University of The Bahamas Closed Extraordinary Academic Senate Meeting Thursday, 15th May 2025 9:30 a.m. – 3:00: p.m.

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Senators Present:

- Dr. Nicolette Bethel, Faculty Representative, Social Sciences, Professor, Chair
- Dr. Dion Hepburn, Faculty-At-Large, Associate Professor, Vice Chair
- Mr. William Fielding, Staff Representative, Data Analyst, Institutional Strengthening, Secretary
- Dr. A. Marie Sairsingh, Faculty Representative, Professor, English Studies, Assistant Secretary
- Dr. Maria Woodside-Oriakhi, Provost & Vice-President Academic Affairs
- Dr. Walteria Tucker-Rolle, Administration, AVP, Institutional Strengthening & Accreditation
- Dr. Marlo Murphy-Braynen, Administration, Dean, Business
- Dr. Thalia Micklewhite, Administration, Dean, Social and Educational Studies
- Dr. Veronica Toppin, Administration, Interim Dean, Pure & Applied Sciences
- Mr. Mario Adderley, Faculty Representative, Assistant Professor, Dean, THeCALM
- Dr. Christine Kozikowski, Faculty Representative, Associate Professor, English Studies, Parliamentarian
- Dr. Neresa Wallace-Bandelier, Faculty Representative, Associate Professor, Education
- Mr. Paul McCann, Faculty Representative, Assistant Professor, Education
- Dr. Larry Russell Jr. Faculty Representative, Assistant Professor, Chemistry, Environmental & Life Sciences
- Dr. Kayla Stubbs, Faculty Representative, Associate Professor, Chemistry, Environmental & Life Sciences
- Mrs. Justina Toote-Knowles, Faculty Representative, Nursing and Allied Health Professions
- Mrs. Karol Mackey-Missick, Faculty Representative, Assistant Professor, Nursing & Allied Health Professions
- Dr. Paul Jones, Faculty Representative, Professor, Communication and Creative Arts
- Dr. Marky Jean-Pierre, Faculty Representative, Assistant Professor, Communication and Creative Arts
- Ms. Catharine Archer, Faculty-At-Large Representative, Librarian II
- Dr. Amin Kabir, Faculty Representative, Associate Professor, Mathematics, Physics & Technology
- Ms. Renate Roberts-McWilliam, Faculty Representative, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, Physics & Technology
- Mrs. Lesvie Archer, Staff Representative, Policy Fellow, Public Policy Institute
- Ms. Lennise Lopez, Staff Representative, UB North, Assistant Registrar
- Mrs. Michelle Cunningham, Assistant Professor, Business
- Dr. Dale McHardy, Faculty Representative, Assistant Professor, Business
- Dr. Camille Smith, Assistant Director, Counsellor II, Libraries/Counselling
- Dr. Ruth Gardiner, Faculty Representative, Associate Professor, THeCALM
- Mrs. Keturah Babb-Higgs, Staff Representative, Director of Government Relations & Civic Engagement

Absent Senators

- Ms. Janyne Hodder, Administration, Acting President & CEO
- Ms. Shelby McPhee, Adjunct Faculty Representative
- Dr. Sophia Rolle, Adjunct Faculty Representative
- Mrs. Leslie Dorsett-Lewis, Director, CeLearn, UB North
- Ms. Decoda Darville, Staff Representative, Assistant Director, Campus Life
- Ms. Natasha Taylor, Staff Representative, Administrative Assistant II, CeLearn
- Dr. Veronica Ferguson, Administration, Dean of Faculty, UB North
- Ms. Claire Charlow-Patton, Staff Representative, Registrar
- Ms. Jessica Minnis, Faculty Representative, Professor, School of Social Sciences
- Ms. Vivian McIntosh, Staff Representative, UB-North, Assistant Director, Enrolment and Retention

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MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by N. Bethel.
- 2. **Prayer** The prayer was offered by D. Hepburn.
- 3. Roll Call This was taken by W. Fielding.
 - 3.1 Invited **Guests**: Dr. Raymond Oenbring & Dr. Kathleen Kellock (Co-Chairs of the Student Awards Committee).
- 4. **Approval of Agenda** Following a motion moved by M. Sairsingh and seconded by C. Smith, the agenda was approved as presented.

5. Minutes

- 5.1. Approval of the Minutes of 11 March 2025: Deferred
- 5.2. Matters Arising from the Minutes of 11 March 2025: Deferred
- 5.3. Approval of the Minutes of 8 April 2025: Deferred
- 5.4. Matters Arising of the Minutes 8 April 2025: Deferred.

6. New Business

6.1. Graduation Papers

AS Paper No.25-50 Candidates for Graduation spring 2024 CCA Addendum

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by W. Tucker-Rolle and seconded by M. Jean-Pierre, AS Paper No. 25-50, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2024 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-51 Candidates for Graduation summer 2024 CCA

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by W. Tucker-Rolle and seconded by C. Archer, AS Paper No. 25-51, the Candidates for Graduation for summer 2024 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-52 Candidates for Graduation fall 2024 EDUC Addendum

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by T. Micklewhite and seconded by K. Mackey-Missick, AS Paper No. 25-52, the Candidates for Graduation for fall 2024 were unanimously approved.

