

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the Monday 17 September 2018 Meeting

Present: Katherine Acheson (for Douglas Peers), Jean Andrey, Michael Balogh, Sandra Banks, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Steven Bednarski, Katherine Bergman, Kankar Bhattacharya, Anne Bordeleau, Carmen Bruni, Kofi Campbell, Jeff Casello, Brian Cepuran**, David Clausi, Tara Collington, Mario Coniglio, Simon Courtenay, Joan Coutu, Eric Croiset, Shannon Dea, Peter Deadman, Charmaine Dean, Mathieu Doucet, Tia Driver, Fraser Easton, Marlene Epp, Paul Fieguth, George Freeman, Shikha Gandhi**, Matthew Gerrits, Robert Gorbet, Julia Goyal, John Haddock, Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), Craig Hardiman, Dennis Huber, Marios Ioannidis, Karen Jack (secretary), Alysia Kolentzis, Kesen Ma, Tyler Marques, Mungo Marsden, Ian Milligan, Katie Misener, Barb Moffatt, Rick Myers, Cathy Newell Kelly, Erin O'Connell, Daniel O'Connor, Linda Ogechi Itheme, William Pristanski**, Neil Randall, James Rush, Max Salman**, Naima Samuel, Beth Sandore Namachchivaya, Mark Seasons, Hannah Sesink, Marcus Shantz, Joanne Shoveller, James Skidmore, Marlee Spafford (for Robert Lemieux), Richard Staines, Paul Stolee, Pearl Sullivan, Susan Tighe, Bryan Tolson, Stephen Watt, Ross Willard, Richard Wu

Guests: Nandita Basu, Bruce Campbell, Aldo Caputo, David DeVidi, Donna Ellis, Sue Horton, Andrea Kelman, Jennifer Kieffer, Nick Manning, Norah McRae, Diana Parry, Chris Read, Emily Schroeder, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Allan Starr, Brandon Sweet, Cristina Vanin, Kathy Winter

Absent: Bilal Akhtar, Dominic Barton*, Chris Bauch*, Claudio Canizares*, Fred Chereschski*, David Edwards*, Wendy Fletcher*, Cindy Forbes*, Mark Giesbrecht*, Kelly Grindrod, Thorsten Heins*, Craig Janes*, Spiro Karigiannis*, Martin Karsten*, Scott Kline*, Robert Lemieux*, Teferi Mergo, Grant Mitchell, Douglas Peers*, Hamid Tizhoosh*, Tomson Tran, Maya Venters*, Dan Wolczuk, En-Hui Yang*

*regrets

**joined by telephone

OPEN SESSION

Consent Agenda

The chair welcomed members to the meeting and expressed his hope that all had enjoyed the summer. He noted the item at members' places: a handout re: the United Way 2018 campaign. He also extended a warm welcome to the new provost in his first meeting in this capacity, and to the new associate provost, cooperative and experiential education, Norah McRae.

Senate heard a motion to approve or receive for information the items on the consent agenda.

Andrey and Bergman.

1. MINUTES OF THE 18 JUNE 2018 MEETING

Senate approved the minutes of the meeting.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Graduate & Research Council. Senate received the report for information.

Undergraduate Council. Senate heard the following motions:

Faculty of Arts, Bachelor of Arts Breadth Requirements

Motion: That Senate approve the revisions to the Bachelor of Arts breadth requirements as presented in the report, effective 1 September 2019.

Faculty of Arts, Restrictions on Multiple Plan Combinations

Motion: That Senate approve the revisions to the Faculty of Arts restrictions on multiple plan combinations as presented in the report, effective 1 September 2019.

Senate received the remainder of the report for information.

Nominating Committee for Honorary Degrees. Senate received the report for information.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Recognition and Commendation. Senate received the report for information.

4. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST

Call for Nominations for University Professor. Senate received the report for information.

University Research Chairs. Senate received the report for information.

5. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received the reports for information.

Senator Tolson expressed his gratitude to the Faculty of Mathematics re: the positive changes for four appointments in that Faculty which have moved from “two year, less a day” contracts to “two year or longer” contracts.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

7. RESEARCH PRESENTATION – NANDITA BASU, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING/EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Dean introduced Nandita Basu, associate professor, water sustainability and ecohydrology. Professor Basu gave a presentation titled, “Back to the Future: How Past Land Use Impacts Today’s Water Quality.”

Following Dr. Basu’s presentation, Senate discussed: the bases upon which models are built; the challenges associated with communicating realities and timelines to the community; cover-crop considerations; the collaborative way that Dr. Basu engages her students from the engineering and environment Faculties.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Graduate & Research Council.

New Research Centre, Global Health Policy and Innovation Research Centre. Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of the Global Health Policy and Innovation Research Centre, as presented in attachment 1.

Dean and Stolee. Carried unanimously.

9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND Q&A PERIOD

The president provided senators with a broad update including: an admissions update; recent accomplishments and acknowledgements; new faculty hiring data; ranking updates; developments with respect to government relations; graduate target data; the incoming chancellor; construction updates; recent activity re: student mental health; the coming summative report re: the 2013-18 Strategic Plan and the bridge to the 2020 Plan. The chair also spoke to the recent directive from the province with respect to a “Freedom of Speech” policy and advised re: recent conversations with the

province and the Council of Ontario Universities. Senators heard that the University is actively considering this matter and that Senate will hear more about this work over the course of the fall.

In discussion, Senate heard: the need to educate the public as to the University's position on this matter; a suggestion that a policy is not necessary; discussion re: what the University has in place already re: this matter; confirmation that the province's deadline is 31 December 2018.

11. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST

University Research Chair – Revised Policy. Senate heard a motion to approve a change in the selection process as provided in the memorandum such that the final decision will be made by the vice-president, academic & provost.

Rush and Dean. Carried unanimously.

Course Evaluation Project – Phase 2 Update.

Coniglio introduced David DeVidi, chair of the Course Evaluation Project team, who provided an update on Phase 2 of the project.

Following DeVidi's presentation, in discussion: potential changes coming to the course evaluation tool(s) in the future; lessons learned from other institutions' work on this front; the need to incorporate student feedback.

12. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Dean provided members with a brief report on activities and mentioned how pleased she was with the recent achievements of faculty, staff and students.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.

22 September 2018

Karen Jack
University Secretary