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The Senate of Acadia University acknowledges that we are located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

Dear Member of Senate:

I advise you that a meeting of the Senate of Acadia University will occur from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday 13th September, 2021. The meeting will take place in BAC 132.

The agenda follows:

- 1) Approval of Agenda**
- 2) Minutes of the Senate Meeting of 9th June, 2021**
- 3) Minutes of the Special Senate Meeting of 22nd June, 2021**
- 4) Announcements**
 - a) Link for updated list of membership of all standing and ad hoc committees of Senate:
http://senate.acadiau.ca/Senate_Comm_Membership.html
 - b) Senate Orientation Meeting: Monday September 27th, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in BAC 132.
 - c) Other Announcements ([*attached, pages 3-15*](#))
- 5) Question Period – President/Provost and Vice-President Academic**
- 6) Old Business**
 - a) Senate Committee Annual Reports
 - i) Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee Report, Part 2 (2020-2021) ([*attached, page 16*](#))
- 7) New Business**
 - a) Election/Acclamation of Senate Executive members for 2021-2022

b) Election/Acclamation of Faculty Elections Officer for 2021-2022

8) Other Business

9) Adjournment

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED
Rosie Hare
Recording Secretary to Senate

Announcements

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO SENATE – SEPTEMBER 13th, 2021:

President's Report to Senate - September 2021

Welcome Back

It is wonderful to be able to welcome Senators, and indeed all faculty, staff and students back to campus. Being able to return to almost fully in-person teaching is a great privilege and has been made possible by the tireless work of so many, together with the continued firm and consistent management of the pandemic by our provincial government and health authority. As I write this report, students are moving into residences and our Welcome Week events and activities are in full swing. Meeting with students and parents and seeing and hearing the excitement and gratitude in their faces and voices has been an uplifting experience over the past few days I have been impressed at how everyone is following our public health directives, and are expressing support for ensuring that we remain safe during what we hope will be the end game of this pandemic. Many international students have successfully made the journey, some having to take circuitous routes to get here from all around the world. Our enrolments and residence occupancy continue to look strong, and we must all be grateful for the incredible work that our recruitment, student services and residence staff have done under very challenging circumstances.

Thank you all for everything you have done to help us get to this point in time.

Comprehensive COVID-19 Prevention and Safety Plan Update

We continue to follow our [comprehensive plan](#), which is based upon the advice and recommendation of NS Public Health. Our latest numbers are supporting our survey results on having very high rates of vaccination amongst our incoming students. Out of Province students who have had to use the NS Safe Check-in system (which includes every out-of-province student except those arriving from PEI and NL) are showing a fully vaccinated rate of 97%. Students who have been in quarantine in Chipman House are now being directed to get their remaining doses in order to become fully vaccinated as soon as possible. All residence students who are not fully vaccinated are being directed by residence staff to get tested twice-a-week.

At the time of writing, we are exploring the possibility of being able to use take-home rapid testing kits which would greatly expedite the testing process and our capabilities to ensure that everyone can be tested regularly, whether vaccinated or not.

We added a vaccination clinic during the first week of term in order to allow students and employees to get their vaccinations as soon as possible. Expanded vaccination and testing capabilities will help keep our campus community and the community at large safe and healthy.

On August 1, Acadia announced that student-athletes and associated staff who travel with the teams will be required to be fully vaccinated in order to participate in varsity sports competitions in the upcoming academic year. This decision was made in consultation with other AUS institutions due to the competition requirements associated with varsity sports by which student-athletes and team staff are required to travel between campuses across the Atlantic region, including the Nova Scotia-New Brunswick border. While arrangements are being made to fast-track team travel across the provincial border, anyone who is not fully vaccinated would be required to self-isolate upon returning to Nova Scotia.

NS Public Health is working with the federal government on getting access to a digital proof-of-vaccination system what would provide us with the capabilities of validating the vaccination status on campus and following up with those who need to get more frequent testing if they remain unvaccinated or only partially vaccinated. We are also looking at some commercial systems to see if they might provide an appropriate way of obtaining proof of vaccination.

