MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

November 4, 2025, 4:00 pm
Tweedie Hall & Microsoft Teams (hybrid format)

Present: B. Annear, F. Antonelli, L. Beck, A. Beverley, F. Black, Y. Bourgeois, C. Brett (Secretary), G. Brooks, P. Brown, R. Bruening, E. Doukas, C. Forstall, A. Francis, M. Grant, D. Hamilton, M. Hamilton, A. Horwood, R. Inglis, R. Isnor (Vice-Chair), B. Jewett, K. Johnston, L. Kelliher, H. Lane, C. Langlais, M. LaPointe, C. MacDougall, T. MacNeil, D. Mawhinney, C. McLaughlin, V. Meli, K. Morse, R. Moser, W. Paluch, C. Pringle-Carver, T. Reiffenstein, N. Robinson, J. Ropson, R. Rubin, S. Ruckenstein, R. Schellenberg, L. Shwartz, V. St. Pierre, I. Sutherland (Chair), D. Thomas, J. Tomes

Guests: C. Pomare, G. Sandala

Regrets: D. Fleming, M. Vicaire

01.11.04 Territorial Acknowledgement

With I. Sutherland joining online, R. Isnor chaired the meeting and 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.

02.11.04 Approval of agenda

**Motion (V. St. Pierre/E. Doukas): that Senate adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried**

03.11.04 Consent Agenda (L. Beck/ R. Schellenberg)

a. Approval of the minutes (October 7, 2025)
b. Discover Mount Allison

**Approved**

W. Paluch informed C. Brett of an error in the minutes, which C. Brett undertook to correct before posting.

04.11.04 Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

05.11.04 Report from the Chair

I. Sutherland had submitted a written report, which he invited Senators to review.

R. Isnor highlighted the Board-Senate engagement session to be held on November 13 in the Windsor Grand Room and the talk by Marlee Liss in the President's Speakers Series to be held at 7 pm on November 4 in Crabtree Auditorium.

I. Sutherland thanked Senate for their feedback on and engagement with the Strategic Plan. He also congratulated Mount Allison's newest Canada Research Chairs Drs. J. Wong and J. Riley.

The President informed Senate that the Honorary Degrees Committee met on October 31 and that the committee struck a working group to consider the issue of rescinding honorary degrees.

I. Sutherland noted that tuition revenues are approximately $1.5 million above budget expectations, so that the overall deficit is now estimated at $1.2 million rather than the $2.7 in the budget. He also noted a $1.3 million increase in revenues from residences, which will be used to pay down debt in residence budget.

The President invited Senators to a University Town Hall and Budget Update to be held on November 20.

In response to the President's Report, F. Black said that she wished to discuss the announced system of parking fees (expected revenue, use and ethics of the policy) and the budget variances (decision to use for deficit reduction) after reading and hearing the president's report. She agreed to having these issues discussed at the Budget Town Hall on November 20. I. Sutherland noted that these issues will be discussed at the Town Hall. R. Inglis added that the current budget variances are at the halfway point of the fiscal year, and further variances may occur over the remainder of the fiscal year.

On behalf of his colleague M. Levesque, D. Thomas acknowledged the new ramp at the Athletic Centre. He asked if automatic door openers will also be added. R. Inglis answered that there are plans to install a universal washroom and automatic door openers, but this work is yet to be completed.

A. Beverley asked why the new Sexualized Violence Response Consultant was hired on a short-term contract. N. Robinson answered that the short-term position is due to family leave, and that the holder of the permanent position is expected back in January 2026.

06.11.04 Report from University Planning Committee

R. Isnor reported that the committee met three times since the October meeting of Senate, to consider position requests in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Business, the Library and

Archives, and the Faculty of Arts. The Provost noted that a draft replacement plan for sabbatical leaves will be completed by November 30.

The committee also continued its work on program reviews. The site visit for Drama and Screen Studies occurred, while the review of Commerce has been postponed to January 2026 to accommodate the reviewers' schedules.

07.11.04 Report from the Academic Matters (Programs and Curriculum) Committee

**<u>Motion (V. St. Pierre/B. Annear): that Senate adopt, with effect for the 2026-27 Academic Calendar onwards, the changes to programs and courses contained in the Report from the Academic Matters (Programs and Curriculum) Committee, November 4, 2016</u>**

**Motion carried**

V. St. Pierre noted that the changes included removing cross-listings consolidation of some courses.

D. Hamilton noted a typo a BIOL course (3701 should read 2701).

Upon a request for clarification by M. Hamilton, V. St. Pierre stated that the motion was an omnibus motion to enact all changes presented in the report.

08.11.04 Report from the Committee and Committees

**<u>Motion (C. Forstall/V. St. Pierre): that Senate elect the nominees to committees listed in the Report from the Committee on Committees, November 4, 2025, with terms commencing immediately and ending June 30, 2028.</u>**

**Motion carried**

C. Forstall called attention to the committee vacancies noted in the report. V. St. Pierre noted that the vacancy listed for the Academic Matters (Programs and Curriculum) Committee for a member from the Faculty of Arts was filled at the October meeting of Senate.

09.11.04 Other Business

There was no other business.

16.11.04 Adjournment

On a motion by L. Beck, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett
Secretary