

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

November 7, 2023, 4:00pm  
Windsor Grand Room & Microsoft Teams (hybrid format)

Penen-CA(Chair),

R. Majithia, C. Major, IC. Major,

Guests: L. Decker Hawthorne, G. Sandala

Regrets: B. Clayton, A. Comfort, M. Hamilton, L. Keliher, N. Vogan

01.11.07 Territorial Acknowledgement

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

We would like to thank the members of the University Senate for their support and participation in the territorial acknowledgment process.

**(L. Landon / C. Forstall): that Senate adopt the agenda as presented.**

**Motion carried**

03.11.07 Consent Agenda (V. Meli/ V. St. Pierre)  
a. Approval of the minutes (October 10, 2023)

thanked J. Tomes for providing the data on academic offences. He remarked that the number of plagiarism cases seemed lower than he would have predicted from his own experiences. R. MacKinnon suggested that the patterns in the data could be explained by increased use of online assessments due to COVID-19.

05.11.07

R. MacKinnon informed Seante that he attended the meeting of the Board of Regents on October 20 and that he continues to attend campus activities, highlighting the Business of the Arts Workshop held on October 20

07.11.07 Report from the Academic Matters (Curriculum) Committee

**Motion (V. St. Pierre/C. Major): that Senate approve the changes to courses, academic regulations, and academic programs as outlined in the Academic Matters Committee Report for Senate, November 7, 2023.**

**Motion carried**

R. MacKinnon asked how long it takes for a new program or course to go from idea to entry in the Academic Calendar. V. St. Pierre responded that the Academic Matters (Curriculum) Committee usually deals with proposals within a few months. How long departments spend developing programs varies.

A. Fancy asked if the university has proposals currently under review by the Maritime Provinces Higher Education Commission. V. St. Pierre replied that she is not aware of any.

08.11.07 Other Business

L. Michaelis asked to discuss the method of voting during hybrid meetings of Senate. She noted voting online. She wondered if there is a way to make voting more symmetric and the tabulation of results more transparent. V. St. Pierre and L. Landon suggested that this would be possible by having everyone vote online, including those attending in person. R. MacKinnon suggested that it might be possible to make online votes more like in-person votes by, for example, asking people to turn on their cameras for votes. R. MacKinnon said that he would ask the Senate Agenda Committee to consider this issue.

09.11.07 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm, as moved by V. St. Pierre.

Respectfully submitted,

Craig Brett  
Secretary