While hoping that this will not be the case, we are expecting that the return of students will result in some positive COVID cases being identified, especially with the increased level of testing compared with last year. As always, we are fully prepared to deal with any positive cases on and off campus, and this year we will maintain Chipman House for use as a self-isolation and quarantine facility.

Finally, we will watch for further developments at the provincial level with regards to the movement to Phase 5 of the re-opening plan, which is still planned for September 15 but may well be deferred if provincial vaccination levels do not reach the required percentage, or if there is a spike in positive COVID cases over the next few days and weeks.

I will provide further updates at the time of the Senate meeting when I may have more information to share.

Re-appointment of Chancellor and a New Chair for our Board of Governors

On August 1, I was delighted to be able to announce the re-appointment of Bruce Galloway ('68) for another three-year term as Chancellor of Acadia University. Bruce has done a wonderful job as Chancellor despite the fact that since the start of the pandemic he has not been able to take part in the usual in-person convocation ceremonies and on-campus activities, and has had to conduct his responsibilities virtually. I look forward to welcoming Bruce back to campus later this term and having him as Chancellor for another term.

Also, John Rogers ('79) announced that he would not be seeking re-appointment to the Board after his current term expires at the end of September. John has been a wonderful Board Chair and he will be greatly missed both in that capacity and as a member of the Board. I am enormously grateful to John for his outstanding service to Acadia over his entire career, but most recently as Board Chair and a member of the Campaign Cabinet

Henry Demone ('76) will take over as the new Chair of the Acadia Board of Governors on October 1. Henry served High Liner Foods and its predecessor, National Sea Products, for 35 years – first as VP International, then as President and COO, CEO, and Chairman of the Board. Now retired, Henry is President of Demone Capital Inc., and in addition to being on the Acadia Board, he is a director on the

boards of Saputo and Emera. Henry is a strong and passionate promoter of Acadia, and I look forward to working with him as the next Cahir of our Board of Governors.

Community Relations

My office has been working closely with the Town and the ASU over the summer to address ongoing community relations, and to prepare for the fall term. On August 3, we issued a [Message to the Community](#) to inform the local community about the preparations Acadia has made to bring students back and explain the rationale behind our approach. We appreciate and understand the anxieties that exist in the broader Wolfville community, and we continue to keep them informed about our plans and progress as the term begins.

Also, under our MOU with the Town and the ASU, we continue to promote good neighbour relations in the residential areas surrounding the campus where there are high numbers of student rentals. The Community Harmony initiative includes not only the three MOU partners, but also the RCMP and residents. On September 3 we took part in a Door-to-Door walk-about and plan to do some more later this term.

New Provincial Government and Ministry Changes

The election of a new majority government in NS has resulted in some significant changes to the Ministry that oversees the PSE sector. The Hon. Brian Wong, MLA for Waverley-Fall River-Beaver Bank has been appointed Minister of Advanced Education (formerly Labour and Advanced Education). Minister Wong hails from Digby and is an Acadia alumnus of the Class of 1987. A ministerial reorganisation moved the labour, skills and apprenticeship portfolios to a newly named Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration, with the Hon. Jill Balsler (who is MLA for Digby-Annapolis) being named the new Minister. Local MLA for Kings North John Lohr has been appointed Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, as well as responsible for Emergency Management and Military Relations.

The Department of Advanced Education has a new Deputy Minister with Nancy MacLellan replacing long-time DM Duff Montgomerie, and former Assistant Deputy Minister Nicole Johnson Morrison is now ADM at Labour Skills and Immigration. It is not clear if the new Advanced Education department will have an ADM. Ms. MacLellan was previously DM for Seniors and before that at Municipal Affairs and Housing. I would like to express a note of thanks to Duff Montgomerie on his long time as DM for Labour and Advanced Education where he helped establish a genuine partnership with the PSE sector.

Keith Irving was re-elected as MLA for Kings South and I would like to express appreciation to Keith for his support for Acadia during the period of the Liberal government, and especially for his recent service as Minister for Environment and Climate Change and Chair of the Treasury and Policy Board. I look forward to continuing to work with Keith to advance the needs of Acadia and our local community.

