

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the 15 October 2018 Meeting

Present: Bilal Akhtar**, Jean Andrey, Michael Balogh, Sandra Banks, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Katherine Bergman**, Kankar Bhattacharya, Anne Bordeleau, Carmen Bruni, Kofi Campbell, Claudio Canizares**, Jeff Casello, Brian Cepuran**, David Clausi, Tara Collington, Mario Coniglio, Simon Courtenay, Shannon Dea, Peter Deadman, Charmaine Dean, Mathieu Doucet, Tia Driver, Fraser Easton, Paul Fieguth, George Freeman, Matthew Gerrits, Mark Giesbrecht, Robert Gorbet, Julia Goyal, Kelly Grindrod, Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), Craig Hardiman, Dennis Huber, Karen Jack (secretary), Spiro Karigiannis, Alysia Kolentzis, Robert Lemieux, Kesen Ma, Tyler Marques, Mungo Marsden, Ian Milligan, Katie Misener, Rick Myers, Cathy Newell Kelly, Erin O'Connell, Daniel O'Connor, Linda Ogechi Itheme**, Douglas Peers, William Pristanski**, James Rush, Max Salman**, Mark Seasons, Hannah Sesink, Marcus Shantz, James Skidmore, Paul Stolee, Pearl Sullivan, Susan Tighe, Hamid Tizhoosh, Bryan Tolson, Stephen Watt, Ross Willard, Dan Wolczuk, Richard Wu, En-Hui Yang

Guests: Bruce Campbell, Aldo Caputo, Pam Charbonneau, Rick Eastep, Donna Ellis, Matthew Grant, Ross Johnston, Andrea Kelman, Jennifer Kieffer, Nick Manning, Norah McRae, Diana Parry, Andrea Prier, Chris Read, Ian Rowlands, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Allan Starr, Emily Schroeder, Cristina Vanin, Rebecca Wickens

Absent: Dominic Barton*, Chris Bauch, Steven Bednarski*, Fred Chereshski*, Joan Coutu*, Eric Croiset*, David Edwards, Marlene Epp*, Wendy Fletcher, Cindy Forbes*, Shikha Gandhi, John Haddock*, Thorsten Heins*, Marios Ioannidis, Craig Janes*, Martin Karsten*, Scott Kline*, Teferi Mergo, Grant Mitchell, Barb Moffatt*, Neil Randall*, Naima Samuel*, Beth Sandore Namachchivaya*, Joanne Shoveller*, Richard Staines, Tomson Tran, Maya Venters*

*regrets

**joined by telephone

OPEN SESSION

The chair reminded members that the report associated with item 9.b., Joint Report – Graduate & Research and Undergraduate Councils was distributed by email and the list of graduands for October convocation ceremonies were provided via SharePoint.

Consent Agenda

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

O'Connor and Dea.

1. MINUTES OF THE 17 SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING

Senate approved the minutes of the meeting.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Graduate & Research Council. Senate heard the following motions

Undergraduate Council

Academic Plan Inactivations

Faculty of Science, Science and Aviation (Geomatics Option)

Motion: That Senate approve the inactivation of the Geomatics Option, effective 1 September 2019.

Faculty of Science, Honours Physics (Applied Physics Specialization)

Motion: That Senate approve the inactivation of Honours Physics (Applied Physics Specialization), effective 1 September 2019.

Faculty of Science, Honours Co-operative Physics (Applied Physics Specialization)

Motion: That Senate approve the inactivation of Honours Co-operative Physics (Applied Physics Specialization), effective 1 September 2019.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Recognition and Commendation. Senate received the report for information.

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

University Research Chairs. Senate received the reports for information.

5. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received the reports for information.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Senate approved the following appointments:

- **University Committee on Student Appeals:**
 - Saudia Rahamat, replacing Maya Venters, as the undergraduate student representative from the Faculty of Arts, term to 30 April 2019.

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Fair Workplaces Act Update, Jim Rush updated Senate re: work undertaken to date, including: seeking legal advice, recognition that with the change in government a review of the legislation is occurring, work being done and to come with the employee relations committees.

8. TEACHING PRESENTATION

Mario Coniglio introduced Aldo Caputo, director of the Centre for Extended Learning who provided an update on current activities at the centre, and events marking its 50th anniversary. Caputo advised re: initiatives relating to the University's strategic plan; how progress is measured; data points of interest; Waterloo's impact on online learning; what the centre is hearing from students and instructors; coming initiatives. In discussion: experiential learning in the online instruction realm; the value of both undergraduate and graduate online experiences.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Graduate & Research Council

Program Change, Faculty of Arts

Senate heard a motion to approve renaming the MA in Sociology and MA in Sociology (Co-op) to MA in Social and Legal Studies and MA in Social and Legal Studies (Co-op), effective Winter 2019.

Casello and Easton. Carried unanimously.

Joint Report – Graduate & Research and Undergraduate Council

Coniglio presented on the fall break pilot, describing past decisions, goals, and evaluation of the pilot undertaken over the last three years. He advised re: consultations which have occurred, the difficulties with the current format of the fall break, the various principles and constraints in the fall term, what is proposed and the results of the recent undergraduate student referendum, and advice from the graduate student association.

Senate heard a motion to approve a three-year pilot starting in 2019 of a four-day fall reading week following Thanksgiving Monday, and to evaluate this initiative over the three-year period.

Rush and Wu.

In discussion: other scenarios contemplated; the impact on orientation timing; student wellness considerations; how accommodations are handled; whether a break ought to be added to the spring term; resources for those students who stay on campus; support from the Federation of Students for the motion.

The question was called and the motion carried with three abstentions.

10. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Updates.

Hamdullahpur spoke to a variety of matters, including: Dr. Donna Strickland's recent Nobel Prize in Physics; the University's work on the government's mandate to implement a freedom of speech policy; the indigenization strategy; rankings.

Strategic Plan 2013-2018 – Final Progress and Outcomes Report

The president spoke to the final progress and outcomes report and highlighted notable items, including: specific outcomes and changes in various areas since 2013; activities relating to the student experience; performance indicators; lessons learned; next steps as the University bridges to its 2020 framework and plan; consultation activities.

11. Q&A PERIOD WITH THE PRESIDENT

In response to a question, Hamdullahpur advised that while Dr. Strickland has not presented to Senate in the past, movement is underway to bring her to a future Senate meeting.

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

Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates. Senate heard a motion to approve the lists of candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates as recommended by the Faculty councils and the associate vice-president, graduate studies and postdoctoral affairs, and to authorize the chair (on behalf of Senate and report at its subsequent meeting) based on the recommendation of the registrar or, (in the case of graduate students) the associate vice-president, graduate studies and postdoctoral affairs, to add to or change the lists of candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates, provided that the chair report back to Senate to advise of any such additions or changes.

Rush and Freeman. Carried unanimously.

13. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Senate received the report for information.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.