

University of Waterloo
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 3 April 2023 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Michael Beauchemin, Joan Coutu, Catherine Dong, Mary Hardy, Vivek Goel (chair), Tim Weber-Kraljevski (secretary), Christiane Lemieux, Carol Ann MacGregor, Graham Murphy, Luke Potwarka, Mary Robinson, James Rush, Clarence Woudsma, Stephanie Ye-Mowe

Regrets: Jeff Casello, Julian Surdi

Guests: Diana Gonçalves, Andrea Kelman

1. MINUTES OF THE 6 MARCH 2023 MEETING

A motion was heard to approve the minutes as presented. Beauchemin and Coutu. Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

3. ELECTIONS TO SENATE COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS AND TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Goel provided an overview of the report and noted the current vacancies.

A motion was heard to recommend that Senate acclaim the membership of Senate committees and councils and the Board of Governors as provided on the list of nominees to approve. Murphy and Robinson. Carried.

A motion was heard to recommend that Senate delegate approval to the Senate Executive Committee for any vacancies which exist. MacGregor and Coutu. Carried.

4. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY – ROSTER OF GRADUANDS

Goel spoke to the proposal, observing that the proposal:

- Reflects the customary practice for Senate to delegate its authority to approve the roster of graduands, which in recent years, has been made to the Senate Executive Committee;
- Empowers the Chair and Vice-Chair of Senate to provide even greater agility to ensure adequate time is given to the Registrar's Office and Community Relations and Events in planning convocation ceremonies to ensure an optimal experience for graduands; and
- This delegation of authority be provided on an annual basis, for the convocation ceremonies schedule in the upcoming twelve-month period.

A motion was heard to recommend that Senate approve the delegation of its authority for the approval of the roster of graduands jointly to the chair and vice-chair of Senate, for convocation ceremonies scheduled in June 2023 and October 2023, and to recommend that Senate direct that a full report on the graduands be presented for information to the Senate meeting following the relevant convocation. Beauchemin and Murphy. Carried.

5. PROPOSAL TO AMEND EX-OFFICIO MEMBERSHIP OF SENATE FOR CONSIDERATIONS OF EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION IN SENATE MEMBERSHIP

Goel spoke to the report and proposal, highlighting:

- In response to the feedback at May Senate the initial proposal presented to amend Senate Bylaw 4 to remove of five (5) named ex-officio members, items (a)-(e) in the bylaw, and add five ex-officio members designated by the president, was taken off the table;
- This revised proposal addresses Senators' concerns and achieves the same goals surrounding the University's commitments of positive action in the space of equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism (EDI-R), as well as having made a full commitment to decolonization, Indigenization and reconciliation; and

- A correction to an error in the title of the Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism in the report.

A motion was heard to recommend that Senate give first reading to the amendments to Senate Bylaw 4 as presented in this report with the revision to the AVP EDI-R title, with said amendments to effect:

- a. Removal of the Vice-President, Advancement, the Vice-President, University Relations, and the Deputy Provost, Integrated Planning and Budgeting as ex-officio members of Senate.
- b. Addition of the Associate Vice-President, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism, the Associate Vice-President, Indigenous Relations, and the Associate Vice-President, Academic Operations as ex-officio members of Senate.

Robinson and Beauchemin. Carried.

6. TIMING OF SENATE MEETINGS

Goel reminded members that the proposal to amend Senate's meeting schedule, and the format of Senate meetings will be going to April Senate for a second reading, and spoke to the feedback provided by the Graduate Student Relations Committee (GSRC) and the Undergraduate Student Relations Committee (USRC), and the analysis by the Registrar's Office.

Members discussed:

- Concerns with moving the timing of Senate adversely affecting student Senators;
- The number of courses affected with alternate timing;
- The importance of providing the recommended supports to student Senators; and
- Monday morning or Friday afternoon as possible alternatives;

As members could not reach consensus on changing the timing of Senate meetings, it was decided that Senate would keep the existing timing and that Committee would seek additional feedback from Senators through the Senate effectiveness survey.

7. DRAFT SENATE SELF-EVALUATION SURVEY

This item was received for information.

8. DRAFT 17 APRIL 2023 SENATE AGENDA

Members inquired about: the grading scheme motion from the Senate Graduate & Research Council (SGRC), if in programs where the pass is above 60%, is that clearly stated in those programs; and the rationale for the revisions to the inactive status definition for the Mathematics for Teachers (MMT) program motion from SGRC. The secretary will take these inquires to Casello to provide an answer.

There was a motion to approve the 17 April 2023 Senate agenda, as presented. Coutu and Beauchemin. Carried.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 04:05 p.m.

7 April 2023

Tim Weber-Kraljevski
Governance Officer