

University of Waterloo
SENATE GRADUATE & RESEARCH COUNCIL
Minutes of the May 6, 2025 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Hassan Baaj, Robert de Loe, Peter Deadman, Bernard Duncker, Anna Esselment, Ana Ferrer, Mike Grivicic (secretary), Abhishesh Homagain, Brian Ingalls, Brian Laird, Joseph Meleshko, Ian Milligan, Carlee Ann Montgomery, Marina Mourtzakis, Martin Ross, Meray Sadek, Marianne Simm, Siva Sivoththaman, Clarence Woudsma (co-chair)

Resources/Guests: Angela Christelis, Trevor Clews, Ashley Day, Carrie MacKinnon Molson, Ben McDonald, Justin Wan, Richard Wikkerink

Absent: Steven Bednarski, Sue Ann Campbell, Charmaine Dean, Mrittika Dreesha, Alison Hitchens, Julie Joza, Nicholas Pellegrino, Shirley Tang, Alfred Yu

Organization of Meeting: Clarence Woudsma took the chair and Mike Grivicic acted as secretary. The secretary advised that quorum was present. The agenda was approved without formal motion.

1. Conflict of Interest

None declared.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council heard a motion to approve or receive for information the items of the consent agenda. Deadman and Laird. Carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Council approved the minutes of the meeting as distributed.

3. Graduate Awards and Scholarships

Council approved all new awards and bursaries as presented.

4. Membership on Research Ethics Boards

Council approved all new members on research ethics boards.

5. CURRICULAR SUBMISSIONS

Council approved items 5.1 and 5.2 on behalf of Senate.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business arising.

7. Co-Chair's Remarks

The chair welcomed Meray Sadek to SGRC as the new president of the GSA.

It was noted that the current anticipated time for visa processing stands at 220 days, observing that this was raised at Senate the previous day. Simm spoke to the importance of internal processes and communication to foster progress for students who have applied e.g. ensuring that program acceptances are sent and encouraging prospective students to apply for a PAL.

At the Senate meeting the previous day, Senate approved the restructuring of SGRC effective September 1st.

8. Curricular Submissions

8.1 Graduate Studies Academic Calendar (GSAC) updates

Woudsma spoke to the report and recommendation and presented a small set of slides to highlight elements of the proposal. The aim is for this to take effect for Fall 2025, to support the overall architecture of graduate studies in offering work-integrated learning for graduate students in co-op programs. Member accepted a friendly amendment to strike "Note, WIL 601 may be recommended instead of required in some programs in

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the Faculty of Engineering, which will be identified within the program's degree requirements" from the text listed on page 34 of the meeting book, as this is no longer relevant. Members applauded the implementation of the certificate, which is particularly helpful for students from other universities coming to Waterloo to better understand and navigate these processes. A motion was heard that the Senate Graduate and Research Council recommends that Senate approve the Graduate Certificate in Work-Integrated Learning together with the graduate calendar changes pertaining to graduate work-integrated learning, as described in items 1 and 2 of this report and effective September 1, 2025, including the friendly amendment. Esselment and Sivoththaman. Carried as amended.

Item 3 was received for information.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on Monday June 16, 2025 from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon in NH 3318.

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Mike Grivicic
Associate University Secretary