CONSUP will be working to set up meetings with the new minister and team at Advanced Education. We hope to continue excellent relations between the university sector and the new government.

PART Report

I am pleased to announce that I have received the report from the President's Anti-Racism Task Force (PART). The Executive Team is currently reviewing the report and its recommendations, and I will be preparing a formal response which I will share with the members of the Task Force for their input before making it public.

I am very pleased to welcome Janique Ellis Panza as Acadia's new Black Student Success Navigator. The responsibilities of the position have been revised in response to feedback from the PART and the Black student community. In particular the Black Student Success Navigator has the primary responsibility to develop and implement programs and services that support the academic and personal success of students of African descent, including African Nova Scotian and African Canadian students and students of African descent from other countries.

I am very grateful to the PART members for their excellent work, and I look forward to discussing with them how we will use their report to advance EDI and anti-racism at Acadia.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Acadia has announced that it will recognize the new federal holiday established for September 30 to commemorate the horrific legacy of residential schools in Canada. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation gives us time to reflect and raise awareness of and reflect on the tragedies experienced by Indigenous people because of the country's former residential school system.

For this year, the University is cancelling all classes and suspending non-essential services on Thursday, September 30, 2021. University employees entitled to statutory holidays will receive this day off. In future years, this day will be added as a statutory holiday and will be included in the academic calendar.

Acadia 2025

Over the course of the summer, Goal Working Groups have been established for all the goals in our strategic plan, and meetings have been taking place to assess our progress to date and to map out directions towards reaching or exceeding our targets. Please keep track of the [Acadia 2025](#) website for further information and updates. I thank everyone who has agreed to be part of one or more of the Goal Working Groups.

York vs. Access Copyright

On July 30, the Supreme Court of Canada issued its decision and dismissed the appeals of both parties. In doing so, the Court rejected Access Copyright's attempt to impose tariffs on institutions who are not party to an agreement with them. This is a very important decision which means that universities like Acadia that terminated their agreement with Access Copyright will not be subject to punitive retroactive tariffs on the legal use of copyrighted materials for educational purposes. Although the Court also dismissed York's appeal on fair dealing, in deciding not to rule on the fair dealing issue it leaves it open for universities to continue to work with Universities Canada (which was an intervenor in the case) to develop and implement fair dealing guidelines. This is an excellent outcome to what has been a very long drawn-out case, and more details can be found at <https://www.scc-csc.ca/case-dossier/cb/2021/39222-eng.aspx>. The Copyright

Act is up for parliamentary review next year, and Universities Canada will coordinate efforts to oppose any efforts by Access Copyright to lobby for legislative changes to support its position.

Maple League

Over the summer, the Maple League was successful in a number of external funding awards totalling \$497,000 for innovation related to experiential learning, including a number of awards to projects led by Acadia professors. The Maple League partnered with the Canadian Experiential and Work Integrated Learning (CEWIL) to host a series of special Maple League panels on how to apply for funding to support experiential and work-integrated learning. A number of faculty and staff who attended these sessions (and the subsequent open office hours and one-on-one mentorship) were able to submit funding proposals. Successful projects include:

- The Maple League received a grant from CEWIL for \$180,000 to support the OLTC project.
- Dr. Michael Sheppard (Acadia) is the lead on the Maple League Social Innovation Incubator (The Path) and was awarded \$197,000; and
- Dr. Cynthia Alexander (Acadia) was awarded \$120,000 for two courses, one with Inuit of Nunavut and one with Mi'kmaq (approximately \$60,000 for each) will be working with Neil Silcox (Mt. A) to transform these courses into Maple League courses in the future academic semesters.

Congratulations to Michael and Cynthia on these awards and for their work in supporting The Maple League.

