FACULTY OF ENVIRONMENT
Special Meeting of Faculty Council
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. via Webex

PRESENT:
Jean Andrey, Dean (Chair)  Helen Jarvie, GEM  Michael Tjendra, MAD
Juli-Ann Perkins, D.O.  James McCarthy MAD  Michael Wood, SEED
[Secretary]  James Nugent, D.O.  Miljana Kovacevic, GEM
Akansha Jakhar, D.O.  Jason Thistlethwaite, SEED  Nancy Worth, GEM
Amelia Clarke, SEED  Jeffrey Wilson, SEED  Neil Carnegie, D.O.
Andrea Bale, SUST  Jenna Phillips, SUST  Neil Craik, SEED
Andrew Trant, SERS  Jennifer Dean, PLAN  Paul McKone, K.I.
Angie Hildebrand, SEED  Jennifer Nicholson, SERS  Peter Deadman, GEM
Anne Grant, D.O.  Jeremy Pittman, PLAN  Peter Johnson, GEM
Bernie Rutter, MAD  Jesse MacLeod, GEM  Quinn Lewis, GEM
Bev Raimbault, D.O.  Johanna Wandel, GEM  Rachel Krueger
Blair Feltmate, D.O.  John McLevey, K.I.  Richard Kelly, GEM
Brendon Larson, SERS  Juan Moreno-Cruz, SEED  Rob Gorbet, K.I.
Brent Doberstein, GEM  Justin Murfitt, EGSA  Sandra Ramautarsingh, D.O.
Brian Mills, SPHS  Katie Plaisance, K.I.  Sarah Burch, GEM
Brock Dickinson, D.O.  Kayla Snyder, D.O.  Sam Toman, D.O.
Bruce Frayne, SEED  Kim Boucher, K.I.  Sheree Solomon, PLAN
Cameron McCordic, SEED  Larry Swatuk, SEED  Shoshannah Holdom, D.O.
Christopher Fletcher, GEM  Lea Minaker, PLAN  Simon Courtenay, SERS
Clare Mitchell, GEM  Maria Strack, GEM  Simron Singh, SEED
Clarence Woudsma, PLAN  Marie-Claire Cordonier-Segger, SEED  Steffanie Scott, GEM
Daniel Cockayne, GEM  Marion Brown, SEED  Susie Castella, GEM
Daniel Murray, SEED  Mark Seasons, PLAN  Su-Yin Tan, PLAN
Daniel Scott, PLAN  Markus Moos, PLAN  Suzanne Kearns, GEM
Derek Armitage, SERS  Martine August, PLAN  Tara Thompson, D.O.
Dheana Ramsay, D.O.  Mary Burden, MAD  Taylor Legere, PACS
Don Duff-McCracken, MAD  Maryam Latifpoor-Keparoutis, D.O.  Teresa Wilson, GEM
Eileen Davidson, D.O.  Merrin Macrae, GEM  Tracey Beirness, GSPA
Faye Schultz, D.O.  Michael Drescher, PLAN  Vanessa Schweizer, K.I.
Graham Barnes, D.O.  Wesley Van Wychen, GEM
Heather Hall, SEED

Quorum was confirmed.

The Chair called the meeting to order, welcomed all, and went over procedures for the Webex meeting format.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: That the minutes of the May 14, 2020 General Assembly be approved. Moos and Deadman. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING

None.

Graduate Studies: Course Revisions (attached) [for Approval]

- a. Geography and Environmental Management
  - i. GEOG 654 — amendment to course description
  - ii. GEOG 656 — new course

Motion: That revisions are approved as presented. Deadman and Fletcher. Carried

Update on Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics (WISA)

Suzanne Kearns shared a PowerPoint update on the Institute

Blended Learning Initiative:

Su-Yin Tan, Environment Teaching Fellow, shared a PowerPoint with an update, followed by an email reminder of information sessions being held on May 20, 2021.

CONSTITUENCY REPORTS (2019-20)

PowerPoint Displays and other activities in lieu of in-person reports.

The Dean explained that three prizes are available, the prize criteria was explained as:

1. Funniest presentation
2. The most informative, in terms of telling you things you didn’t know, and
3. The most visually appealing

All reports can be found at https://uwaterloo.ca/environment/about-environment/strategy-and-progress/annual-reports

Dean — presented by Jean Andrey

The Dean hosted us in a rousing game of Faculty Feud, which pitted the Associate Deans against the Dean’s staff in competition for a dining get together once restaurants are open again. The Dean’s staff emerged victorious. The Associate Deans were gracious in their defeat.

The Dean’s Report, as previously distributed: The Strategic Plan and Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism initiatives were mentioned as highlights.

The Dean thanked our team, full faculty, and staff, recognized how hard we are working under the pandemic. New staff and faculty were welcomed, Janice Barry was recognized for winning the Environment Research Excellence Award, and Suzanne Kearns was recognized for receiving the Distinguished Teaching Award. The Faculty was thanked for its fiscal prudence over the year.
**Associate Dean Graduate Studies** – presented by Peter Deadman
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned.
Thanked everyone on the team for their support during the year.

**Associate Dean, Research** – presented by Neil Craik
As previously distributed. Photos of nearly everyone – except Neil – were shared. Highlights of the year were mentioned.

**Associate Dean, Undergraduate Studies** – presented by Brendon Larson
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned. *Brendon locked us all in escape rooms and made us answer questions to get free. Good thing most of us knew how to spell his name! Perhaps this contributed to him tying to win the prize for Most Visually Pleasing presentation.*

**Associate Dean, Strategic Initiatives** – presented by Johanna Wandel
As previously distributed. Highlights of the Future Cities program were mentioned. *Johanna’s presentation tied to win the Most Visually Pleasing prize.*

**Department of Geography and Environmental Management** - presented by Richard Kelly
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned. *Immediately after his presentation, Richard ran to the bank to cash his product placement cheque from Cadbury. Who knew the Curly-Wurly was still around? As if that wasn’t enough, the presentation took the prize for Most Informative.*

**Department of Knowledge Integration** - presented by Clarence Woudsma
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned. Clarence has done such a great job stepping into the Chair of K.I. role that offers poured in for him to take on other roles as well. He begged off due a suspect hamstring cramp.

**School of Environment, Enterprise and Development** - presented by Bruce Frayne
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned. Bruce shared an intro to the Documentary filmed by Alumnus Carter Kirilenko.
Trailer: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSYI66suUsM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSYI66suUsM)

**School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability** - presented by Simon Courtenay
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned, including the comings and goings for the School over the year. Each faculty member of the School provided an update and highlights of the year in the School’s report.

**School of Planning** - presented by Twyla Moos, with Markus on ‘treat-duty’
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned. Twyla has excelled at her ESL classes and didn’t bark once!
**Advancement** – presented by Maryam Latifpoor-Keparoutis
As previously distributed. Highlights were mentioned. Ethan was present.
Many exciting events connecting with alumni. Maryam was thanked for her hard work and for representing us so well, both internally and externally, for your vision and leadership in growing strategic partnerships and support for our students.

**Mapping, Analysis and Design/Concert Finale** – presented by Mike Lackner
Report previously distributed. We were all Comfortably Numb, then wishing we were there, as the presentation/concert took the prize for **Funniest Presentation**.

The Assembly Chair thanked all for their respective reports/performances and put forth the

**Motion**: That the reports from the Constituencies in the Faculty be received by General Assembly. Gorbet, Cordonier-Segger. **Carried**

The Chair expressed appreciation to Steffanie Scott for Chairing Faculty Council for the past year and welcomed John McLevey as the incoming Chair for 2021-2022.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am

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June 11, 2021