

**MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

**October 10, 2023, 4:00pm  
Windsor Grand Room & Microsoft Teams (hybrid format)**

**Present: N. Anthonisen, C. Brett (Secretary), P. Brown, B. Clayton, A. Comfort, J. Devine, S. Dewolfe, B. Evans, D. Fleming, C. Forstall, A. Francis, L. Garnett, D. Hamilton, M. Hamilton, O. Hart, M. Hashemi, K. Hele, D. Hornidge, R. Inglis, C. Ionescu, K. Johnston, L. Landon, Y. Ma, C. MacDougall, R. MacKinnon (Chair), R. Majithia, C. Major, I. McCardle, V. Meli, L. Michaelis, R. Minocha-McKenney, G. Ouelette, T. Reiffenstein, R. Rubin, S. Runge, S. Scott, V. St. Pierre (Vice-Chair), E. Steuter, J. Tomes, N. Vogan, B. Walters, W. Wilson**

**Guests: L. Decker Hawthorne**

**Regrets: R. Bruening, A. Fancy, B. Jewett, B. Robertson**

**01.10.10 Territorial Acknowledgement**

**R. MacKinnon 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  
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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.*

**02.10.10 Approval of agenda**

**Motion (V. St. Pierre/ R. Minocha-McKenney): that Senate adopt the agenda as presented.**  
Motion carried

**L. Michaelis asked that Senators introduce themselves, and they did so.**

- 03.10.10 Consent Agenda (V. St. Pierre/ J. Tomes)**
- a. Approval of the minutes (September 12, 2023)**
  - b. Discover Mount Allison**

Approved without discussion

**04.10.10 Business arising from the minutes**

**J. Devine asked whether the data on academic suspensions and academic dishonesty he had requested during the September meeting was ready. J. Tomes replied that she had asked for reports, which are in preparation but not yet ready.**

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*R. MacKinnon noted that he getting to know Mount Allison, having attended many events and meetings. Among others, he highlighted meeting with faculty, students, and other university presidents from the Atlantic Association of Universities. He informed Senate that he also*  
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*Homecoming.*

*The president then informed Senate that updated enrollment counts show 2346 students in total, including 898 in residences and 973 with meal plans. The enrollment numbers exceed a threshold for additional funding from the Government of New Brunswick.*

*The chair*

The Academic Appeals Committee  
*Cailean Clements*

The Academic Information Technology Committee  
*Cole Sinclair*  
*Isaac McCardle*

The Academic Integrity Committee  
*Spencer Scott*  
*Olivia Hart (alternate)*

The Committee on Emeriti Appointments  
*Cole Sinclair*

The Graduation Review Committee  
*Cole Sinclair*

The Honorary Degrees Committee  
*Spencer Scott*

Motion carried

#### **10.10.10 Discussion of Honorary Degrees**

*R. MacKinnon informed Senate of his intention to form a subcommittee of the Honorary Degrees Committee to review the criteria for awarding honorary degrees. In response to questions by L. Michaelis, he noted that the subcommittee would be made up entirely of members of the Honorary Degrees Committee and that there is as yet no timeline for the review. In particular, the president could not confirm that the review would be completed this year. The president stated a preference for doing the review well rather than quickly.*

*J. Devine, a member of the Honorary Degrees Committee, welcomed the review and asked that the review also include consideration of a policy for rescinding honorary degrees. R. MacKinnon responded that the review will also consider the issue of rescinding degrees.*

*K. Johnston welcomed the policy review and asked about plans for honorary degrees at the May 2024 Convocation. R. MacKinnon answered that there are currently Senate-approved nominees in the pipeline and that the Honorary Degrees Committee may bring more names to Senate under the current policy. K. Johnston then asked whether it would be possible to revisit the current pool of candidates or to use an interim process for the upcoming year. The president noted that the committee may decide to submit the current pool to extra vetting before naming recipients for 2024. On the other hand, the chair noted that the committee has not met this year and he does not want to speak on its behalf until the full committee has addressed the issue. Reiffenstein argued that Senate should respect the decisions of previous senates on the granting of degrees.*

*M. Hamilton asked that any interim process result in a roster of honorary graduates that would*

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*L. Michaelis noted that senators*