Minutes of the Monday, June 18, 2012 Meeting


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OPEN SESSION

Consent Agenda
Senate heard an omnibus motion to approve or receive for information by consent items 1-5 below.

1. MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2012 MEETING
The minutes of the meeting were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS
   Executive Committee
   • Council Appointments. Senate approved the following appointments: Graduate & Research – Maryam Shahtaheri as the engineering graduate student representative, term to April 30, 2013; Undergraduate – Nicole Lewis as the applied health sciences undergraduate student representative, term to August 31, 2012.

The remaining item in the report was received for information.

Graduate & Research Council
• Master of Mathematics Statistics – Biostatistics. Senate approved program modifications as described in the report.

• Master of Mathematics in Actuarial Science and Master of Mathematics in Statistics. Senate approved program modifications as described in the report.

• Master of Environmental Studies in Environment and Resource Studies. Senate approved the replacement of the current program fields with the program fields described in the report.
• Master of Applied Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Senate approved the replacement of the current areas of specialization with the areas of specialization described in the report.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

After noting that the council can renew a centre without bringing the matter to Senate and commenting that anything related to governance of centres is controversial right now, a senator indicated a desire for a statement that governance of the Institute for Quantum Computing will be reviewed at some point after new governance model is in place. The vice-president, university research advised that: any changes will affect centres as they come forward for renewal review; all centres will be subject to the new governance model; any change in status will be brought to Senate for consideration.

Undergraduate Council
• Undergraduate Admission Requirements for 2013. Senate approved the undergraduate admission requirements for 2013 as provided in the report.

• School of Pharmacy. Senate approved changes to the admission requirements for the School of Pharmacy as described in the report.

• Honours Parks Option and Honours Tourism Option. Senate approved the addition of a minimum overall cumulative average to these options as described in the report.

• Bachelor of Global Business and Digital Arts. Senate approved changes to the plan as described in the report.

• Late Withdrawal for 1A Students. Senate approved the deletion from the Faculty of Mathematics’ regulation #6 “Exceptions” re: late withdrawal for 1A students as described in the report.

• Application for Readmission and Transfer Students. Senate approved the change to the Faculty of Science’s regulation as described in the report.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
Recognition and Commendation. Senate received this report for information.

4. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES
Senate received these reports for information.

5. OTHER BUSINESS
Report of the COU Academic Colleague. In response to a question about the length of meetings, the COU academic colleague advised that there had been discussion about the role.

Hamdullahpur and Porreca. Carried.

Regular Agenda

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There was no business arising from the minutes.
7. RESEARCH PRESENTATION
Speaking to his presentation, Professor John Hirdes, School of Public Health and Health Systems, discussed the research and knowledge exchange activities related to evidence-informed decision-making based on the interRAI (resident assessment instrument) family of assessment instruments, advising that there is a global network of more than 60 researchers and health/social service professionals who are assessing the strengths, preferences, and needs of vulnerable populations through multinational collaborative research to develop, implement and evaluate instruments and their related applications. The goal of interRAI research is to promote evidence-based clinical practice and policy decisions through the collection and interpretation of high quality data about the characteristics and outcomes of persons served across a variety of health and social services settings.

8. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS
Graduate & Research
- **Master of Climate Change.** Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of a Master of Climate Change program to be offered by the Department of Geography and Environmental Management in the Faculty of Environment as described in the report.

  Horton and Roy. Carried.

- **Master of Environmental Studies in Sustainability Management.** Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of a Master of Environmental Studies in Sustainability Management program to be offered by the School of Environment, Enterprise and Development in the Faculty of Environment as described in the report.

  Horton and Weber. Carried.

- **Master of Therapeutic Recreation.** Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of a Master of Therapeutic Recreation program to be offered by the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies in the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences as described in the report.

  Horton and Parry.

  Discussion included: there is a lack of a disciplinary basis; the program seems to be market-based; numbers seem high, with projected graduates being higher than the entire population of Canada’s therapeutic recreation; there are inconsistent admission requirements (e.g. 2 or 3 letters); this is a growth area as population ages; the program will be part time initially, when all courses are developed it will be offered full time.

  The motion carried with one against and two abstentions.

Undergraduate
- **Bachelor of Arts, Health Promotion (Honours Regular and Co-op).** Senate heard a motion to approve the new regular and co-op plans as described in the report.

  Mitchell and Perrin.

  Discussion included: Undergraduate Council was supportive of the program but questioned the name, concerned about possible confusion with the Honours Bachelor of Public Health (BPH); a query whether similar acronyms are an issue; there is some concern about a proliferation of
degree types; health promotion is a key component of health care; core competencies have been published internationally; this will stake a new claim for the future.

