

SENATE MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2018

The 591st Meeting of the Senate of Saint Mary's University was held on Friday, March 16, 2018, at 2:30 PM, in the Secunda Marine Boardroom. Dr D. Naulls, Acting Chairperson, presided.

PRESENT: Dr Summerby-Murray, Dr Naulls, Dr Sarty, Dr Smith, Dr Doucet, Dr Francis, Dr Grandy, Dr Grek-Martin, Dr Hall, Dr Khokhar, Dr Loughlin, Dr Rahaman, Dr Warner, Dr Twohig, Mr Brophy, Mr Webb, Mr Nasrallah, Ms Ali, Ms Bhaskar, Mr Oshobu, Mr Rooney, Ms Morrison, and Ms Bell, Secretary of Senate.

REGRETS: Dr Butler, Dr Bradshaw, Dr MacDonald, Dr McCallum, Dr Hlongwane, Dr Peckmann, Dr Stinson, Dr Takseva, Dr VanderPlaat, and Ms Caswell.

Meeting commenced at 2:34 P.M.

17062 **REPORT OF THE AGENDA COMMITTEE**
The agenda was accepted.

17063 **SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY 2018-2019 OPERATING BUDGET**
A presentation was given by Darrell Rooney and Gabe Morrison
Key Discussion Points:

- The budget process has worked its way through the full process at this time. The discussions and ideas around the requests for change in the budget plan were done in consideration of the Strategic Plan, which evidences an acceptance and participation in this strategy.
- This budget will go before the Board on March 23rd. After that it can be discussed outside of this venue.
- This is the third and last year of our market adjustments.
- This is a status quo budget.
- Market Adjustments revenue will continue to fund strategic initiatives such as: Student Aid, Diversity and Equity, Student Programming, Academic Programming, Campus Renewal, Information Technology, Mitigation for future potential enrolment decline and post market adjustment era, Unfreeze Vacant Positions, Capital Reserves.

17064 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2018, were circulated as *Appendix A*.

Moved by Hall, and seconded, **'that the minutes of the meeting of February 16, 2018 are approved as circulated.'** Motion carried.

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

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PROFESSOR EMERITUS NOMINATION

Nomination for Professor Emeritus status to Dr Hugh Millward, Department of Geography & Environmental Studies, *Appendix B*

- Dr Millward is a founding member of the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies. He has had considerable influence in the area of Geography, which includes significant contributions as a researcher, teacher, and administrator. He has an extensive publication record, which includes important work in urban geography and planning.
- Dr Millward has made solid contributions to the Gorsebrook Institute.
- Dr Millward's contributions to ACST are unprecedented.
- In a small department like the Geography department, Dr Millward's role as founding member and major contributor was even more pronounced
- This honor is well deserved.

Moved by Summerby-Murray and seconded, **“that Professor Emeritus status be awarded to Dr Hugh Millward, Department of Geography & Environmental Studies.” Motion carried.**

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REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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Academic Regulations Committee

Revision to undergraduate academic regulation 8j and graduate Academic Regulation 24J, *Appendix C1* – Notice of Motion, *C2* - Regulation Revision Form.

Moved by Sarty and seconded, **“that the revision to undergraduate academic regulation 8j and graduate Academic Regulation 24J, as submitted in appendix C2 - Regulation Revision Form, be approved for publication in the 2018-2019 academic calendar.” Motion carried.**

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NEW BUSINESS FROM

None.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Discovery and Innovation in a Learner-centered environment.

- Universities Canada requested my participation, as a conference delegate, in their Mission to Australia. This mission focused heavily on outbound student mobility, international research collaboration, and Indigenous higher education, equity in academia and university research and innovation. Given the breadth of our experience and expertise in a number of these areas, the Saint Mary's presence was impactful and well received.
- Despite being unable to attend personally, I would note the overwhelmingly successful, February 28 Town Hall at which The Honourable Scott Brison addressed our students, faculty and staff. Mr. Brison, in encapsulating the current Federal Budget, devoted a significant amount of time in addressing the University Community – and further time in connecting individually with students. Saint Mary's was Mr. Brison's venue of choice to deliver this session.

- Along with VP Advancement, Erin Sargeant Greenwood, I met with Halifax Partnership CEO, Ron Hanlon and incoming Partnership VP of Innovation, Miriam Zitner. The discussion centered on Innovation and Entrepreneurship as well as our current and future research collaborations/opportunities.
- Another successful Research Expo was held on campus, this event continues to build, year over year, in terms of interest and participation by both government and industry, and this year was no exception
- Saint Mary's hosted, on behalf of the AAU, the recent Bill 59 Working Group - Accessibility Planning meeting. While work remains, it was clear that Saint Mary's continues to make steady progress, and colleagues around the table were impressed with the approach we have adopted in terms of ensuring accessibility funding becomes a natural component of budget submissions.
- The provincial government announced funding, in the amount of \$11M, designated towards the Entrepreneurship Development and Innovation Hub. This funding did not happen on its own; rather it was realized through the sustained work of a great number of people, not least of whom are my Executive Management Team and our Deans. The Premier, and members of his Cabinet, could not have been more laudatory in their comments about Saint Mary's and the work we do, and the impact we make, both on behalf of our students and the wider community. I am exceedingly proud of what has been accomplished on this initiative to date, and I look forward to continuing to update Senate as this file evolves. This is a 32 – 33 million build but we have substantial leverage now to work on other potential funders (some within the federal government). There is no one program of federal funding for this project. It is likely we will have to seek funding from several different areas within the federal government. The Minister is particularly supportive of SMU and our entrepreneurship programs.
- This 11 million and an additional 100,000 will flow into the sandboxes (sandboxes are loosely structured, entrepreneurial spaces where students come together to experiment with new ideas and connect with industry to take those ideas to the next level).

Internationalization:

- On February 17, I was proud to attend, and deliver words of welcome in Mandarin, the Chinese Society of Nova Scotia, New Year Banquet.
- I was pleased to attend both Indigenous Night and African Night on March 10 - these events were well orchestrated, well attended and well enjoyed.
- Saint Mary's hosted the 20th Annual Atlantic Canada Japanese Language Speech Contest in mid-March, coming out of this event; we have four students who will be traveling to Edmonton to participate in the National competition.
- Enactus teams are competing today at the Enactus Canada Regional Exposition at the World Trade and Convention Centre.
- Attended CARET presentation this morning. This group is thinking broadly. We have researchers here at SMU looking on the interface of linguistics with this type of technology.

Institutional Sustainability:

- Work continues in our fundraising priorities process, with a series of President's Roundtable sessions established over the coming weeks. This process has been thoughtfully and methodically developed and executed, and

I am confident that it will reap great rewards for the University in both the immediate and the long-term future.

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QUESTION PERIOD

- President of SMUSA thanked the President for building the relationship that resulted in the 11 million in provincial government funding.
- The first Indigenous gala was successful. The celebrations included live performances by Indigenous people drumming, dancing, singing, and more. Congratulations to the Student Association for doing an amazing job organizing and hosting this event. This was not only a celebration but a thoughtful demonstration of intercultural relations.
- Sarty advised that notice was received that the **SSHRC** Grant of \$60,000/year has been renewed. Half of the money goes to provide the international conference fund for travel for faculty. The other part went to propose a new program of **SSHRC** undergraduate research scholarships to mirror what we already have in place for summer graduate research scholarships for students.
- Smith advised that there was a competition for innovative ideas and there was a fund developed of \$42,000 from the strategic fund to support first year undergraduate summer research.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 P.M.

Barb Bell,
Secretary of Senate