Colleague Student Launch

I want to thank everyone who has been involved in the successful launch of the new Colleague Student information system. This is a major project which has consumed a great deal of time, energy, and resources over the past two years, and going live on August 3 marked a major step forward in improving our management of student and academic information. I would also like to recognize the contributions of the Board Audit Committee, which has provided important oversight and advice to the ACE project from the beginning. The project continues but getting through this critical stage is worthy of note and thanks.

New President and CEO at EduNova

In my capacity as Chair of the Board of EduNova, I have been directly involved in the search for a new President and CEO since the departure of Nicole Johnson Morrison to the provincial public service. I am very pleased to announce that the search has been completed successfully and that a new President and CEO has been approved by the Board. At the time of writing the public announcement has not been made, so I will inform Senate of the successful individual at the Senate meeting.

I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable fall term when we will hopefully emerge from the pandemic once it is safe to do so. That is something to which we can all look forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Ricketts
President and Vice-Chancellor

September 7, 2021

PROVOST AND VPA REPORT TO SENATE - SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021:

Welcome to new and returning senators. Once again, I am sure the summer has deviated from the norm for everyone, but I still hope and trust that you each found some time to spend with friends and family, and to rejuvenate for the year ahead. The fall is an energizing time with the anticipation of faculty and students alike for an impactful year. This year, we are excited—and I am sure a little anxious—to have students back in even greater numbers than last year. As with everything to do with the COVID-19 pandemic, this year will once more be far from perfect, and I am sure there will be many times that we have to change course and be flexible. While we were all optimistic at the end of the last academic year that this year we would return to normal, there are ongoing challenges in dealing with the pandemic. However, things are looking positive for the return to a more normal *Acadia Experience* for faculty and students. We now have multiple vaccines that are proving to be very effective in controlling the spread of COVID-19, and we are all hopeful that Nova Scotia will be able to enter Phase 5 of its re-opening plan this month. This year there will be a large number of second-year students who will be on campus for the first time, having completed their first year of studies remotely last year. I am confident that they will have a great year.

FALL 2021 PLANNING TASK FORCE

The 2021 Planning Task Force was on hold over the summer, as the high-level decisions of preparing for the fall were completed prior to June, and the operational protocols around COVID-19 were refined through the 2020/21 academic year. Since that time, the Occupational Health Nurse has been ensuring that all our protocol documents and operating procedures are consistent with the latest requirements and guidelines. The Framework for re-opening the Nova Scotia university sector was reviewed and approved by the Department of Labour and Advanced Education and the office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health. All our operating parameters are within the guidelines for the sector. The COVID-19 Planning Task Force will meet the first week of September to share updates and address any issues.

COLLEAGUE STUDENT UPDATE

On August 3, our new student information system went live. As is always the case with such a large roll-out, there have been a few issues since the launch. However, given the size of the implementation and data, things have gone extremely well. The vast majority of the issues have been related to permissions and access. There are over 6,300 screens in Colleague and many require individual permission levels. The team is prioritizing any issues preventing students from enrolling in courses and is working through the remaining issues in a priority sequence. It will take a cycle or two before we can fully harness the capabilities of the system. The implementation of the student planning/degree audit module at the end of September will greatly enhance academic planning and degree audits. We continue to work through some of the integrations with other systems. The team and supporting units deserve a huge thank you for all their efforts in achieving a successful launch. Many of them have worked long hours and have had to defer vacation to ensure project success.

ACADEMIC PLANNING UPDATE

The faculties have been working on their plans, but as requested at the June meeting, due to the many other challenges over the last academic year and this summer, extensions were given to allow units and faculties to complete their reports and plans. Once the faculty plans are submitted this month, the Academic Planning Committee will update the draft academic plan and circulate it prior to the October senate meeting. Additionally, the APC will submit a prioritization of the position requests from the faculties for October and prepare the pre-budget report for the December senate meeting.

ENROLMENT AND RESIDENCE UPDATE

The Vice-Provost of Students, Recruitment and Enrolment Management will provide an update verbally at the senate meeting.

DIRECTOR, CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION AND CAREER SERVICES SEARCH UPDATE

We received 15 applications before the deadline of August 23, 2021. The selection committee members have reviewed and considered the applications and decided on a shortlist of three candidates for interviews. The interviews are scheduled to take place virtually between September 7 and September 13, 2021.