The motion carried with three abstentions.

- **Specialization in International Relations, History; Specialization in International Relations, Political Science; Specialization in Global Governance.** Senate heard a motion to approve these new specializations as described in the report.

  Mitchell and DeVidi. Carried.

- **Joint Honours Plans: Economics, Fine Arts – Studio Practice, Fine Arts – Art History and Visual Culture, Fine Arts – Film Studies and Visual Culture, History, Music, Spanish.** Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the joint honours plans as described in the report.

  Mitchell and Busch. Carried.

- **Joint Honours History/Political Science, Specialization in International Relations and Global Governance; Joint Honours Political Science/History, Specialization in International Relations and Global Governance.** Senate heard a motion to approve the inactivation of these plans.

  Mitchell and Porreca. Carried.

9. **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**


The Changing World. The president noted that the pace of change is accelerating due to the explosive growth and accessibility of information, the increasing number of highly skilled work force engaged in research and development, and the increasing number of countries capable of contributing to leading edge research and development and that access to information and talent is growing exponentially, with increased demand for higher education.

Tribute. The president paid tribute to the exemplary leadership of those leaving their respective offices June 30, 2012: Alan George, associate provost, information systems & technology; Leo Rothenburg, associate vice-president, international; Adel Sedra, dean of engineering.

10. **Q & A PERIOD WITH THE PRESIDENT**

Open Courseware. In response to a question about plans for open courseware, senators heard that plans are under way, with mathematics working aggressively to make courses available.

Entrepreneurship. Senators heard that a working group is meeting regularly to discuss developing a continuum of opportunities.

Access Copyright. The provost advised of the decision to not sign an agreement with Access Copyright, that a working group will manage the copyright clearance process and related issues. A senator offered congratulations for the courageous decision.

Entrance Averages. Senators heard that higher entrance averages are tied to a higher retention rate. A request was made for information comparing entrance averages with final averages.
CAUT Censure Motion. The president advised that the matter is being taken seriously, he is meeting with the CAUT and WLU presidents next week, and UW and WLU are hosting a conference on academic freedom in September.

11. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST
Undergraduate Admissions and Entrance Scholarships  
[https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/sites/ca.secretariat/files/uploads/files/20120618uaes.pdf]. The registrar reviewed data related to offers of admission, confirmations and entrance scholarships. In response to a question, he advised that one dozen students from the UAE campus arrived in January and are now on a work term.

12. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH
The vice-president advised that the Research Tools and Instruments Program has been cancelled by NSERC and that the cancellation is being re-evaluated.

13. OTHER BUSINESS
Balsillie School of International Affairs. A senator noted that: there are concerns about separately incorporated centres which are not under Senate oversight when separately incorporated, the guarantee of Senate oversight set out in a letter from Geoff McBoyle did not appear in the February Senate minutes nor in the minutes that followed, and that the process for removing a director is to be established.

Undergraduate Council. Senate heard a motion to delegate power to appoint members to the Undergraduate Council to its Executive Committee until the next regular meet of Senate.

Hunt and Ramdev. Carried.

Senate convened in confidential session.

September 6, 2012
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Associate University Secretary
CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

It was understood that senators are to keep confidential any discussion and decisions reached in this section of the meeting.

14. MINUTES OF THE MAY 22, 2012 MEETING
Senate heard a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as distributed.

Hamdullahpur and Cressman. Carried.

15. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
There was no business arising from the minutes.

16. REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR HONORARY DEGREES
Pool of Candidates for Honorary Degrees. Senate heard a motion to approve the inclusion of Malcolm Moore (DSc), Dan Voiculescu (DMath) and Gro Harlem Brundtland (LLD) in the pool of candidates for honorary degrees.

Hamdullahpur and Hipel. Carried.

The remaining item in the report was received for information.

17. OTHER BUSINESS
Schlegel Collaboration Agreement, Schedule A [distributed at the meeting]. After advising that the Board of Governors had some concerns with the original Schedule A and noting that the relationships with the Schlegel entities have developed over many years, the provost took senators through the chronology of events, remarking that this is a research partnership. Discussion included: appointment terms for research chairs and guidelines regarding additional research funds are being developed; the federated university and affiliated colleges are not covered in the agreement; early-career faculty members need to be protected; reporting annually to Senate is important; significant matters affecting research direction should come to Senate; intellectual property rights are governed by Policy 73; the Research Institute for Aging Foundation should not influence the merit or tenure processes; earlier delivery of such material to give senators time to consider would be appreciated.

The meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

September 6, 2012
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