

University of Waterloo
SENATE GRADUATE & RESEARCH COUNCIL
Minutes of the 9 April 2018 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Jeremy Bergen, Raouf Boutaba, Jeff Casello, Tara Collington, Bernard Duncker, Rhona Hanning, Anwar Hasan, Bruce Hellinga, Julie Joza, Lynn Judge, Raymond Legge, Christiane Lemieux, Daniel Martel, Kirsten Müller, Daniela O’Neill, Simron Singh, Richard Staines, Jackie Stapleton, Mike Szarka, John Thompson, Linda Warley, Kathy Winter (secretary)

Resources: Trevor Clews, Jennifer Kieffer, Amanda McKenzie

Guests: Fran Hannigan (3), Darlene Ryan (3), Mark Weber (5a)

Regrets: Charmaine Dean*, Robert Bruce*, Thomas Bury, Emily Cyr, Claude Duguay, Bruce Muirhead*, Max Salman, Takin Tadayon, Aaron Thompson

Organization of Meeting: Jeff Casello, co-chair of the council, took the chair, and Kathy Winter acted as secretary. The secretary advised that due notice of the meeting had been given, a quorum was present, and the meeting was properly constituted.

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. MINUTES OF 12 MARCH 2018 AND BUSINESS ARISING

The minutes were approved as distributed. Warley and Staines. Carried.

3. CO-CHAIRS’ REMARKS

Casello opened with reminders: (1) Lake Shift - the dissertation writing program sponsored by Queens has available spaces, (2) GRADtalks, the first of 2018, to be held 12 April 2018 in Board and Senate room and will feature two Waterloo doctoral students speaking on a common theme (in this case, Gamification) from their research perspectives. Casello then announced that the University received 6 Vanier awards, the same as last year, but above our five year average (4.8/year); the University received 49 NSERC awards, six more than last year, and above our five year average (45.8/year). Casello welcomed guests Darlene Ryan (Manager, International Student Advising) and Fran Hannigan (Senior Immigration Specialist) as he underscored the necessity of understanding the Immigration Act as it pertains to International graduate students. Conversation ensued and concluded with Casello requesting Ryan to provide written guidance to council on the subject. He added that an Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) FAQ, developed in conjunction with Ryan, will soon be available on the Student Success Office Website.

4. VECTOR INSTITUTE

Council received this item as information by Lemieux, as presented. Council engaged in discussion on topics that included: considering merits of full cost recovery v. that of existing graduate spaces, need for diverse funding mechanisms, applicability of on-line AI programs, and importance of Ethics in AI programming,

5. RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

a. Conrad Business, Technology and Entrepreneurship Centre. Council received, as information, a presentation by Mark Weber (Eyton Director of the Conrad Centre) regarding the change of name and structure of said centre. The item (i.e., that the University of Waterloo change the name of the Conrad Business, Entrepreneurship, and Technology Centre to the “Conrad School of Entrepreneurship and Business” within the Faculty of Engineering and that it be granted formal status as an academic unit) had come before 26 March 2018 (tabled motion). Council engaged in discussion on topics that included: extent of impact of such change on accessibility and visibility, marketing as a way to circumvent, learning that the centre goes through rigors of

academic program reviews. Casello to report back to Senate and will include any council members' comments submitted either to him directly or to committee Secretary, Winter, following this 9 April 2018 SGRC meeting.

6. CURRICULAR SUBMISSIONS

a. Arts. Council heard a motion to recommend to Senate the approval of a Graduate Admissions Pathway agreement between the University of Waterloo Department of Economics and the School of Economics at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (SUFU), for programming beginning 1 September 2018, as presented. Warley described how those two entities would enter into an agreement to establish an Admissions Pathway into the Waterloo master's degree program in Economics, "SUFU – Waterloo Graduate Admissions Pathway" ("SWGAP") consisting of two parts: Part One implemented at SUFU (SUFU solely responsible for administration); Part Two implemented at Waterloo (Waterloo solely responsible for design and administration). Students to the SWGAP study one foundational year at SUFU, after which they may seek admission to Waterloo. Once admitted to Waterloo, the Candidate will study for between eight months and two years at Waterloo, depending on the Master of Arts ("MA") option chosen. Upon successful completion of all the academic requirements at Waterloo, Candidates are granted an MA in Economics by Waterloo. SUFU will not grant degrees under this Agreement to candidates in the SWGAP. Warley and Collington. Carried.

b. Environment. Council heard a motion to approve item 1a—a new course in Environment, Enterprise and Development. Two friendly amendments (i.e., changing the 1 January 2018 effective date to 1 May 2018; stipulating the anti-requisite) were noted. Singh and Legge. Carried. Council heard an omnibus motion to approve items 1b, 2a, 3a as presented. Singh and Müller. Carried.

c. Mathematics. Council heard a motion to approve, as presented (and also as e-vote approved by the Mathematics Faculty Council on 6 April 2018), the addition of the graduate studies internship as a program requirement (v. being strongly recommended) for the Master's Research Paper Option of the Master of Quantitative Finance (MQF) program, and create the corresponding milestone. It was clarified that this change would not impact International Graduate Students and ability to secure work permits at a later date. Lemieux will ensure that "student status" (i.e., either co-op or full time off campus) is accurately depicted. Lemieux and Hanning. Carried.

7. GRADUATE AWARDS

Council heard a motion to approve item (a). Legge and Warley. Carried. Council received items (b) through (d) for information.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 14 May 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in NH 3318.

1 May 2018

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