University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the Monday 20 January 2014 Meeting


Guests: Nello Angerilli, Mario Coniglio, Mahejabeen Ebrahim, Peggy Jarvie, Jennifer Kieffer, Cathy Newell Kelly, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Alan Starr, Dave Wallace

Secretariat: Logan Atkinson, Tracy Dietrich, Mike Grivicic, Alice Raynard, Sian Williams


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Organization of Meeting: Feridun Hamdullahpur, chair of Senate, took the chair, and Logan Atkinson, secretary of Senate, acted as secretary. Atkinson advised that due notice of the meeting had been given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly constituted.

Hamdullahpur welcomed the new associate provost, human resources, Marilyn Thompson, to the university.

OPEN SESSION

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

1. MINUTES OF THE 18 NOVEMBER 2013 AND 6 JANUARY 2014 MEETINGS
Senate approved the minutes of the meetings as distributed.

2. REPORTS FROM COUNCILS
Graduate & Research. Senate received the report for information.

Undergraduate
• Dean’s Honours List, Faculty of Environment. Senate approved changes to the faculty’s regulation on the eligibility requirements for the Dean’s Honours List as presented in the report.

Senate received the remaining items in the report for information.
3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
   Recognition and Commendation. Senate received the report for information.

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

   [Note: “PhD, SUNY College of Optometry” should read “OD, SUNY College of Optometry” (p. 70,
   Probationary-term Appointment, Nadine Furtado).]

5. OTHER BUSINESS
   Committee/Council Appointments. Senate approved the committee/council appointments as
   presented in the report.

   Report of the COU Academic Colleague. Senate received the report for information.

   Freeman and Dixon. Carried.

Regular Agenda

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
   Amendments to Senate Bylaws. Senate heard a motion to give second reading and approval to the
   proposed amendments to Senate bylaws.

   Forstner and O’Connor. Carried.

   Convocation Programs and the Listing of Degrees and Honorifics. Weiner undertook to
   reconsider the question and report to Senate.

7. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS
   Executive Committee
   - Chancellor Nominating Committee. Senate heard a motion to appoint the Executive Committee
     as a nominating committee to seek the next chancellor of the university.

     Forstner and DeVidi. Carried.

   Graduate & Research Council
   - Computer Science, Faculty of Mathematics. Senate heard a motion to approve field name
     changes as presented in the report.

     Horton and Brown. Carried.

   - Computer Science, Faculty of Mathematics. Senate heard a motion to approve amendments to
     the comprehensive I requirements as presented in the report.

     Horton and Brown. Carried.

   - The Water Institute. Senate heard a motion to approve the name change to the collaborative
     graduate program as presented in the report.

     Horton and Dixon. Carried.
Undergraduate Council

- **Specialization in Collaborative Design, Bachelor of Knowledge Integration, Faculty of Environment.** Senate heard a motion to approve the new specialization as presented in the report.

  Roy and Collins.

  There was agreement to change “One of the following set of courses” to “One of the following sets of courses” (p. 113, Collaborative Design Experience courses,” 3rd bullet).

  The motion carried.

- **Option in Sustainable Local Economic Development, Faculty of Environment.** Senate heard a motion to approve the inactivation of the option and the deletion of the section of the undergraduate calendar as presented in the report.

  Roy and Ramdev. Carried.

- **Department of Kinesiology, Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, School of Public Health and Health Systems, Faculty of Applied Health Sciences.** Senate heard three motions combined into one, as follows: (i) to approve the amendment to the faculty regulations to add regulations for obtaining a second degree as presented in the report related to the Department of Kinesiology; (ii) to approve the amendment to the faculty regulations to add a clearer and more comprehensive explanation for obtaining a second degree or degree upgrade as presented in the report related to the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies; and (iii) to approve the amendment to the faculty regulations to add regulations for obtaining a second degree as presented in the report related to the School of Public Health and Health Systems.

  Elliott and Eagles.

  McBoyle agreed to take the concept expressed in these changes back to Deans’ Council to determine the extent to which this idea ought to be generalized in the regulations. Coniglio agreed to reconsider the particular wording of the amendments to ensure precision.

  The motion carried.

  *Note: Information from the provost re: second degrees at the University of Waterloo attached to the minutes.*

University Appointment Review Committee. Senate received the report for information.

