

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the Monday 20 April 2020 Meeting

Present: Sheila Ager, Jean Andrey, Michael Balogh, Sandra Banks, Chris Bauch, Michael Beauchemin, Kankar Bhattacharya, Anne Bordeleau, Carmen Bruni, Kofi Campbell, Claudio Canizares, Jeff Casello, David Clausi, Tara Collington, Joan Coutu, Eric Croiset, Richard Culham, Alexandria De Sousa, Shannon Dea, Peter Deadman, Charmaine Dean, David DeVidi, Mathieu Doucet, Fraser Easton, Lynette Eulette, Paul Fieguth, Wendy Fletcher, George Freeman, Mark Giesbrecht, Rob Gorbet, Julia Goyal, David Ha, John Haddock, Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), Craig Hardiman, Kevin Hare, Dennis Huber, Natalie Hutchings, Karen Jack (secretary), Martin Karsten, Sabrina Khandakar, Veronica Kitchen, Scott Kline, Alex Lee, Robert Lemieux, Lili Liu, Kesen Ma, Ellen MacEachen, Teferi Mergo, Ian Milligan, Katie Misener, Zoran Miskovic, Barb Moffatt, Rick Myers, Cathy Newell Kelly, Beth Namachchivaya, Erin O'Connell, Troy Osborne, David Perrin, William Power, William Pristanski, Neil Randall, James Rush, Max Salman, Naima Samuel, Mark Seasons, Marcus Shantz, Joanne Shoveller, Siva Sivoththaman, Jason Small, Richard Staines, Susan Tighe, Hamid Tizhoosh, Bryan Tolson, Bruno Tremblay, Cristina Vanin, Maya Venters, Johanna Wandel, Ross Willard, Nancy Worth, En-Hui Yang

Guests: Joe Allen, Bruce Campbell, Aldo Caputo, Priscila Carrara, Yufei Du, Donna Ellis, Anne Galang, Mike Grivicic, Candace Harrington, Gina Hickman, Melissa Holst, Igor Ivkovic, Ryan Jacobs, Ross Johnston, Andrea Kelman, Jennifer Kieffer, Meagan Lai, Nick Manning, Kelly McManus, Norah McRae, Christine McWebb, Bessma Momani, Diana Parry, Alice Raynard, Chris Read, Rachel Reist, Emily Schroeder, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Greg Smith, Allan Starr, Brandon Sweet, Sean Thomas, Marilyn Thompson, Alyssa Voigt, Rebecca Wickens, Stan Woo

Absent: Dominica Barton*, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Ashreena Bhangu, Fred Chereshski*, Cindy Forbes, Shikha Gandhi*, Kelly Grindrod, Linda Ogechi Iheme, Vivek Unnithan*, June Xu

*regrets

OPEN SESSION

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Chair thanked departing members for their service: Michael Balogh, Chris Bauch, Michael Beauchemin, Ashreena Bhangu, Claudio Canizares, Fred Chereshski, Tara Collington, Alexandria De Sousa, Shannon Dea, Mathieu Doucet, Shikha Gandhi, Craig Hardiman, Alex Lee, Katie Misener, Linda Ogechi Iheme, William Pristanski, Mark Seasons, Jason Small, Hamid Tizhoosh, Vivek Unnithan, and Maya Venters.

With regard to the agenda, the Chair notified senators that there is no item 15, Minutes of the 30 March 2020 Meeting, as there was no confidential session held at that meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

Andrey and DeVidi.

1. MINUTES OF THE 30 MARCH 2020 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 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**
University Professor Designation. Senate received the report for information.
5. **REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES**
Senate received the reports for information.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

6. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
There was no business arising from the minutes.
7. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS**
Executive Committee. Senate heard that the deans, the chair of the heads of the affiliated and federated institutions of Waterloo, and the presidents of the Waterloo Undergraduate Student Association and Graduate Student Association have recommended names of nominees as provided on the list of nominees.

Senate heard a motion to acclaim the membership of Senate committees and councils and the Board of Governors as provided on the list of nominees.

The Chair asked for further nominations from the floor. Salman put his name forward as the graduate student representative on the Nominating Committee for Honorary Degrees.

The Chair notified senators that there would be an electronic election subsequent to the meeting for positions with more recommendations than required: graduate student representative on the Nominating Committee for Honorary Degrees, graduate student representative on the Board of Governors, and faculty representatives on the Board of Governors.

Hare and Casello. Carried unanimously.

Senate heard a motion to delegate approval to the Executive Committee any vacancies which still exist.

Newell Kelly and Hare. Carried unanimously.

Graduate & Research Council. Senate heard the following motions:

Program Change, Faculty of Engineering

Senate heard a motion to approve one new specialization within the Master of Engineering (MEng) in Chemical Engineering, effective 1 May 2020, as presented in Attachment 1.

Casello and Culham. Carried unanimously.

Senate heard the following two motions together:

Addition of Program, Faculty of Mathematics

Senate heard a motion to approve the addition of a PhD in Pure Mathematics – Quantum Information, effective 1 May 2020, as presented in Attachment 2.

Addition of Program, Faculty of Mathematics

Senate heard a motion to approve the addition of a MMath in Pure Mathematics – Quantum Information, effective 1 May 2020, as presented in Attachment 3.

Casello and Hare. Carried unanimously.

Graduate Studies Academic Calendar Changes

Senate heard a motion to approve Graduate Studies' Academic Calendar changes (under Policies and Guidelines) pertaining to University responsibilities regarding supervisory relationships, effective 1 May 2020, as presented in Attachment 4.

Casello and Hare.

In response to a question, Casello clarified that departments ought to use their discretion with respect to whether to count the current term for the two terms of funding for a student who has lost their supervisor.

The question was called and carried unanimously.

University Appointments Review Committee. Due to a technical issue, this item was deferred to later in the meeting.

8. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT AND Q&A PERIOD

The President provided an overview of recent activities, issues, and priorities, including: adjusting to changes; recent accomplishments; some COVID-19 research occurring on campus; conversations with and information from government; the spring term; international students; priorities moving forward; the fall semester; the foundation of an internal think tank; other sources of information and discussion platforms; a recent CEO roundtable; what is being worked on immediately.

[Secretary's note: At this point in the meeting, there were several issues relating to its operation.]

A motion to adjourn the meeting in light of the challenges was moved by Freeman and seconded by Dea.

In discussion: some of the difficulties being experienced by many Senators; advice that many were not encountering the challenges; belief by some that business has been conducted properly, and opposing viewpoints by others; agreement that the delays being experienced are problematic and mean that time must be taken today to ensure proper governance; the authority of Senate to decide whether to continue.

The question was called, and time was provided to ensure that all members had the opportunity to vote. Following several minutes and the secretary's confirmation of quorum, the motion was defeated with 13 votes for, 48 votes against, and 6 abstentions.

The meeting continued. In response to questions, the president spoke to: the many factors involved with decisions regarding synchronous and asynchronous course offerings; Senate's role regarding decision making with regard to the spring term, and the coming decision about the fall term; the potential for special meetings of Senate as necessary; some synchronous elements of a course may

be scheduled, but entirely synchronous courses are discouraged; some details regarding the life long learning initiative; advice to faculty to provide feedback re: how things are working to graduate and undergraduate associate deans.

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

Gerry Schneider, chair of the committee, spoke to his presentation, highlighting data about the proposals reviewed by the committee in 2018-19.

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

There was no report.

11. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH & INTERNATIONAL

Senate received the reports for information.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.

8 May 2020

Karen Jack
University Secretary