

**University of Waterloo**  
**SENATE GRADUATE & RESEARCH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the April 8, 2024 Meeting**  
**[in agenda order]**

**Present:** Phil Bigelow, Sue Ann Campbell, Jeff Casello (co-chair), David Clausi, Robert de Loe, Peter Deadman, Bernard Duncker, Anna Esselment, Ana Ferrer, Bertrand Guenin, Neela Hassan, Alison Hitchens, Julie Joza, Marina Mourtzakis, Martin Ross, Marianne Simm, Siva Sivoththaman, Shirley Tang, Tim Weber-Kraljevski (secretary), Clarence Woudsma.

**Resources/Guests:** Tara Collington, Leslie Copp, Maysah Eid, Craig Hardiman, Deborah Kraft, Carrie MacKinnon, Fayaz Noormohamed, Justin Wan.

**Absent:** Charmaine Dean\* (co-chair), Steven Bednarski\*, Aiman Fatima, Zerihun Kinate, Joseph Meleshko, Ian Milligan\*, Nicholas Pellegrino, Mike Szarka, Kevin White.

\*regrets

**Organization of Meeting:** Jeff Casello 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.

**1. 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. Esselment and Sivoththaman. Carried with 1 abstention.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2024 MEETING**

Council approved the minutes of the meeting as distributed.

**3. RESEARCH ETHICS**

Council approved the membership updates and role changes for the Clinical Research Ethic Board, and membership renewal for the Human Research Ethics Board, as distributed.

**4. GRADUATE AWARDS**

Council received items a.-e. for information.

**5. CURRICULAR SUBMISSIONS**

Council approved items a.-d. and recommended to Senate to approve item 5.b.1.a and 5.b.2., as distributed.

**6. UW/SSHRC GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Council approved items a.-c., as distributed.

**7. ACADEMIC QUALITY ENHANCEMENT (AQE) COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Council recommended the proposed terms of reference for the Academic Quality Enhancement (AQE) Committee to Senate Executive Council, as distributed.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

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

There was no business arising.

### **9. CO-CHAIR'S REMARKS**

Casello thanked those who supported the postdoctoral competitions, and spoke to the following: the successful Future Cities Institute launch on April 3, 2024; the progress on the Council restructuring and next steps; and the impact of budget reductions in the 2024 Operating Budget on graduate scholarships and bursaries. Members discussed: the 2024 Operating Budget, potential opportunities to share costs, and resources for students to find funding.

### **10. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEWS**

- a. Final Assessment Report: Classical Studies.** Hardiman provided a brief overview of the report. Members Discussion: recruitment strategies for the program and potential growth in the number of students. Hardiman left the meeting.
- b. Progress Report: French Studies.** Collington provided a brief overview of the report. Members discussed: the impact of A.I. on language courses. Collington left the meeting.
- c. Progress Report: Taxation.** Kraft provided a brief overview of the report. Members discussed: the rationale for Graduate Diploma being a type 1. Kraft left the meeting.

A motion was heard to approve the Final Assessment Report and the Progress Reports on behalf of Senate, as presented. Woudsma and Ferrer. Carried with 3 abstentions.

### **11. GLOBAL FUTURES NETWORK**

Continuing from the previous meeting's breakout group discussion, Duncker and Noormohamed responded to comments received from members on the Global Futures Network (GFN). Members discussed: the mandate and vision of the GFN; the impact on Centres and Institutes and their role within the GFN; GFN's operational functions and its role of in enabling collaboration and intersectionality, as well as serving as a platform to bring groups and activities under a single banner.

### **12. CREATE RANKING**

With the exception of the chair, the Associate Deans, and Duncker, members left the meeting. Remaining members reviewed and discussed the ranking of the submitted NSERC CREATE Internal Expression of Interest (EOI).

### **13. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in NH 3318

April 22, 2023

Tim Weber-Kraljevski  
Governance Officer