Slides used in the presentation may be seen at:

*Note: Information from the provost re: faculty retirements and terminations attached to the minutes.*

8. **RESEARCH PRESENTATION**

Dixon introduced Chris Eliasmith, professor of philosophy. Eliasmith reported on his overarching research into the workings of the human brain, and the importance of this research across a wide range of issues. The focus is on the possibility of building a computer simulation of a brain as the clearest path toward understanding.
9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
The president reported on a number of items, including his proposed trip to Israel and Technion University, the federal budget anticipated for February, conversations with the provincial government on differentiation and the strategic mandate agreements, the major capacity expansion policy framework with the provincial government, the visit by Ministers Duguid and Milloy on the eligibility of co-op students for tuition credits, the CAUT request that the university sever its ties to the Confucius Institute, his recent trip to Brussels to discuss a relationship with the European Research Council and the ability to access research funds otherwise available only in Europe, discussions with the League of European Research Universities, and the acquisition of properties at the corner of Phillip and Columbia Streets.

Hamdullahpur responded to several questions related to his report, including the intended use of the properties to be acquired in February 2014 and the long term implications of the strategic mandate agreement project.

Report of the University Secretary & General Counsel
- Secretariat – Department Name Change. Senate heard a motion to recommend to the Board of Governors the following name change: change from “Secretariat” to “Secretariat and Office of General Counsel.”

O’Connor and Peers.

Atkinson answered several questions related to the relationship between legal advice and policy advice, the ability of the Secretariat to serve various constituencies in the university as it has in the past, the extent to which students might continue to rely on the Secretariat, and the numbers of other universities in Ontario and Canada that employ legal counsel in-house.

The motion carried.

10. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST
Strategic Plan 2013: Initial Implementation Update. McBoyle referred to the work of the thematic groups in working toward implementation of the strategic plan. Discussion ensued on opportunities for faculty engagement in the various themes as they are developed, the extent of the metrics being developed to measure progress on the implementation of the plan, the relationship between quantitative and qualitative measures of success, and the development of the strategic plan implementation website.

Slides used in the presentation may be seen at https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/sites/ca.secretariat/files/uploads/files/implementation_plan.pdf

Government Differentiation Paper/Draft Strategic Mandate Agreement. McBoyle summarized the process leading to the re-submission of the university’s draft strategic mandate agreement, and the steps to be followed as the process continues to unfold. There was some discussion about the method by which the metrics were chosen, the proposed growth in enrolment put forward in the draft agreement, the continuing need for residence space for first year students, the long term prospects for the strategic mandate agreements as a regulatory tool, the relationship between the recently announced hiring freeze and an increase in student registrations, the need for additional faculty to support increased student numbers, and the impact of the recent announcement about federal government encouragement of international students.

Slides used in the presentation may be seen at https://uwaterloo.ca/secretariat/sites/ca.secretariat/files/uploads/files/redrafted_sma.pdf
Undergraduate Applications. Weiner presented a report on undergraduate applications for the 2014-2015 academic year.

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Nominating Committee for the Dean of Science. Senate heard a motion to approve increasing the membership of the 2014 Nominating Committee for the Dean of Science by one to include seven regular faculty members.

Freeman and Burbidge.

It was explained that the faculty council in the Faculty of Science would like to have representation on the nominating committee from each of the academic units in the faculty, and that an increase in membership is necessary to accomplish that.

The motion carried.

11. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH
The Canadian Foundation for Innovation $500 million competition is underway. Our allotment is $23 million and funding requests have been identified internally to put forward. Final proposal deadline is 27 June.

A Research Excellence funding component has been announced by the province, but without a dollar value. Notices of intent are due on 12 February, and full proposals are due on 15 July 2014.

For the Early Researcher Award, we have 39 applications in consideration for the current round, and the program has been continued for an additional year. A formal announcement of the continuation is expected shortly.

Grants & Government Research Contracts and Institutional Programs – Unit Name Changes. Senate received the unit name changes for information.

12. REPORT OF THE DEAN OF MATHEMATICS
Changes to The Constitution of Mathematics Faculty Council. Senate heard a motion to approve the recommended changes to The Constitution of Mathematics Faculty Council.

Goulden and Ramdev. Carried.

13. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.
14. MINUTES OF THE 18 NOVEMBER 2013 AND 6 JANUARY 2014 MEETINGS
Senate heard a motion to approve the minutes of the meetings as distributed.

Busch and McBoyle. Carried.

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

16. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ADVANCEMENT
Donor List – New Gifts and Pledges $250,000+. Senate received the report for information.

McGillivray agreed to consider expanding the report to include more detail on the nature of the gifts appearing on the list. Sullivan answered an inquiry on the nature of the “Women in Engineering” program.

17. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Logan Atkinson
Secretary of the University

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