

University of Waterloo
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 7 November 2022 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Jeff Casello, Joan Coutu, George Freeman, Vivek Goel (chair), Mike Grivicic (secretary), Christiane Lemieux, Carol Ann MacGregor, Graham Murphy, Luke Potwarka, James Rush, Julian Surdi, Stephanie Ye-Mowe

Regrets: Michael Beauchemin, Catherine Dong, Mary Hardy, Clarence Woudsma

Guests: Jenny Flagler-George, Diana Gonçalves, Andrea Kelman

1. MINUTES OF THE 3 OCTOBER 2022 MEETING

A motion was heard to approve the minutes as presented. Casello and Ye-Mowe. Carried.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. Utilization of Senate Report Template. Goel noted that the report template is being integrated over time, and that this integration will require utilization ‘upstream’ from Senate.

3. DRAFT 21 NOVEMBER 2022 SENATE AGENDA

Members discussed items of note and amendments to the agenda:

- Wampum belts have been framed, and an elder will be invited to speak to Senate on the belts and the Commitment Ceremony ahead of calling the meeting to order
- Additional item 7(b)(ii) will be added re: enrollments
- Will invite the proponents of the new PhD program to provide a short overview and to be available to answer questions
 - o For the remaining curricular recommendations, the deans will be invited to say a few words to those items as part of the customary seconding of those motions
- Members observed the use of the term “class” on page 138 of the SEC agenda, and suggested this might more properly be “course” – the secretary will confirm with the authors
- The scope of UCSA is at the university level, with activity from the six faculties aggregating reporting; Casello observed that this structure merits examination to ensure it is best serving the institution

A motion was heard to approve the 21 November 2022 Senate Agenda as amended. Potwarka and Murphy. Carried.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Members observed that with the recent affirmations of the commitment to Reconciliation, Indigenization, and decolonization, it would be relevant to consider how to add a place on Senate specifically for Indigenous representation. Goel indicated that a body would need to be convened to liaise with Indigenous representation to ensure this is done correctly, and Jean Becker can be invited to lend her expertise; some institutions have added non-voting members which is not optimal as that manner of representation does not affirm those members as full members of the decision-making body.

b. Members noted that postdoctoral fellows do not have representation on Senate.

c. Members agreed by consensus that meetings of the committee ought to be held via videoconference, with in-person meetings for instances where the agenda includes items such as discussions around the Senate Governance Review.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

14 November 2022

Mike Grivicic
Associate University Secretary

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