

University of Waterloo
SENATE GRADUATE & RESEARCH COUNCIL
Minutes of the March 4, 2024, Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Sue Ann Campbell, Steven Bednarski, Phil Bigelow, Jeff Casello (co-chair), David Clausi, Robert de Loe, Peter Deadman, Charmaine Dean (co-chair), Bernard Duncker, Anna Esselment, Ana Ferrer, Vivek Goel, Bertrand Guenin, Neela Hassan, Alison Hitchens, Julie Joza, Joseph Meleshko, Ian Milligan, Marina Mourtzakis, Nicholas Pellegrino, Martin Ross, Marianne Simm, Mike Szarka, Tim Weber-Kraljevski (secretary), Kevin White, Clarence Woudsma.

Resources/Guests: Maysah Eid, Nathan Funk, Dustin Garrick, Dan Gorman, Carrie MacKinnon-Molson, Christine McWebb, Jayaz Noormohamed, Susan Roy, Russ Tupling, Justin Wan, Richard Wikkerink.

Absent: Aiman Fatima*, Ryan Johnson, Zerihun Kinate, Siva Sivoththaman*, Shirley Tang*.
*regrets

Organization of Meeting: Charmaine Dean, co-chair of the Council, took the chair, and Tim Weber-Kraljevski 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. The agenda was approved without formal motion.

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. GLOBAL FUTURES NETWORK

Duncker, McWebb, and Noormohamed presented on the Global Futures Networks (GFN), providing an overview of proposed vision, mission, administration, financial resources, governance, and development pathway. Members discussed: the role of the Research Centres and Institutes; building a space for scholarly communities with thematic interest to be more organically created; and the goal for whole sectors of industry to come to the university instead of just individual companies.

Members divided into breakout groups and discussed: what the potential enablers and barriers to successful implementation of GFN; how can cross-cutting initiatives between research, teaching, ASUs be facilitated through the GFN; is there something missing in the GFN model that should be included; and what other feedback do members have to help advance the longer-term visions. Notes of the discussion will be consolidated and distributed.

3. SGRC GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE

The chair informed members that a full update on the Council's governance review will be presented at an upcoming meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council heard a motion to approve or receive for information the items of the consent agenda. Guenin and Deadman. Carried with 1 abstention.

4. MINUTES OF 20 NOVEMBER 2023 MEETING

Council approved the minutes of the meeting as distributed.

5. RESEARCH ETHICS

Council approved the membership updates for the Clinical Research Ethic Board, and the revisions to the Human Research Ethics Board terms of reference, as distributed.

6. GRADUATE AWARDS

Council approved items i.a.-k., and ii. a as distributed, and received items i.l.-o. and ii.b for information.

7. CURRICULAR SUBMISSIONS

Council approved items a.-d. and recommended to Senate to approve item a.1., as distributed.

8. GRADUATE STUDIES ACADEMIC CALENDAR CHANGES

Council recommended to Senate to approve items i.a.-d., ii.b.-c., and iii.a.-d., and received for information items i.e.-f. and ii.a., as distributed.

REGULAR AGENDA

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

10. NEW PROGRAM: GRADUATE TYPE II DIPLOMA IN CLIMATE CHANGE

Deadman spoke to the material provided, highlighting the rationale for the new Type 2 Graduate Diploma, the proposed program structure and requirements, and where the program will live. Members discussed: communication strategy for informing students of the new program; the importance of students discussing their intention to pursue the Graduate Diploma with their supervisor and Graduate Officers; and the admission requirements and how good standing is determined. A motion was heard to recommend Senate approve the proposed Graduate Type II Diploma in Climate Change, as presented. Deadman and Woudsma. Carried with one abstention.

11. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEWS

- a. Progress Report: Kinesiology.** Tupling provided a brief overview of the report.
- b. Progress Report: Peace and Conflict Studies.** Funk provided a brief overview of the report.
- c. Final Assessment Report: Tri-University History.** Roy and Gorman provided a brief overview of the report. Members discussed the benefits and challenges of running a program across three universities.
- d. Final Assessment Report: Collaborative Water Program.** Garrick provided a brief overview of the report. Members congratulated Garrick the collaborative nature and success of the program.

A motion was heard to approve the Progress Reports and the Final Assessment Reports on behalf of Senate, as presented. Dunker and Ross. Carried with one abstention.

12. CO-CHAR REMARKS

Casello informed members of the successful postdoctoral competitions and thanked those who participated as adjudicators.

Dean updated members that the next meeting SGRC meeting will continue the Global Futures discussion and will include a CREATEs ranking item.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Hitchens invited members to attend the Tri-Agency Open Access Policy Discussion Forums hosted by the Library on March 20 and 21, 2024.

14. ADJOURMENT

With no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held Monday, April 8, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon in NH 3318.

March 25, 2023

Tim Weber-Kraljevski
Governance Officer