

University of Waterloo
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 12 June 2023 Additional Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Jeff Casello, Joan Coutu, Jack deGooyer, Catherine Dong, Mike Grivicic (secretary), Christiane Lemieux, Rory Norris, David Porreca, Mary Robinson, James Rush, Sharon Tucker

Regrets: Laura Deakin, Vivek Goel, Carol Ann MacGregor, Luke Potwarka, Clarence Woudsma

Guests: Aldo Caputo, Dave DeVidi, Jenny Flagler-George, Andrea Kelman

In the absence of the chair, Jim Rush assumed the chair.

Rush observed that the Digital Learning Principles and Guidelines were not available for the 5 June 2023 meeting, and that the document has since been distributed to members to facilitate its review prior to inclusion in the Senate agenda. DeVidi and Caputo provided a short overview: significant revisions have been made in recent months, reflecting the additional consultation activity; the document aims to have more diverse pathways available for course development, and to have those pathways articulated; processes for approval are better clarified in the revised version; with the proliferation of online formats and tools, the guidelines are aimed to support students and also to support chairs by giving guidance in responding to instructors' initiatives; digital learning is a subject that has the attention of the Board, and these guidelines support that interest.

Members discussed/clarified: while a number of the principles are enunciated in law and policy, the document assembles these in one place for clarity and ease of reference; where there is reference to platforms, this can be for online courses and for all other digital learning resources; Caputo indicated that he met with a subset of the Copyright Advisory Committee and that group was satisfied with the changes made; process for approving courses are different in different Faculties, and faculty members are involved in these processes in the ways that are appropriate to their local circumstances – wording in the document will be amended to reflect this.

15 June 2023

Mike Grivicic
Associate University Secretary

This page intentionally left blank.