

Senate met on March 1st.

We discussed numerous topics, such as convocation ceremonies, fall semester break, and the University of Canada - Egypt

It has been decided that there will now be three convocation ceremonies, the idea was ensure that all family members that wish to attend can attend. The Friday ceremony would confer degrees from the faculties of Nursing, Veterinary Medicine, and Graduate Studies. Saturday morning convocation would confer degrees and certificates from the faculties of Business, Education, and Engineering. The Saturday afternoon convocation would confer degrees and certificates from the faculties of Arts and Sciences. Convocation rehearsal would move to Thursday, and Senior awards ceremony would move to Thursday, which would happen immediately following rehearsal. After convocation takes place they will reevaluate how the convocations went and make a decision there where we will either continue doing 3 convocation ceremonies, go back to two ceremonies and or potentially even go to 4 ceremonies. The honorary degree recipients have been decided

The President traveled to the University of Canada Egypt, where he is now on the University's board. The Students of their university are wanting to create a student union of their own, and wish to duplicate our own student union. The university is looking at expanding the programs they offer with the creation of an Arts Faculty. Senate has moved to endorsing the expansion to the Dean of Arts. Also students attending the University in Egypt are able to come to UPEI during their time at the University of Canada Egypt as they are already students at UPEI and wouldn't need to worry about the applying as a transfer student.

We had an update on the potential of having a midterm break during the fall semester, 3 possible dates are being discussed however the dates would not be a one size fits all situation. If a date is decided it would occur until at least the 20-21 school year. Currently we are the only university in the region who does not have a fall reading week.