

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

September 2020 4:00 p.m.
via Microsoft Teams

Present via Remote Connection: Bell, P. Berry, L. Bidder, JP. Boudreau (Chair), A. Beverley, F. Black, C. Brett (Secretary), K. Bubar, C. Burke, A. Cockshutt, M. Cormier, J. Dryden, E. Edson, B. Evans, A. Fancy, S. Fanning, N. Farooqi, J. Ferguson, A. Grant, L-D, Hamilton, M. Hamilton, K. Hele, J. Hennessy (Vice Chair), R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, G. Jollymore, J. Kalyn, D. Keeping, L. Kern, A. Koval, R. Lapp, M. Levesque, D. Lieske, M. Litvak, C. Lovekin, K. Meade, E. Millar, J. Mullen & 2 ¶ 1 H Deorse, C. Roberts, V. St. Pierre, E. Steuter, E. Stregger, S. Tobin, J. Tmes, C. VanBeselaere, N. Vogan

Regrets A. Lepage, G. Ouellette, A. Whiteway

Observers A. Comfort, R. Hiscock, A. Nurse, C. Pomare

01.09.15 Land Acknowledgement

JP. Boudreau read the land acknowledgement and asked Senators to respect and engage in indigenous ways of seeing, doing, relating, and knowing

02.09.15 Approval of the Agenda

JP. Boudreau asked C. Brett to address Senate on meeting procedures in Microsoft Teams. C. Brett noted that he would minuted comments and asked that comments originating the chat function be repeated in the meeting, should minuting be required. He also announced that recorded votes would be carried out via an anonymous poll within Teams.

Motion (A. Cockshutt/N. Farooqi): that Senate adopt the Agenda as circulated
Motion Carried

03.09.15 Welcome of Senators

JP. Boudreau welcomed all Senators to thirdgote3 (ating,2T1 1o t)rpddvn 63n EMCireau we,2TnMEbo

06.09.15 Report from the Chair
JP. Boudreau wished everyone well and

C. Burke noted that students are in favour of the later start date for the term, but are worried about the potential mental health effects of a shortened break.

S. Tobin noted that the shortened Winter Break would follow on the heels of a term without a Fall Break, perhaps compounding mental health concerns. He asked whether it would be possible to simply extend the term by holding exams later.

J. Hennessy answered that extending the term could pose health and safety risks, put Spring activities on hold, delay convocation, and introduce the need to work around the Victoria Day holiday.

P. Berry asked if it would be possible to schedule all exams in the proposed exam period, even with the room capacity restrictions need to deal with COVID. J. Hennessy answered that he believed this to be possible.

K. Bubar asked about measures to help students with their mental health in light of a shortened break. K. Meade answered that supports similar to what was available during the self-isolation period will be available, among others. A. Comfort added that the self-isolation period showed how students were able to get through stressful times and how the supports on campus can adapt to help. JP. Boudreau added that he was pleased with the programs that were developed during the self-isolation period.

M. Cormier and L. Bidder expressed doubt that a shorter break would lead to less travel within the Maritimes. They wondered whether the added safety benefits outweighed the potential harmful effects on student mental health.

S. Tobin noted that the date for students to return to university residences was struck out. He asked what the new date will be. K. Meade answered that the date will align with the start of classes and any need for self-isolation. That decision will be communicated to students in a timely manner. A. Cockshutt suggested that a January 4 is a possible date for students to return from outside the Atlantic Bubble. January 16 might be a date for students inside the bubble. A. Cockshutt also wondered if it would be possible to start classes two or three days earlier than suggested in the proposed calendar, with students returning near New Brunswick. J. Hennessy noted that there are risks associated with having students on campus but not in class. K. Meade responded that this idea would pose challenges for residence staff, who have their own health, safety, and family concerns, all the more so over the holiday season. JP. Boudreau added that it is necessary to weigh the needs of everyone in the community.

08.09.15 Statement on Privacy Online

Motion (J. Hennessy/ C. Burke): That Senate endorse the *Statement on Privacy in Online and Remote Teaching & Learning*, as circulated.

Motion Carried

The text of the statement is appended to these minutes.

J. Hennessy and JP. Boudreau

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Appendices to the Minutes

Material regarding the motion on changes to the Academic Calendar for Winter 2021
Statement on Privacy in Online and Remote Teaching

Nov. 26	Thursday	Last day of classes for TTH, Thursday-only classes
Nov. 27	Friday	Last day of classes for Friday-only classes
Nov. 30	Monday	MWF, MW, Monday-only classes continue as scheduled
Dec. 1	Tuesday	Make-up day for Thanksgiving Monday (classes for MWF, MW, last day of Monday-only classes)
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