

University of Waterloo
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 6 June 2022 Meeting
[minuted in agenda order]

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

Regrets: Jeff Casello, Lori Curtis, Carol Ann MacGregor

Guests: Jenny Flagler-George, Diana Gonçalves, Andrea Kelman

1. MINUTES OF THE 2 MAY 2022 MEETING

Members heard a motion to approve the minutes of the 2 May 2022 meeting.

Dong and Easton. Carried unanimously.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

3. DRAFT 20 JUNE 2022 SENATE AGENDA

Following agreement that a typographical error will be corrected, the chair reviewed the agenda and advised that a report will be added to the confidential session from the Nominating Committee for the Vice-President, Academic & Provost. The committee heard a motion to approve the agenda, as amended.

Dong and Freeman. Carried unanimously.

4. SENATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The chair offered his thanks to all members of the committee, past and present, for their engagement and hard work over the last several months. He noted that feedback received in May from committee members had been incorporated, and, members agreed with the chair's suggestion that some commentary be added to the introductory remarks regarding the relevant recommendations made in the President's Anti-Racism Task Force report issued last month and their nexus with this committee's recommendations regarding a potential joint committee with the Board of Governors. In discussion: some clarity regarding potential changes in the future in the reports from the Faculties; agreement with a suggestion to clarify the recommendation regarding dissenting opinions. Members understood that the report would be revised accordingly and sent to Senate for discussion at its 20 June 2022 meeting.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

The chair invited Rush to speak to the report distributed to the committee on 3 June 2022 regarding approval of the list of graduands for degrees, diplomas, certificates and other awards at this month's convocation ceremonies. Following his comments, the committee heard a motion to approve the list of graduands on behalf of Senate as recommended by the Faculty councils and the associate vice-president, graduate studies and postdoctoral affairs, and to authorize the chair to act on behalf of Senate, based on the recommendation of the registrar or, in the case of graduate students, the associate vice-president, graduate studies and postdoctoral affairs, to add to or change the lists of candidates for degrees, diplomas, and certificates, provided that the chair report back to Senate to advise of any such additions or changes.

Rush and Freeman. Carried unanimously.

7 June 2022

Karen Jack
University Secretary