

**University of Waterloo**  
**SENATE GRADUATE & RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the 12 December 2022 Meeting**  
**[in agenda order]**  
**Needles Hall 3318/3308**

**Present:** Steven Bednarski (for Drysdale), Jeff Casello, Charmaine Dean, David Clausi, Amelia Clarke, Peter Deadman, Bernie Duncker, Anna Esselment, Ana Ferrer, Bertrand Guenin, Zerihun Kinate, Brian Laird, Liz Nilsen, Jennifer Reid, Martin Ross, Marianne Simm, Shawn Wettig, Kathy Winter (secretary).

**Resources:** Angela Christelis, Carrie MacKinnon

**Guests:**

**Regrets:** Aiman Fatima, Alison Hitchens\*, Aiden Huffman\*, Ryan Johnson\*, Julie Joza\*, Anita Layton, William McIlroy, Ian Milligan, Siva Sivoththaman, Julian Surdi, Mike Szarka\*, Shirley Tang, Richard Wikkerink

**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. Duncker and Ferrer. Carried.

#### **1. MINUTES OF 14 November 2022**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting as distributed.

#### **2. RESEARCH ETHICS**

Council approved one new member to the Clinical Research Ethics Board.

#### **3. GRADUATE AWARDS**

Council approved items a and b, as presented. Council received items c for information.

#### **4. CURRICULAR SUBMISSION**

Council approved items a and b as presented.

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Casello spoke to Item 5 [14 November 2022 SGRC](#) indicating that the Digital Learning Principles and Guidelines item will return to our council in future since 21 November 2022 Senate recognized that further consideration of the proposal would be beneficial. Separately, Nilsen spoke to coordinated actions taking place between the Graduate Student Association, Finance, Student Care, and GSPA communications team to ensure clear messaging regarding any implications of online course participation in relation to students' health care benefit entitlements.

#### **6. CO-CHAIRS' REMARKS**

Casello updated council: (a) CUPE submitted request for certification (outcome found here: <https://uwaterloo.ca/daily-bulletin/2022-12-20#cupe-to-represent-sessional-instructors>), (b) postdoctoral [funding competitions](#) and Casello's request for participation on committee of 10-12 members for application vetting and review commencing January 2023 (AMTD committee chair TBD, Black and Indigenous Postdoctoral Scholars committee chair Christopher Taylor, Interdisciplinary Postdoctoral Scholars committee chair Bernie Duncker).

**7. GRADUATE STUDIES ACADEMIC CALENDAR CHANGES: UPDATES TO NON-DEGREE GRADUATE STUDENT DEFINITION**

Council heard a motion to recommend to Senate to approve updates to the non-degree graduate student definition, effective 1 January 2023, as presented. Specifically, the recommendation is to consider the transfer of any courses taken as a non-degree student to a degree program, on a case-by-case basis, at the time of admission assessment. This would align with the practice at the undergraduate level. Simm and Nilsen. Carried.

**8. CURRICULAR SUBMISSION - ARTS**

Council heard a motion to recommend to Senate to approve the deletion of the Coursework study option for the Master of Arts (MA) in Economics, effective 1 May 2023, as presented. As part of that change, a new course in data science for economics (including techniques and coding specific to economics) is proposed. Esselment and Ferrer. Carried.

**9. SENATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW MEMO**

Council received for information the Senate Governance Review Memo as presented. Members are to anticipate invitations to stakeholder consultation sessions to be held in the winter term. Council proposed some new ideas in relation to the future of SGRC: (a) separate the existing council into research and graduate councils; open invitation for all existing SGRC members to attend each; voting privileges held by direct members of the respective new councils, (b) separate the existing council into research and graduate councils; convene as one body at some frequency (e.g., once or twice per year), and (c) continue as the existing council; cover common interest items early in the agenda so members can leave as appropriate.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**11. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held Monday 9 January 2023 from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon in NH3318.

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Kathy Winter, PhD, CPsych,  
Assistant University Secretary