



A meeting of the Ad-hoc Committee to consider the inclusion of the Ode to Newfoundland at Memorial’s convocation ceremonies was held on **Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 11:30 am via Microsoft Teams**

Committee members:

Arif Abu (Internationalization Office); Edwin Bezzina (senator); Kelly Butler (Indigenous Affairs); Cyr Couturier (senator); Denise Hooper (Convocation Lead); Delores Mullings (Vice-Provost EDI-AR); Valeri Pilgrim (Indigenous Student Resource Centre); Michael Woods (senator); Saravana Ganesan (GSU student).

Convener: Lee Ann McKivior [non-voting]

Recording: Brian Hammond [non-voting]

Present: Arif Abu, Edwin Bezzina, Kelly Butler, Cyr Couturier, Brian Hammond, Denise Hooper, Jill Hunt, Lee Ann McKivior, Michael Woods, Delores Mullings

Sent Regrets: Valeri Pilgrim

1.0	<p><u>Land Acknowledgement</u></p> <p>We acknowledge that the lands on which Memorial University’s campuses are situated are in the traditional territories of diverse Indigenous groups, and we acknowledge with respect the diverse histories and cultures of the Beothuk, Mi’kmaq, Innu and Inuit of this province.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Approval of Agenda</u></p>	Approved
<p>The February 11, 2025, agenda was approved as circulated.</p> <p>Move: C. Couturier / K. Butler No objections or abstentions.</p>		
3.0	<p><u>Approval of Minutes</u></p>	Approved
<p>Drafts of the minutes for the meetings held on January 28, 2025 and February 4, 2025, were circulated to the committee.</p>		

Motion to approve the **January 28, 2025**, minutes with minor adjustment.

Move: C. Couturier / K. Butler

No objections or abstentions.

Motion to approve the **February 4, 2025**, minutes as presented.

Move: M. Woods / K. Butler

No objections, one abstention.

4.0	<u>Updates</u>	Discussion
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The survey closed February 7, 2025 at 4:00PM. In total, 3799 responses were received.• Survey responses have been uploaded to the Teams Folder.• Senate webpage was updated to confirm that the consultation phase has ended and the final report will be presented to Senate in April.• Senate Office has not yet received a reply from the Premier’s Office to the earlier request for consultation.	
5.0	<u>Report Writing</u>	Discussion
	<p><u>Consultation Analysis</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members continue to review all consultations, recording key themes and direct quotes that they feel are meaningful.• Members have begun to review and analyze survey responses. <p><u>Report Writing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members continue to populate “working outline” with elements or details they believe should be included in the final report. <p><u>Timeline</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee aims to complete a rough draft of the report by March 4, 2025, a refined report by March 11, 2025, and a final report by March 18, 2025.• Time should be left between March 11th and 18th to have the report stylistically refined for presentation to Senate. <p><u>Action Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Convenor will extend the February 25, 2025 meeting to 2-hours. The meeting will be in camera.	

As there was no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 1:01pm.