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AS Paper No. 25-53 Candidates for Graduation fall 2024 NAHP Addendum 2

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by K. Mackey-Missick, AS Paper No. 25-53, the Candidates for Graduation for fall 2024 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-54 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 BUSI

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by M. Murphy-Braynen and seconded by R. Gardiner, AS Paper No. 25-54, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-55 Candidate for Graduation spring 2025 BUSI Addendum

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by M. Murphy-Braynen and seconded by M. Cunningham, AS Paper No. 25-55, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-56 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 CCA

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by W. Tucker-Rolle and seconded by M. Jean-Pierre, AS Paper

No. 25-56, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-57 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 ES

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by M. Sairsingh and seconded by W. Tucker-Rolle, AS Paper No. 25-57, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-58 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 CELS (REV A)

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by K. Stubbs, AS Paper No. 25-58, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-59 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 MPT

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by K. Stubbs, AS Paper No. 25-59, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved.

AS Paper No. 25-60 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 NAHP

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by K. Stubbs, AS Paper No. 25-60, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

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AS Paper No. 25-61 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 NAHP Addendum

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by J. Toote-Knowles, AS Paper No. 25-61, the Candidates for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

AS Paper No. 25-62 Candidate for Graduation spring 2025 SIS

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by T. Micklewhite, AS Paper No. 25-62, the Candidate for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

AS Paper No. 25-63 Candidate for Graduation spring 2025 Education

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by T. Micklewhite and seconded by N. Wallace-Bandelier, AS Paper No. 25-63, the Candidate for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

AS Paper No. 25-64 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 Education Addendum

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by T. Micklewhite and seconded by C. Archer, AS Paper No. 25-64, the Candidate for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

AS Paper No. 25-65 Candidates for Graduation spring 2025 SOSC

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by T. Micklewhite and seconded by W. Tucker-Rolle, AS Paper No. 25-65, the Candidate for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

AS Paper No. 25-66 Candidate for Graduation spring 2025 The CALM

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by M. Adderley and seconded by R. Gardiner, AS Paper No. 25-66, the Candidate for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

AS Paper No. 25-67 Candidate for Graduation spring 2025 The CALM Addendum

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by M. Adderley and seconded by R. Gardiner, AS Paper No. 25-67, the Candidate for Graduation for spring 2025 were unanimously approved

6.2 Student Awards

Nominee for The CALM Award for Academic Excellence was Tayler Jonson.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by M. Adderley and seconded by R. Gardiner the candidate, Tayler Johnson was unanimously approved for the Academic Excellence in Culinary.

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Nominee for Nursing and Allied Health Professions Award for Academic Excellence was Keanna Carey.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by K. Mackey-Missick the candidate, Keanna Carey, was approved for the Academic Excellence Award in Nursing and Allied Health Profession.

Nominee for Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences Award for Academic Excellence was Shavanti Young.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by K. Stubbs the candidate, Shavanti Young, was approved for the Academic Excellence Award in Chemistry, Environmental and Life Sciences.

Nominee for Mathematics, Physics and Technology Award for Academic Excellence was Navarre E. Simpson.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by R. Roberts-McWilliams the candidate, Navarre E. Simpson, was approved for the Academic Excellence Award in Mathematics, Physics and Technology.

Nominee for Education Award for Academic Excellence was Ariel Fawkes.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by T. Micklewhite and seconded by N. Wallace-Bandelier the candidate, Ariel Fawkes, was approved for the Academic Excellence Award in Education.

Nominee for Small Island Sustainability Award for Academic Excellence was Tavano Sweeting.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by V. Toppin and seconded by K. Stubbs the candidate, Tavano Sweeting, was approved for the Academic Excellence Award in Small Island Sustainability.

Nominee for Communication and Creative Arts Award for Academic Excellence was awarded to Alesha T. Pinder.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by W. Tucker-Rolle and seconded by P. Jones the candidate, Alesha T. Pinder, was approved for the Academic Excellence Award in Communication and Creative Arts.

Nominee for Social Sciences Award for Academic Excellence was Krizia C. Smith.

<u>Decision:</u> Following a motion moved by T. Micklewhite and seconded by N. Bethel the candidate, Krizia C. Smith, was approved for the Academic Excellence Award in Social Sciences.

C. Smith gave an overview and explained the process of how the awards are determined and what GPA is required for the student to attain the awards.

Between agenda items 6.1 and 6.2 there was an impromptu discussion on changes to the Statutes and Bye-laws. This focused on the areas in the UB Act and in the Academic Senate Statutes and Bye-laws which could be changed to facilitate the working of the Academic Senate. It was agreed that these matters could be more formally discussed at the June meeting. It was agreed that June may be an appropriate meeting to examine possible changes which would be presented by the Statues and Bye-laws Committee.

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7. **Adjournment** – Following a motion moved by C. Smith and seconded by M. Sairsingh the meeting ended at 2.31pm.

Secretary's Note:

The following Awards were approved by round-robin on the 16th May:

The UB North Campus Award was awarded to Shanyann Fox.

The UB North Academic Excellence Award was awarded to Mya Mott.

The English Studies Academic Excellence Award was awarded to Tremis I. Mott.

The Business Academic Excellence Award was awarded to Natalea E. S. Bain.

The following graduation paper was also approved by round robin on the 16th May:

AS Paper No. 25-68 Candidates for Graduation Spring 2025 SOSC Addendum.

The following curriculum papers were approved by round robin on the 2 June 2025:

AS Paper No. 25-73 NURS 550: Advanced Leadership and Management in Academic and Clinical

Settings (New)

AS Paper No. 25-74 NURS 687: Research Project I (New)
AS Paper No. 25-75 NURS 688: Research Project II (New)