NSCAD Senate Minutes

Date & Time: 24 February 2025, 10AM
Present: A. Fish, N. Peach, D. van de Wetering, C. Allen, R. MacDonald, A. Lee, R. Young, M. Reichertz, D. Smith, S. Tracey, R. Hannon, O. Skeen, K. Cope, J. Macalik, L. Dowe, Z. Kirch, M. Chung

Item	Agenda	Action
1.	**1.1 - Territorial Acknowledgement** - NSCAD University is located in Kjipuktuk, the district of Sipekne'katik, Mi'kma'ki, which since time immemorial has been the unceded traditional territory and ancestral homelands of the Mi'kmaq Nation. We pay respect to the historic and contemporary Mi'kmaw artists who have, over millennia, created unique artforms and designs, and through generations, passed down ways of being, knowing, and doing that are valued and respected. NSCAD University is committed to forging a relationship based on reciprocity as we move forward together in a good way, based on the foundational aspirations in our collective treaties, dating back to 1725.	1.1 read by A. Fish.
1.	**1.2** – Establish quorum. **1.3 - Motion:** to approve the meeting agenda for the February 24th meeting of Senate.	1.2 established. 1.3 moved by A. Lee, 2nd by D. Smith, passes.
2.	**2.1** – Declaration of conflict of interest.	N/A
3.	**3.1** – **Motion:** to approve the minutes from the December 16th meeting of Senate.	3.1 moved by
4.	**Consent Agenda** N/A	
5.	**Committee Reports** N/A	
6.	**Other Business** **6.1 -** Discussion of Calendar and Dates for 2025/2026- S. Tracey **6.2 - Motion:** from SUNSCAD; In years following attempts by NSCAD to consolidate its campuses at the Port, NSCAD has regularly experienced financial strain, including facing the possibility of losing its autonomy and being absorbed by Dalhousie University, and including a $2.4 million bailout by the province of Nova Scotia in 2011; and, whereas, NSCAD's current business model, in order to afford renovating and renting the Port campus, is dependant upon an	6.2 moved by O. Skeen, 2nd by Z. Kirch, notes below, two in favour, six opposed, two abstentions.

	increase in student enrollment at NSCAD which is not feasible; and, whereas, the Port Campus is inaccessible to those with auditory processing disorders or difficulty hearing, is a poor learning environment, and is not on any bus routes; and, whereas, the Port Campus is counter to the history, culture, and sensibilities of NSCAD and its community; and, whereas, there are numerous health and safety concerns at the Port Campus, including but not limited to poor handling of silica dust in the ceramics studios, and a rat infestation; and, whereas, the Port Authority of Halifax is a part of the military industrial complex of Canada, which by renting from, NSCAD furthers its complicity in the oppression and genocide of the indigenous people of Palestine, and war crimes that the Canadian government is complicit or active in carrying out, throughout the world, in addition to the regular transportation of military entities, including nuclear submarines, and other weapons of mass destruction; and, whereas, due to the projected impacts of climate change, the Port campus will be an untenable place for any university to operate, due to rising water levels, and increased intensity of weather events, within a short number of decades; be it resolved that Senate moves that the NSCAD Board of Governors pursues thorough research into alternatives to the move to the Port campus in order to determine if the Port campus truly is financially and otherwise feasible, and if it is the only feasible option, despite all its shortcomings; and, be it further resolved that a report on the financial feasibility of various alternative options be created, to be shared with NSCAD Senate, Alumni Association, FUNSCAD, SUNSCAD, CUPE 3912 NSCAD, and other shareholder groups; and, be it further resolved that among the list of alternatives that are looked into, the following options be included: 1. the renovation of the Duke/Fountain campus proposed by former NSCAD President Dr. Aoife Mac Namara, 2. the renovation of the Duke/Fountain campus, independently of the proposal by Dr. Mac Namara,	

	3. the renovation and expansion of Academy Campus, adding an elevator, and reclaiming spaces which are currently rented out, 4. the acquisition of a building not currently in NSCAD's real estate portfolio, 5. the strategic combination of any of the above options; and, be it further resolved that the report be finalized and distributed to the relevant NSCAD shareholders, including Senate, by July 1, 2025.	
7.	**Announcements/Point of Information** **7.1 -** Chair of Senate **7.2 -** President – deferred to **8.1.** **7.3 -** VPAR **7.4 -** Dean, Academic **7.5 -** Dean, Students **7.6 -** SUNSCAD **7.7 -** BoG	
8.	**In Camera Session** **8.1 -** motion to go in camera (requires unanimous consent) **President's Report In Camera:** Strategic Alignment Plan and legislation **8.2** - motion to go out of camera **8.3** - motions from in camera discussion	Meeting moved in camera by unanimous consent.
9.	**9.1 – Motion:** to adjourn the meeting. **Next meeting date: March 10th, 2025**	9.1 moved by R. MacDonald.

6.2 - Senate discussed amending the motion to a single core ask, and plan to bring an edited motion to the next meeting.