Associate VP Research & Dean of Graduate Studies Report to Senate – 13 September 2021

GRANTS TO FACULTY

SSHRC Insight Development Grant

- **Dr Erin Crandall** (Politics) was awarded **\$47,180** / 2 years for her project “Understanding Public Support of the Supreme Court.” Working with Dr Andrea Lawlor (Kings College – Western Ontario), Crandall will design and administer public surveys to measure respondents’ reactions to specific court decisions and undertake a comprehensive analysis of the institutional and ideological factors that affect the support for the Canadian Supreme Court.

SSHRC Institutional Grant Awards (N=16). Total Awarded = \$44,032

- Wellness on Campus (WOC) International Collaborative Initiative: Edited Book and Companion Website, Book Chapter Contributors’ Workshop and ‘WOC the Talk’ International Virtual Policy Symposium – **Dr Cynthia Alexander** (Politics); **\$2,385**
- Groundwork for the Singing IN Flanders Fields Project – **Dr Michelle Boyd** (Music); **\$3,000**
- New Saxophone Voices: Developing a Model for Student and Composer Collaboration in the Creation of Pedagogical Pieces – **Dr Tristan De Borba** (Music); **\$3,000**
- Peopling the Past: Real People in the Ancient World – **Dr Chelsea Gardner** (History & Classics); **\$3,000**
- Building Research Capacity in Developing Countries: Pathways to Economic Development – **Dr Gregory MacKinnon** (Education); **\$3,000**

- Witnessing 'Benevolence:' Art and Canada Residential Schools – **Dr Brenda Trofanenko** (Education); **\$3,000**
- Resistance to Indifference – **Dr Geoffrey Whitehall** (Politics); **\$3,000**
- Bridging the gap: A post-graduation follow-up study of Acadia University's M.Ed. in Counselling Program graduates – **Dr Kelly Brenton** (Education); **\$3,000**
- Socio-Economic and Cultural Impacts of Climate Change in the Tatshenshini-Alsek River Watershed – **Dr John Colton** (Community Development); **\$2,000**
- Chinese Silk Rank Badges at Acadia: Research, Digital Access & Knowledge Mobilization – **Dr Laurie Dalton** (Art Gallery); **\$2,997**
- Freedom from Want: The Movement for Social Democracy in the 1940s – **Dr Michael Dennis** (History & Classics); **\$2,200**
- Exploring the Impact of the Athletic Therapy Interactive Concussion Educational (AT-ICE) Tool in Athletic Therapy Education – **Dr Colin King** (Kinesiology); **\$3,000**
- Tell Your Story: Capturing Atlantic Baptist Oral Histories – **Dr Melody Maxwell** (Divinity College); **\$3,000**
- Translation as Soundscape: Erin Moure's Art – **Dr Anne Quema** (English); **\$1,000**
- Sa'd Zaghlul: From Colonial Modern to Anti-Colonial Nationalist – **Dr James Whidden** (History & Classics); **\$3,000**
- The Gospel of Matthew (Lexham Research Commentaries) – **Dr Danny Zacharius** (Divinity College); **\$3,000**

National Geographic Society

Dr Chelsea Gardner (History & Classics) received **\$2,000** for the project entitled "COVID-19 Remote Learning Emergency Fund for Educators"

Co-operative Education and Work Integrated Learning Canada (CEWIL) Awards. Total = \$360,910

- Applying the UN's Sustainable Development Goals to a Rural Commercial Fishing and Tourism Dependent Hamlet – **Dr Glyn Bissix** (Community Development); **\$3,590**
- Kentville Ravine Trail and Reconciliation Project – **Dr Mary Sweatman** (Community Development); **\$9,000**
- I-WIL Commit to Truth and Reconciliation: Elders and Youth in Mi'kma'ki Collaborate to Advance Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in Canada - **Dr Cynthia Alexander** (Politics); **\$67,200**
- I-WILL Make a Difference Upholding Human Rights: Canadian Youth Examine the Social Determinants of Health in Nunavut, A Community-Based Participatory Virtual Policy Initiative – **Dr Cynthia Alexander** (Politics); **\$84,120**
- The Path – **Dr Michael Sheppard** (Business); **\$197,000**

