

University of Waterloo
SENATE GRADUATE & RESEARCH COUNCIL
Minutes of the 3 October 2022 Meeting
[in agenda order]
Needles Hall 3318/3308

Present: Steven Bednarski (for Drysdale), Jeff Casello, Amelia Clarke, Peter Deadman, Charmaine Dean, Bernie Duncker, Anna Esselment, Bertrand Guenin, Alison Hitchens, Julie Joza, Ian Milligan, Liz Nilsen, Jennifer Reid, Marianne Simm, Siva Sivoththaman, Mike Szarka, Kathy Winter (secretary).

Resources: Angela Christelis, Trevor Clews, Carrie MacKinnon, Amanda McKenzie.

Guests: Jennifer Coghlin, Shavin Malhotra, Richard Wikkerink.

Regrets: David Clausi*, Ana Ferrer*, Aiden Huffman, Brian Laird, Anita Layton, William McIlroy, Martin Ross, Julian Surdi, John Thompson, Shawn Wettig.

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.

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council heard a motion to approve or receive for information the items of the consent agenda. Hitchens and Milligan. Carried.

1. MINUTES OF 12 September 2022

Council approved the minutes of the meeting as distributed.

2. RESEARCH ETHICS

Council approved a membership update and revision to the Clinical Research Ethics Board Terms of Reference as presented.

REGULAR AGENDA

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

4. CO-CHAIRS' REMARKS

Dean updated council regarding: (a) deferred maintenance and renovations (being discussed at Office of Research in terms of maintenance funds required in order to meet needs outlined in grant applications, such as CFI) and (b) upcoming competitions (Canada First Research Excellence Fund, Canada Excellence Research Chairs competition, and Canada Biomedical Research Fund competition in which Ontario submitted a proposal).

Casello updated council regarding: (a) postdoctoral programs ([black and indigenous scholars](#), [AMTD](#), and [interdisciplinary postdoctoral program](#)), (b) Policy 30 – Employment of graduate student teaching assistants (in final reading and approval stages), (c) forthcoming campus Ombuds Office to serve campus community, and (d) international events and integrated campus response (central administration, faculty, student associations).

5. OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR - ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES 2023-24

Council heard a motion to recommend to Senate approval of the academic calendar dates for 2023-2024 and guidelines for determining academic calendar of dates, as presented. Deadman and Reid. Carried.

6. NEW PROGRAM: DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND ORGANIZATION.

Council heard a motion to recommend to Senate to approve a new research-based Doctor of Philosophy in Entrepreneurship and Organization, offered by the Conrad School of Entrepreneurship and Business in the Faculty of Engineering, as presented. The PhD program will include course work, a comprehensive examination, a thesis proposal, and a thesis. The program will charge tuition consistent with all other PhD programs at the institution and will be delivered as a full-time program on-campus. Shavin Malhotra, Professor of Strategy & Conrad Research Excellence Chair, provided an overview of the new program and council discussed: synergy between job advertisements and program description, transfer payment entrepreneurship fellowships and scholarships, format is research-based with community collaboration in terms of data collection and invited speaker fora. Sivoththaman and Esselment. Carried.

7. CONSULTATION PLAN – SENATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW: FUTURE OF SGRC

Casello reminded council of the [Senate Governance Review](#)—in which all committees of Senate will participate. Members are to anticipate invitations to separate stakeholder consultation sessions to be held beginning this fall with a view to examine recommendations #28, #32, #33.

8. CURRICULAR SUBMISSIONS

Faculty of Mathematics.

On behalf of Senate, council approved new courses, new milestones, and minor program revisions for Combinatorics and Optimization (Guenin and Esselment. Carried), and Data Science (Guenin and Sivoththaman. Carried), as presented.

Council heard a motion to recommend to Senate major program revisions for Pure Math (Guenin and Sivoththaman. Carried), Combinatorics and Optimization (Guenin and Esselment. Carried), and Data Science (Guenin and Sivoththaman. Carried), as presented.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. FUTURE BUSINESS

Council was reminded of topics for future strategic discussion: Create Grants, Jean Becker's What it Means to Decolonize and Institution, and GSPA Vision Document—the latter of which is anticipated to come forward at December 2022 SGRC. Visioning thereon to include topics such as differentiating elements of graduate studies, research, bibliometrics, vibrant student experience (both while studying and when transitioning to alumni, as well as fostering connections between alumni and current students). Council was invited to submit ideas for other topics for discussion to either co-chairs or SGRC secretary.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held Monday 14 November 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in NH3318.