

University of Waterloo
SENATE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of the 28 June 2022 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Veronica Austen, Monica Barra, Antonia Cass, Benoit Charbonneau, Victoria Chu, Martin Cooke, Vivian Dayeh, David DeVidi (Chair), Leeann Ferries, Fatma Gzara, Carol Ann MacGregor, Melody Mao, Catherine Newell Kelly, Tim Weber-Kraljevski (secretary), Richard Wikkerink, Stephanie Ye-Mowe

Resources/Guests: Jennifer Coghlin, Danielle Jeanneault, Carrie Molson

Regrets: Harry Cheung, Daniel Davison, Kristiina Montero, Chris Vigna

Organization of Meeting: David DeVidi took the chair, and Tim Weber-Kraljevski acted as secretary. The secretary advised that a quorum was present. The chair informed council of the addition of item 4.c. Academic Calendar and Curriculum Management System to the agenda. The agenda was approved without formal motion.

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 10 MAY 2022 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

The minutes were approved without formal motion. There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. CURRICULAR ITEMS FOR APPROVAL & INFORMATION

Arts. Cooke provided the brief overview of the new courses. There was a motion to approve the new course on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Ferries. Carried. Cooke spoke to the proposed course changes and indicated that the effective date for the AFM 323 changes should be 1 September 2023 instead of the effective date given in the material. There was a motion to approve the course changes on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Barra. Carried. Cooke presented course inactivations for PHIL 206J, PHIL 318J, PSCI 492, SMF 319, SMF 460, SMF 461, SMF 462 and SMF 498. There was a motion to approve the course inactivations on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Austen. Carried. Cooke presented the proposed change of the SPCOM (Speech Communication) subject code to COMMST (Communication Studies). There was a motion to approve the subject code change on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Charbonneau. Carried. Cooke presented the proposed three-year general English – Creative and Professional Writing plan in English Language and Literature. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed new academic plan, effective 1 September 2023. Cooke and Austen. Carried. Cooke presented the new diploma in Health Humanities. There was a brief discussion on the marketing and teaching plan for the diploma. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed new academic plan, effective 1 September 2023. Cooke and Austen. Carried. Cooke presented minor plan modifications in Accounting and Finance. There was a motion to approve the minor academic plan changes on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Barra. Carried. Cooke presented minor plan modifications in Communications Arts. There was a motion to approve the minor academic plan changes on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Ferries. Carried. Cooke presented minor plan modifications in English Language and Literature. There was a motion to approve the minor academic plan changes on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Ferries. Carried. Cooke presented minor plan modifications in Fine Arts. There was a motion to approve the minor academic plan changes on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Charbonneau. Carried. Cooke presented minor plan modifications in Sociology and Legal Studies. Council heard in response to a question that there is not a minimum number of 300 or 400 level course requirements for honour plans. There was a motion to approve the minor academic plan changes on behalf of Senate. Cooke and Barra. Carried. Cooke presented the proposed invalid credential combinations for Arts and changes to Bachelor of Arts breadth requirements. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed academic regulations changes. Cooke and Barra. Carried. Finally, for information Cooke presented the transfer of ownership of the Management Studies Minor from the Department of Economics to the Dean of Arts

Office, effective 1 September 2023.

Mathematics. Charbonneau presented changes for course ACTSC 291 and provided an overview of the proposed new Mathematics/Chartered Professional Accountancy Data Analytics Specialization, along with changes related to the new specialization including: minor modifications to Math/CPA, Statistics, Joint Statistics, Biostatistics, Statistics Minor, and Actuarial Sciences; three new courses; and changes to existing courses. A brief discussion was had on the difference between data science and data analytics. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed new academic plan: Math/CPA Data Analytics Specialization, and to approve the course changes, new courses, and minor modifications of academic plans on behalf of Senate. Charbonneau and MacGregor. Carried

4. REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Academic Calendar Dates for 2022-2023. Newell Kelly presented revisions to the Academic Calendar Dates for 2022-2023 to designate in-person exam days for online courses. Discussion was on scheduling exam days to accommodate online learners who are working full-time, including those on co-op terms, and the use of the terms adult and mature learners. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the revisions to the Academic Calendar Dates for 2022-2023 and calendar guidelines for establishing academic dates. Newell Kelly and Ferries. Carried.

Effective Dates Chart for 2022-2023 academic year. This item was received for information.

Academic Calendar and Curriculum Management System. Jeanneault reported for information that the Academic Calendar and Curriculum Management project team has selected Quali to provide an academic calendar and curriculum management system for the University of Waterloo. Council heard that the initial focus will be on curriculum management and then it is anticipated that the system will also assist council in the curriculum approval process.

5. OTHER BUSINESS.

The chair reported that at the June 2022 Senate meeting there was a general endorsement of streamlining improvements to Senate and as a result the Senate Undergraduate Council may be up for review. Council heard of the possibility of a Senate Curriculum Committee being created.

The chair requested members reach out to the secretary and himself with preferences for how future meetings are held, either online, in-person, or a hybrid.

The chair also thanked the committee for their dedication and service throughout the last year and thanked Newell Kelly for chairing council in his absence.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday 13 September 2022 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. via Teams.

20 July 2022

Tim Weber-Kraljevski
Associate University Secretary