

University of Waterloo
SENATE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Minutes of the meeting held 5 January 2016
[in agenda order]

Present: Jean Andrey, Tara Collington, George Dixon, Wendy Fletcher, Jim Frank, Feridun Hamdullahpur, Dennis Huber, Marios Ioannidis, Beth Jewkes, Bob Lemieux, Paul Marriott, Ian Orchard, Wayne Parker, Doug Peers, David Rose, Jim Rush, Bryan Tolson, Johanna Wandel, Stephen Watt

Secretariat: Mike Grivicic

Regrets: Pallavi Hukerikar, Diana Parry, Samantha Shortall, Barbara Veale, Alexander Wray

Organization of Meeting: Ian Orchard, chair of the committee, took the chair, and Mike Grivicic, secretary of the committee, acted as secretary. The secretary advised that due notice of the meeting had been given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly constituted. The agenda was approved without a formal motion.

1. MINUTES OF THE 7 OCTOBER 2015 MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING

By consensus, members approved the minutes as distributed. There was no business arising.

2. PRESENTATION ON FACULTY STRATEGIC PLAN – ENVIRONMENT

Andrey provided a handout and highlighted: national leadership in environmental sustainability curriculum; growth in Canada Research Chairs from two to six (forthcoming); funding success at the Tri-Councils; entrepreneurship activity in faculty; faculty hiring, including of female faculty; renegotiation of lease in Huntsville; high rate of co-op and experiential education opportunities; top 50 ranking is QS for geography; significant complement in attendance at COP 21; increase in graduate admissions. Members discussed: funding from dean's office allows new ADDS to aggressively pursue graduate students, which assists in domestic doctoral recruiting; expansion activity for aviation program; potential to increase involvement of Engineering in IC3, with current focus on fostering success of existing partnerships.

3. UPDATE ON FUNDING FORMULA REVIEW

Orchard provided a PowerPoint presentation: overview of observations made in report; aim to enhance educational quality, and differentiation process; little focus on graduate students; first implementation over two SMA cycles; unclear how the Ministry will increase enrollment planning role. Members discussed: focus on undergraduate funding doesn't give full picture; importance of differentiation process; unlikely that overall funding will grow; co-op is a significant differentiator, and research profile will be important; certain Ontario universities are anticipated to suffer from this process; need to maintain attention to employability of our graduates, and employment outcomes are not equivalent to employability; concern at changing program weightings; increases in participation may focus on certain demographic groups; need to recognize interplay at provincial level between universities and colleges; funding at risk may not be significant once process is complete; enrollment at graduate and undergraduate levels will be important differentiator, and potential to capture unused funding elsewhere in the system.

a. Provincial Summary re: Funding Model Consultations. This item was received for information.

b. MTCU Final Consultation Report on Ontario's University Funding Model. This item was received for information.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

5. NEXT MEETING

The meeting of 2 March 2016 was cancelled. The next meeting is Thursday 28 April 2016 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon in NH 3318.

23 March 2016

Mike Grivicic
Assistant University Secretary