

**University of Waterloo**  
**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the 5 June 2023 Meeting**  
**[in agenda order]**

**Present:** Jeff Casello, Joan Coutu, Laura Deakin, Jack deGooyer, Vivek Goel (chair), Mike Grivicic (secretary), Christiane Lemieux, Carol Ann MacGregor, Rory Norris, David Porreca, Luke Potwarka, Mary Robinson, James Rush, Sharon Tucker, Clarence Woudsma

**Absent:** Catherine Dong

**Guests:** Jenny Flagler-George, Diana Gonçalves, Neela Hassan, Andrea Kelman

The chair welcomed Jack deGooyer as a new member of the committee.

**1. MINUTES OF THE 1 MAY 2023 MEETING**

A motion was heard to approve the minutes as distributed. Woudsma and MacGregor. Carried with one abstaining.

**2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

**3. DRAFT 15 MAY 2023 SENATE AGENDA**

Goel spoke to the agenda, including: annual PART report; item on Digital Learning Strategy, and return of the Digital Learning Principles and Guidelines which were revised following additional consultation since their deferral at the November meeting; some minor editorial changes to the minutes; item re: roster of graduands to be added, with a fulsome report on June convocation to come in the fall term; likely to add a report in confidential session from the Honorary Degrees Committee. Casello indicated that an item from Senate Graduate & Research Council is anticipated to be added to the agenda, pending the recommendation from council at its meeting on 12 June.

A motion was heard to approve the 19 June 2023 Senate agenda, as amended. Casello and Deakin. Carried. (Secretary's note: following the meeting, a special meeting of the committee was held via teleconference to discuss the Digital Learning Principles and Guidelines ahead of their inclusion in the Senate agenda).

**4. TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND DEANS' PARTICIPATION**

Goel related that Senate will rotate the territorial acknowledgement beginning in fall term, starting with the deans and including other constituencies thereafter e.g. employee and student associations, alumni etc. Those providing the acknowledgement will also be invited to provide a reflection and to highlight initiatives underway in their areas.

**5. RESULTS OF SENATE EFFECTIVENESS SURVEY**

Goel discussed the report from Watson, observing that this survey was the first for Senate and suggesting that this committee bring forward the results to Senate in the fall term with recommendations/next steps. Members discussed: importance of training/orientation for new Senators; potential to send a note to senators with the agenda to highlight specific items and solicit feedback ahead of the meeting; merit of having flexibility in the physical meeting room, to support the dynamics of meetings; an agenda portal would support pre-meeting queries and interactions between senators; importance of ensuring Senate's time is managed to focus on high-value and strategic topics. Members are invited to share their ideas for potential recommendations for discussion at the September meeting (along with an inventory of initiatives currently underway).

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

15 June 2023

Mike Grivicic  
Associate University Secretary

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