

**University of Waterloo**  
**SENATE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the 13 September 2022 Meeting**  
**[in agenda order]**

**Present:** Veronica Austen, Monica Barra, Benoit Charbonneau, Victoria Chu, Martin Cooke, Daniel Davison, Vivian Dayeh, David DeVidi (Chair), Leeann Ferries, Fatma Gzara, Carol Ann MacGregor, Naman Sood, Catherine Newell Kelly, Tim Weber-Kraljevski (secretary), Richard Wikkerink, Ryan Telford, Johanna Wandel, Stephanie Ye-Mowe

**Resources/Guests:** Angela Christelis, Blair Clarence, Jennifer Coghlin, Danielle Jeanneault, Carrie Molson, Brenda Denomme

**Organization of Meeting:** David DeVidi took the chair, and Tim Weber-Kraljevski acted as secretary. The secretary advised that a quorum was present. The agenda was approved without formal motion.

The chair welcomed new members and informed members that Council will be meeting in-person again going forward.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE 28 JUNE 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**

**Health.** Ferries provided a brief overview of new courses HEALTH 490, HLTH 403, and HLTH 445. There was a motion to approve the new courses on behalf of Senate. Ferries and Charbonneau. Carried. Ferries spoke to the following: proposed course changes for GERON 245, HLTH 101, HLTH 245, HLTH 290, HLTH 350, HLTH 380, HLTH 435, HLTH 471, KIN 100L, KIN 343, KIN 406, KIN 407, REC 120, REC 371, REC 471A, REC 471B, REC 475; course inactivations for WKRPT 200H, WKRPT 300H, WKRPT 400H, WKRPT 500H; and minor plan modifications to the Bachelor of Science, Honours Health Sciences, the Bachelor of Science, Honours Health Sciences, the Bachelor of Public Health, Honours, the Pre-Clinical Specialization, the Health Research Specialization, the Gerontology Minor, the Aging Studies Option, and the Diploma in Gerontology. Following discussions concerning also offered online, the title change of REC 471A, and conflicts with the proposed item 4a latter in the agenda, a motion was put forward to approve the proposed course changes, course inactivations and minor plan modifications on behalf of Senate. Ferries and Davison. Carried. Ferries took members through the proposed regulations changes for the Undergraduate Communication Requirement. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed regulations changes. Ferries and Charbonneau. Carried. Follow discussion Council suggested that external transfer credits would be a good topic for Undergraduate Communications Requirement Group (UCRG) to explore.

**Science.** Barra presented the following: new course BIO 251; course changes for BIOL 110, BIOL 120/220, BIOL 150, BIOL 310, BIOL 312, BIOL 323, BIOL 383, BIOL 350, BIOL 351, BIOL 414, BIOL 428, BIOL 433, BIOL 450, BIOL 451, BIOL 452, BIOL 455, BIOL 457, BIOL 458, BIOL 485, BIOL 489, BIOL 490A, BIOL 490B, BIOL 490C, BIOL 490D, BIOL 498A, BIOL 498B, CHEM 350, EARTH 121, SCBUS 13, and SCBUS 225; and course inactivations of BIOL 321, BIOL 426, CHEM 201, and CHEM 301. A motion was put forward to approve the proposed new course, course changes, and course inactivations on behalf of Senate. Barra and Davison. Carried. Barra spoke to the minor academic plan changes for Honours Biology, Honours Biomedical Sciences, Honours Environmental Sciences, Ecology Specialization, Honours Material and Nanosciences, and the Science and Business Programs, along with the major modification to address inconsistent names for

Environmental Sciences plans. A motion was put forward to the approve the proposed minor plan changes on behalf of Senate and to recommend that Senate approve the proposed major plan changes. Barra and Charbonneau. Carried. Barra also presented changes associated with the COVID-19 pandemic for information.

Christelis spoke to future expectations that students and recent graduates will need to be consulted with any major modifications. Council heard that the process is currently being developed, and will be presented to Council once it is ready, with time for members to prepare prior to the implementation.

#### **4. REGISTRAR'S OFFICE**

**Academic Regulations.** Jeanneault presented proposed academic regulation revision to the Invalid Plan Combinations. Discussion was had on how students are informed if their plan combinations are invalid. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed revision to the Invalid Plan Combinations. Newel-Kelly and Charbonneau. Carried. Following a discussion of including more credentials in the calendar text, Council heard that while work has been done to standardize across faculties, some credentials are still under grandfather rules, prohibiting defining these publicly, and also that a Credential Framework Committee has recently been created to look at credentials across campus.

**New Undergraduate Scholarships, Awards, And Bursaries.** This item was received for information. Discussion included appreciation of including the Wood family's association with the University of Waterloo in the Cam and Nancy Wood Entrance Bursary description and the possibility of sharing this innovation with advancement teams across campus.

#### **5. ACCELERATED MASTER'S PROGRAMS**

The chair presented for information that the approval to create, change or inactivate Accelerated Master's programs will no longer be the purview of Council, but should be solely approved by the Senate Graduate and Research Council (SGRC) going forward, with the exception of approving any changes to the undergraduate program curriculum impacted by these programs which will still require Council approval.

#### **6. OTHER BUSINESS.**

The chair spoke to including more strategic plan into future Council agendas and the possibility of the creation Curriculum Sub-Committee as part of the Senate Governance Review.

#### **7. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is Tuesday 4 October 2022, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in NH 3318.

26 September 2022

Tim Weber-Kraljevski  
Associate University Secretary