Canada Foundation for Innovation (CFI) / Research Nova Scotia

Dr Allison Walker (Biology) and **Dr Melanie Coombs** (Biology) received **\$99,376** from CFI's John R. Evans Leaders Fund for the establishment of a Flow Cytometry Station for the examination of cells to support research in areas of health and ecology. Flow cytometry allows scientists to examine physical and biochemical characteristics of cells to quantitatively assess cell size, shape, granularity, DNA content, cell cycle, cell surface markers and viability. The awardees received **\$99,376** in matching funds from Research Nova Scotia. With additional vendor discounts and in-kind support, the project total is valued at **\$248,441**.

RESEARCH AGREEMENTS

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) - Contribution Agreement (\$100,000)

AIDA/Dr Danny Silver (Computer Science) received funding under the Innovative Communities Fund (ICF) to expand AIDA's industry support by providing data science expertise to new start-ups/ventures in Atlantic Canada. The main services include pre-project data science consulting and problem investigation; data science and business advice and mentoring for start-ups; data preparation, machine learning, model evaluation; project leadership and guidance; and on-the-job training to transfer knowledge and capacity within Atlantic Canadian companies.

Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) – Sponsored Research Agreement (\$199,950)

ALAB – Dr John Murimboh/Hayley Craig-Barnes (Chemistry/ALAB) received funding to support the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation (NSLC) Product Testing Program. This program will support the implementation of a mandatory product testing program over the next two years for the NS craft beverage industry as well as other products listed by the NSLC.

Paraza Pharma Inc. – Sponsored Research Agreement (\$162,875)

Dr Amitabh Jha (Chemistry) received additional funding from Paraza Pharma to continue their collaborative research project entitled: *Curcumin prodrugs & their delivery for improved pharmacokinetics & pharmacodynamics*.

Greenlight Analytical Inc. – Sponsored Research Agreement (\$18,750)

Dr John Murimboh (Chemistry) received \$18,750 from Greenlight Analytical to evaluate the precision and sensitivity of a novel bench top mass spectrometry technology for the measurement of cannabinoid content in indoor grown cannabis plants subjected to different lighting spectra.

Atlantic Halibut Council – Sponsored Research Agreement (\$78,240)

Dr Michael Stokesbury (Biology) received \$78,240 for a halibut bio-tracking project (HaliBT) to monitor the movement of Atlantic halibut within and beyond a known high abundance juvenile hotspot near the Sable Gully using aquatic acoustic technology.

Nova Scotia Lands Inc. – Sponsored Research Agreement (\$26,030)

Dr Ian Spooner (Earth & Environmental Science) received an additional \$26,030 in funding from Nova Scotia Lands & Forestry to continue work across the open water portion of the North and South Wetland of Boat Harbour to accurately estimate the thickness level of contaminated sediment.

Department of Lands and Forestry – Contribution Agreement - (\$8,000)

Dr Mark Mallory (Biology) received \$8,000 for Year 2 of his project entitled: *Conservation of eiders using nest structures on the Eastern Shore*

Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Research Agreement - (\$10,000)

Dr Anna Redden (Biology) received \$10,000 for a project entitled: *Assessing and collecting (for Live Gene Bank purposes) Atlantic salmon smolts on the Gaspereau River in 2021*

New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development – (\$10,500)

Dr Sandra Barr (Earth & Environmental Science) received \$10,500 for her project entitled: *Age and tectonic implications of the New River belt, mainland and Grand Manan Island, New Brunswick*

Proyecto Fondecty – Services Contract - (\$9,930)

Dr Nelson O'Driscoll (Earth & Environmental Science) received \$9,930 for his project entitled: *Sample Analysis of MeHg in Tissues*. This contract is part of a larger research agreement with Dr Paulina Bahamonde, Associate Researcher at Universidad de Playa Ancha in Valpariso, Chile.

