

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY  
**FACULTY COUNCIL MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 30, 2018  
4 pm  
Tweedie Hall

**Present:** L. Beck (Secretary), P. Brown, R. Campbell (Chair), A. Cockshutt, G. Cruttwell, J.

increasingly discipline-specialized resources. Members are encouraged to follow up with A. Comfort, M. Petlock, and S. Colette.

#### **5. Minimum Class Size Benchmark of 8 Students.**

J. Ollerhead informed members that the deans will be identifying courses that habitually have 8 students or fewer and investigate the reasons for the lower enrolments in order to see if resources should be reallocated elsewhere, particularly to address waitlist challenges. Several members expressed concern that upper-year offerings in many programmes, and the ability for students to complete degree programmes, would be impacted were a minimum enrolment figure imposed. J. Ollerhead stated that deans will have some discretion in applying the minimum enrolment target. Discussion also turned toward the impact that the new distribution requirements model is having on first year enrolments, if greater waitlists have resulted, and whether we should be reflecting on other pressures—such as the termination of the anthropology programme—for reasons behind

**10. Adjournment at 5:34 pm.**