

**University of Waterloo**  
**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the 2 May 2022 Meeting**

**Present:** Michael Beauchemin, Joan Coutu, Catherine Dong, Benjamin Easton, George Freeman, Vivek Goel (chair), Karen Jack (secretary), Christiane Lemieux, Carol Ann MacGregor, Graham Murphy, Luke Potwarka, James Rush, Clarence Woudsma

**Regrets:** Jeff Casello, Lori Curtis, Glauca Melo

**Guests:** Jenny Flagler-George, Diana Gonçalves, Andrea Kelman, Christine Tausig Ford (1.)

**1. SENATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW**

**Report from the Consultant**

The chair welcomed Christine Tausig Ford to the meeting and on behalf of the committee, thanked her for her excellent report. He invited her to speak to her findings, which she did. Following her review, and in response to questions, she shared: her opinion that effort be placed on reconciliation efforts while finding creative solutions for decolonization activities in light of the challenges of opening the *University of Waterloo Act*; ways to encourage those with dissenting opinions to speak up, including direct messaging to this effect in the future orientation activities.

**Relations with the Board**

The chair spoke to the briefing note distributed with the agenda. In discussion: the similar findings made on this subject by the Board Governance Review; whether, in light of some common areas of interest, a joint Senate-Board working group should be considered; a suggestion that scholarship on best practices be reviewed; whether any orientation activities might be held jointly by the Senate and Board; a suggestion to find pathways for the Student Relations, and the Student Services Advisory Committees to provide informational reports to Senate; the desirability of finding ways to generate interest in the community re: Senate's activities.

The chair advised that the draft final report of the group's findings and recommendations will be distributed to members soon for feedback in advance of final consideration at the 6 June meeting. He thanked Ms Tausig Ford again for her valuable contributions to the group's work and she departed the meeting.

**2. MINUTES OF THE 4 APRIL 2022 MEETING**

Members heard a motion to approve the minutes of the 4 April 2022 meeting.

Murphy and Freeman. Carried unanimously.

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising.

**4. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST**

**Roster of Graduands**

The committee heard a motion to recommend that Senate delegate the approval of the roster of graduands for the June convocation ceremony to its Executive Committee for its 6 June 2022 meeting.

Rush and Freeman. Carried unanimously.

**5. DRAFT 16 MAY 2022 SENATE AGENDA**

The chair reviewed the agenda and advised that Shelley Hulan, chair of the Department of English Language and Literature will be present to speak to the new academic program in creative and professional writing, and that the report of the Dean of Environment Nominating Committee will be distributed to Senate on the day of

the meeting. Following confirmation that a typographical error will be corrected, the committee approved the agenda by consensus.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

The chair informed members that Senators Glerum, Gorbet, MacEachen, and Woo were elected by Senate as the new faculty representatives to the Board of Governors.

He advised that the Faculty of Health had put forward a candidate for service on two committees, and the committee heard a motion to approve Narveen Jandu to be the Faculty of Health representative on the Senate Long Range Planning and Honorary Degrees Committees, term to 30 April 2023.

Potwarka and Woudsma. Carried unanimously.

In closing, he spoke to the existing technical challenges for hosting effective hybrid meetings in Needles Hall, and noted that Senate meetings will remain virtual until at least the fall while solutions are considered. He invited members to offer feedback on something the Board is considering, namely, hosting some future meetings entirely virtually and some entirely in person. In discussion: a suggestion that thought be given to the timing of Senate meetings; agreement that technology can be used to help with participation and engagement generally.

10 May 2022

Karen Jack  
University Secretary