Stantec Inc. – Services Agreement

Dr Nelson O'Driscoll (Earth & Environmental Science) received \$5,400 from Stantec for sample analyses.

MITACS AWARDS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH INTERNS

Dr Jennie Rand (Engineering) has been awarded Mitacs Accelerate Internship funding (**\$13,333**) in partnership with Research Nova Scotia. Project Title: *Wastewater Surveillance of SARS-Cov-2 in Nova Scotia*

Dr Jonathon Fowles (Kinesiology) has been awarded Mitacs Accelerate Entrepreneurship funding (**\$13,333**) in partnership with Habit Forming Technologies Inc. Project Title: *User Adaptive Systems for Behaviour Change in Health and Wellness*

Dr Trevor Avery (Biology) has been awarded Mitacs Accelerate Internship funding (**\$15,000**) in partnership with the NunatuKavut Community Council Inc. Project Title: *Connecting ecological dots: striped bass diets, DNA barcoding, stable isotopes and contaminants – Part 2 of (IT15410)*

Dr Trevor Avery (Biology) has been awarded multiple Mitacs Accelerate Internships (**\$130,000**) in partnership with Kelly Cove Salmon Ltd, the Medway River Salmon Association, Freeman Lumber and the NunatuKavut Community Council Inc. Project Title: *Atlantic Salmon Smolt and Habitat Assessment in the Medway River*

OTHER AWARDS/RESEARCH FUNDING

NSBI's NS Productivity and Innovation (P&I) Voucher Program Awards (\$195,000)

Eleven new Productivity & Innovation (P&I) Vouchers were recently awarded to companies collaborating with Acadia faculty members to develop innovative new products and services. Tier I projects are awarded for new industry/university collaborations, while Tier II projects build on work previously completed under a Tier 1.

Tier I Projects (\$15,000 each):

- **Dr Nicoletta Faraone** (Chemistry) – Clever Fruit Inc.
- **Robin Browne** (KC Irving Environmental Science Centre & Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens) – Helping Nature Heal Inc.
- **Dr Matthew Lukeman** (Chemistry) – Mara Renewables Corporation
- **Andrew McIntyre** (Computer Science) – Nu-Air Ventilation Systems Inc.
- **John Read** (Rural Innovation Centre) – Rx Security Inc.
- **Dr Allison Walker** (Biology) – SeaChange BioChemistry Inc.
- **Robin Browne** (KC Irving Environmental Science Centre & Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens) – Vignobel de la Baie
- **Robin Browne** (KC Irving Environmental Science Centre & Harriet Irving Botanical Gardens) – VITIS Vines Services inc.

Tier II Projects (\$25,000 each):

- **Dr Kirk Hillier** (Biology) and **Dr Nicoletta Faraone** (Chemistry) – Dykeview Farms Ltd.

- **Dr Matthew McSweeney** (Nutrition & Dietetics) – Novagevity Inc.
- **Dr Kirk Hillier** (Biology) – Oberland Agriscience

National Research Council – Industrial Research Assistance Program (NRC-IRAP) Projects (\$10,000)

- **Dr Matthew Lukeman** (Chemistry) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Mara Renewables Corporation on a project entitled *Laser-induced cell lysis for extraction of algal oil*
- **Dr Harish Kapoor** (Business) was awarded **\$5,000** to collaborate with Tern Boatworks Ltd. on a project entitled *Pleasure Boats Made with Alternative/sustainable Material*

Acadia Laboratory for Agri-food & Beverage (ALAB) Update

- During May to July 2021, ALAB conducted analytical testing for 37 clients in the Atlantic region (**\$12,038**). These tests are in addition to testing conducted for the NSLC.
- Work towards ISO accreditation of ALAB is in progress.

