

University of Waterloo
SENATE GRADUATE & RESEARCH COUNCIL
Minutes of the 12 November 2018 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Raouf Boutaba, Jeff Casello, Amelia Clarke, Charmaine Dean, Bernard Duncker, Marlene Epp, Ana Ferrer, Bruce Hellinga, Christiane Lemieux, Daniel Martel, Alexander Mercado, Bruce Muirhead, Liz Nilson, Daniela O'Neill, Max Salman, Simron Singh, Jackie Stapleton, Mike Szarka, Shirley Tang, Takin Tadayon, Kathy Winter (secretary), Shawn Wettig

Resources: Trevor Clews, Amanda McKenzie

Guests: Mary Lynn Benninger, Christian Boudreau, Chris Eliasmith, Susan Elliott, Bruce Frayne, Adrian Gerlich, Alan Webb, Steve Young

Regrets: David Clausi*, Emily Cyr, Rhona Hanning*, Julie Joza*, Kirsten Müller, Naima Samuel*, Richard Staines*, Sverrir Thorgeirsson*, John Thompson, Linda Warley

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 1 OCTOBER 2018 AND BUSINESS ARISING

The minutes were approved as distributed. Wettig and Singh. Carried.

3. CO-CHAIRS' REMARKS

Dean updated council regarding upcoming delegation to Israel in support of Waterloo-Technion Collaboration (quantum, nano, AI). Contact Duncker for information. While in Israel, Dean to meet with Canadian Embassy; Dean invited council to inform her of any existing collaborations with Israel and/or Technion,

Casello reminded council that 19 November 2018 marks the last of the graduate studies Bridge to 2020 Strategic Plan consultations. He also informed council that the Task Force for Graduate Supervision (whose membership is now 99% solidified) will hold its first meeting at end of November 2018.

4. ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES 2019 - 2020 – OFFICE OF REGISTRAR

Council heard a motion to forward to Senate for approval the 2019-2020 calendar dates and calendar guidelines for establishing academic dates as distributed and presented by Mary Lynn Benninger. Hellinga and Ferrer. Carried.

5. FRAMEWORK FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF GRADUATE PLAGIARISM - GSPA

Council received for information a new guideline (assessment of graduate plagiarism) in relation to Policy 71 – Student Discipline, as presented. Guidelines, which are to take effect on 1 January 2019, will be hosted on Secretariat website. Casello commended the hard work of Hanning, Graduate Operations Committee, and Muirhead.

6. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEW REPORTS

b. Final Assessment Report – Environment and Business, Sustainability Management, Economic Development and Innovation. Lemieux and Müller had prior reviewed the submission. Lemieux commented (also on behalf of absent Müller) that review was favourable and prior feedback had been suitably addressed. It was recognized that follow up with Alumni is important and is to be “ongoing”, thus the Implementation Plan (item #5 in table as presented) will be changed from “no follow up required” to “ongoing” to reflect this. Clarke and Singh. Carried.

7. GRADUATE AWARDS

Council heard a motion to approve items (a) through (c). Casello to clarify eligibility to apply to item (a). Wettig and Lemieux. Carried. Council heard a motion to approve item (c1). Casello spoke to the budget for the award (40% reduction in 2020-2021 from 2019-2020) resulting from aligning to provincial funding allotments (incenting domestic students). Council expressed some concern over even greater difficulty in attracting the most talented students. Casello reminded council that terms of awards are flexible, will be reviewed on an ongoing basis, and will continue to align with SMA's; and he reminded council of option for individual faculties to continue to incent international students. Terms of reference will be updated with regard to direct transfer to PhD of bachelors' students. Singh and Hellinga. Carried—with 3 opposed. Council received items (d) through (e) as information.

8. RESEARCH CENTRES AND INSTITUTES

a. Centre for Theoretical Neuroscience. Council heard a motion to approve the renewal of the Centre for Theoretical Neuroscience, as presented. Chris Eliasmith described strengths and challenges of centre from the report and members discussed: budget and funding over next few years, ratios of arts students to those of computer science/mathematics. Ferrer and Duncker. Carried.

b. Centre for Accounting Research & Education. Council heard a motion to approve the renewal of the Centre for Accounting Research & Education, as presented. Alan Webb described strengths and challenges of centre from the report and members discussed: affiliate membership, number and variety of sub-centres, longevity of centre. Muirhead and Wettig. Carried.

c. Centre for Advanced Materials Joining. Council heard a motion to approve the renewal of the Centre for Advanced Materials Joining, as presented. Adrian Gerlich described strengths and challenges of centre from the report and members discussed: equipment and space. Hellinga and Muirhead. Carried.

d. Survey Research Centre. Council heard a motion to approve the renewal of the Survey Research Centre, as presented. Christian Boudreau and Susan Elliott described strengths and challenges of centre from the report and members discussed: space (upcoming relocation to Innovation Park), budget (deficit and future cost-recovery), training/education, need for increased awareness of centre, forging longstanding relationships with university and surrounding communities. Muirhead and Tang. Carried—with 2 abstentions.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. NEXT MEETING

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