

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the 21 January 2019 Meeting

Present: Bilal Aktar, Jean Andrey, Michael Balogh, Sandra Banks, Katherine Bergman, Kankar Bhattacharya, Anne Bordeleau, Carmen Bruni, Claudio Canizares, Jeff Casello, Mario Coniglio, Simon Courtenay, Joan Coutu, Shannon Dea, Peter Deadman, Charmaine Dean, Mathieu Doucet, Tia Driver, David Edwards, Paul Fieguth, Wendy Fletcher, George Freeman, Matthew Gerrits, Mark Giesbrecht, Robert Gorbet, Julia Goyal, Kelly Grindrod, Craig Hardiman, Dennis Huber, Marios Ioannidis, Karen Jack (secretary), Craig Janes, Spiro Karigiannis, Scott Kline, Kensen Ma, Tyler Marques, Mungo Marsden, Teferi Mergo, Ian Milligan, Katie Misener, Barb Moffatt, Rick Meyers, Cathy Newell Kelly, Erin O’Connell, Daniel O’Connor, Doug Peers, Bill Pristanski, Jim Rush (chair), Max Salman, Beth Sandore Namachchivaya, Mark Seasons, Marcus Shantz, Joanne Shoveller, James Skidmore, Marlee Spafford, Richard Staines, Paul Stolee, Pearl Sullivan, Susan Tighe, Hamid Tizhoosh, Bryan Tolson, Stephen Watt, Ross Willard, Dan Wolczuk, Richard Wu

Guests: Clare Bermingham, Bruce Campbell, Aldo Caputo, Madison Cox, Donna Ellis, Rob Esselment, Erin Gillespie, Ross Johnston, Jennifer Keiffer, Derek Madge, Norah McRae, Mahtash Nourafkan, Diana Parry, Alice Raynard, Chris Read, Emily Schroeder, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Jason Small, Allan Starr, Phoebe Stephens, Kerry Stryker, Marilyn Thompson

Absent: Dominic Barton, Chris Bauch*, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Steven Bednarski, Kofi Campbell, Brian Cepuran*, Fred Chereski, David Clausi*, Tara Collington*, Eric Croiset, Fraser Easton*, Marlene Epp*, Cindy Forbes, Shikha Gandhi, John Haddock*, Feridun Hamdullahpur*, Thorsten Heins, Martin Karsten*, Alysia Kolentis*, Bob Lemieux*, Grant Mitchell, Linda Ogechi Iheme*, Neil Randall*, Naima Samuel*, Hannah Sesink*, Thomson Tran*, Maya Venters, En-Hui Yang*

*regrets

**joined by telephone

OPEN SESSION

The vice-chair welcomed members to the meeting and advised that he is assuming the chair while the president is attending the World Economic Forum annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland. With respect to the agenda, Rush advised that item 13., Other Business, should not be indicated as a decision, and that there is a new agenda item 16., Report from the Honorary Degrees Committee, and he directed Senators’ attention to that report at their places.

Consent Agenda

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

Dea and Gorbet.

1. MINUTES OF THE 19 NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING

Senate approved the minutes of the meeting.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Executive Committee. Senate received the report for information.

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

Undergraduate Council. Senate heard the following motions:

Faculty of Arts, BA Breadth Requirements

Motion: That Senate approve the following revisions to the “BA Breadth Requirements” section of the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Studies Academic Calendar, effective 1 September 2019.

Faculty of Arts, BA Co-op Requirements

Motion: That Senate approve the following revisions to the “BA Co-op Requirements” section of the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Studies Academic Calendar, effective 1 September 2019.

Faculty of Arts, Restrictions on Multiple-Plan Combinations

Motion: That Senate approve the following revisions to the “Multiple Plan Combinations” section of the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Studies Academic Calendar, effective 1 September 2019.

Faculty of Arts, Communication Skills Requirement

Motion: That Senate approve the following revisions to the “Communication Skills Requirement” section of the Faculty of Arts Undergraduate Studies Academic Calendar, effective 1 September 2019.

Senate received the remainder of 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.

5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Senate approved the following appointments:

- **Senate Undergraduate Council:** Vivian Dayeh, Department of Biology (replacing Carey Bissonnette) as representative from the Faculty of Science, term to 30 April 2020.

