. Sutherland noted that the list could be updated later, if necessary. D. Hamilton noted that BIOL 2101 has mathematical content pre-requisites that might render it inaccessible to students in the program. V. St. Pierre noted that students would be advised of the pre-requisites and would be aware of course content before registering. F. Black noted that BIOL 2101 might be of interest to students combining Environmental Studies with the new major.

G. Cruttwell asked about the nature of the resource requirements for the program. V. St. Pierre answered that one or two stipendiary positions may be required. F. Black added that the proposal includes four new courses, one of which is to be team-taught. Changes to existing course rotations for existing faculty members would be sufficient to staff expected course offerings in the near future.

I. Sutherland wondered how the title of the new program, Community, Education, and Social Changes, meshes with the courses named Community Engaged Learning. F. Black responded that the name Community Engaged Learning comes from six years ago, and that names may be realigned over time.

09.11.05 Calendar of Events for Academic 2025-2026

B. Annear withdrew the motion concerning the Calendar of Events that was circulated, pending further consultation.

10.11.05 Report from the Committee on Committees

Motion (A. LePage/S. Dewolfe): That Senate elect the faculty to the Senate committees listed in the report from the Committee on Committees, November 5, 2024, with a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2027.

Motion carried

Motion (A. LePage/S. Dewolfe): That Senate elect one of the faculty listed in its report to the University Planning Committee, with a term beginning immediately and ending June 30, 2027.

Motion carried

The election was conducted, and Barb Clayton was elected to the committee.

11.11.05 Other Business

I. Sutherland reminded senators of the November 8 deadline for nomination to the Strategic Planning Facilitation Team and to RSVP for the November 14 Board-Senate gathering. He thanked J. Tomes and C. Brett for helping to conduct the meeting in the Windsor Grand Room while he and R. Isnor attended remotely.

12.11.05 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm, as moved by A. Nurse.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett
Secretary