UPCOMING RESEARCH FUNDING PROGRAMS AND SUBMISSION DATES

Internal

- **Harrison McCain Emerging Scholar Program:** 24 September 2021
- **University Research Fund (Article 25.55):** October 15, 2021 and February 1, 2022

External (not inclusive of all opportunities)

- **SSHRC**
 - Partnership Engage: September 15, 2021
 - Insight Grant: October 1, 2021
 - Connection Grants: November 1, 2021; February 1, 2022
 - Race, Gender & Diversity Initiative: November 15, 2021
 - Insight Development Grants: February 2, 2022 (Workshop in mid-Nov, TBA)
- **NSERC**
 - Research Tools & Instruments (RTI): October 25, 2021
 - Discovery Grant Proposal: November 1, 2021
- **Research Nova Scotia (RNS)**
 - New Health Investigator Grant: October 4, 2021
- **Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)**
 - JELF: October 15, 2021

GRADUATE STUDIES

NS Provincial Scholarship Recipients

- Denise Burgess, PhD (Education) - \$15,000
- Kayla Mansfield-Brown, PhD (Education) - \$15,000
- Molly Bradford, MSc (Biology) - \$10,000
- Sarah Brown, MSc (Biology) - \$10,000
- Emma Rand, MSc (Biology) - \$10,000
- David LeBlanc, MSc (Computer Science) - \$10,000
- Jake Speiran, MSc (Computer Science) - \$10,000

- Robb Tupper, MSc (Psychology) - \$10,000
- Rhonda McInnis, MSc (Psychology) - \$10,000
- Olivia Cleary, MSc (Psychology) - \$10,000

PhD Educational Studies (NS Inter-University Program - Acadia, MSVU and StFX)

Dr Heather Hemming (Education) is the new Inter-University Doctoral Committee (IDAC) Chair

Thesis Completion and Submission Deadline

Fall Graduation - September 24th

Scholarship Deadlines

NSERC and SSHRC Doctoral – November 1st

NSERC/SSHRC/CIHR Masters – December 1st

ACADIA STUDENTS' UNION - SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021

No written announcements received.

COLLEGE OF DIVINITY AND FACULTY OF THEOLOGY - SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2021

No written announcements received.

**Admissions and Academic Standing (Appeals) Committee
Report to Acadia University Senate, Part 2 (2020-2021)
September 13th, 2021**

For the 2020-2021 academic year, a revised process was again recommended to Senate and subsequently passed by Senate at its December 2020 meeting. Students on probation could still appeal their probation academic standing in the established way, but students on dismissal could instead complete a Declaration of Intent to Return to Studies process for this year rather than complete a full appeal process. The entire committee reviewed and decided upon the appeals of probation standing, whereas a subcommittee reviewed the Declarations of Intent to Return to Studies questionnaires for completeness.

There were two deadlines for appeals of probation academic standing and for submission of Declaration of Intent to Return to Studies for this year:

June 11, 2021- for students who received notification of dismissal or probation by May 14

July 23, 2021- for students who received notification of dismissal or probation after May 14 (due to grade changes, etc)

75 students were notified of Dismissal academic standing and were eligible to submit a Declaration of Intent to Return to Studies

- 42 students submitted Declaration of Intent to Return to Studies questionnaires (academic standing changed from Dismissal to Probation)

48 students were notified of Probation academic standing and were eligible to submit an Appeal

- 7 students appealed
- 0 appeals granted (no academic standing changed from Probation to Good Standing)

The committee for 2020-2021 was:

Chair (Chair of Senate): Anna Kiefte — ex-officio

Registrar or Delegate (non voting): Mark Bishop — ex-officio

Executive Director of Student Services or Delegate (non voting): James Sanford — ex-officio

1 Arts faculty member: Jeffrey Sachs

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1 Prof. St. faculty member: Harish Kapoor

1 Prof. St. faculty member: Jeff Torbert

1 P&A Sc. faculty member: John Murimboh

1 P&A Sc. faculty member: Cindy Trudel

1 Theology faculty member: Anna Robbins

1 Student: Lydia Houck (until April 2021), Megan Cyr (as of May 2021)

Others invited to attend, non-voting: Shawna Singleton, Associate Registrar

Respectfully submitted,
Anna Kiefte
Chair