Senator Gorbet inquired re: details around the reflection summary and Coniglio agreed to follow up with Gorbet offline.

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

7. GRADUATE STUDENT PRESENTATION

Jeff Casello introduced Phoebe Stephens, PhD student, School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability.

Speaking to her presentation titled “Impact Investing in Sustainable Food Systems”, Stephens outlined the nature of her research, including: its transdisciplinarity; her goal to understand better the role of finance in the food system and ways in which it might support greater sustainability; ways to explore the opportunities of social finance. She described: recent shifts in food production and consumption patterns; an increasing recognition of unsustainability in the current food system; financialization; calls for socializing finance of food systems; what she is learning from her case studies. In discussion: the “FarmWorks” investment program in Nova Scotia is a good example of

how social financing can help with sustainability; possible reasons for the lack of solutions offered by scholars of financialization; the complexity of developing indicators for sustainability; Stephens' optimism for the future.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Senate Graduate & Research Council

Senate heard the following motions:

Faculty of Mathematics

Motion: To approve a new graduate program - Master of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (MDSAI) - effective 1 September 2019, as presented in Attachment #1.

Casello and Watt.

In response to a question about the popularity of some of the undergraduate level courses in the program and whether undergraduates will find them even more difficult in which to enroll, Senator Giesbrecht advised that more hiring is being undertaken in this area and if necessary, separate sections will be created for graduate students. In response to another question, Giesbrecht confirmed that a feasibility study was completed by CECA and there is confidence that co-op positions will be available for students in this program.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve a new graduate program - Master of Mathematics in Data Science – effective 1 September 2019, as presented in Attachment #2.

Casello and Watt.

In response to a question, Giesbrecht spoke to the reasons for the different names in the two programs on the table today.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Undergraduate Council

Senate heard the following motions:

Faculty of Arts, English Language and Literature

Motion: To approve the proposed three-year general English Literature and Rhetoric plan as described below, effective 1 September 2019.

Motion: To approve the proposed three-year general English Rhetoric, Media, and Professional Communication plan as described below, effective 1 September 2019.

These motions were moved together.

Coniglio and Peers. Carried unanimously.

Motion: To approve the proposed Creative Writing Specialization as described below, effective 1 September 2019.

Coniglio and Peers. Carried unanimously.

Faculty of Arts, French Studies

Motion: To approve the proposed inactivation of existing certificates and creation of new diplomas in French Language as described below, effective 1 September 2019.

Faculty of Arts, Germanic and Slavic Studies

Motion: To approve the proposed inactivation of the existing certificate and creation of a new diploma in Croatian Language as described below, effective 1 September 2020.

Motion: To approve the proposed inactivation of the existing certificate and creation of a new diploma in Dutch Language as described below, effective 1 September 2020.

Motion: To approve the proposed inactivation of the existing certificate and creation of a new diploma in German Language as described below, effective 1 September 2020.

Motion: To approve the proposed inactivation of the existing certificate and creation of a new diploma in Russian Language as described below, effective 1 September 2020.

Faculty of Arts, Spanish and Latin American Studies

Motion: To approve the proposed inactivation of the existing certificate and creation of a new diploma in Latin American Studies as described below, effective 1 September 2019.

Motion: To approve the proposed inactivation of existing certificates and creation of new diplomas in Spanish Language as described below, effective 1 September 2019.

These motions were moved together.

Coniglio and Peers. Carried unanimously.

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

The provost provided an update on the activities of the Student Experience Review and advised that Senate will be kept informed re: progress. Rush invited Newell Kelly to speak to the recently opened Student Service Centre and its coming grand opening. She invited members to attend the grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting on 30 January from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Centre, located on the first floor of Needles Hall. The provost closed with a brief review of coming budget activities, including some thoughts on the impact of last week's tuition announcement by the province. In discussion, advice that the estimated impact of a 10% domestic tuition cut would be in the range of 4%; agreement that some detail re: tuition types will be included in budget materials produced for Senate and the Board. Rush committed to keeping Senate apprised of budget matters.

10. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Senate received the report for information.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Senator Salman thanked members of Senate for their support of the open pianos initiative he introduced last year and invited any member with questions about it to contact him directly.

Senate convened in confidential session.

22 January 2019

Karen Jack
University Secretary