

University of Waterloo
SENATE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of the 11 April 2023 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Katherine Acheson, Janice Aurini, Veronica Austen, Monica Barra, Benoit Charbonneau, Victoria Chu, Vivian Dayeh, David DeVidi (Chair), Leeann Ferries, Fatma Gzara, Carol Ann MacGregor, Kristiina Montero, Catherine Newell Kelly, Ryan Trelford, Chris Vigna, Johanna Wandel, Tim Weber-Kraljevski (secretary), Richard Wikkerink, Mike Wood, Stephanie Ye-Mowe

Regrets: Jason Grove

Resources/Guests: Angela Christelis, Jennifer Coghlin, Danielle Jeanneault, Carrie MacKinnon

Organization of Meeting: David DeVidi 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.

The chair recognized Stephanie Ye-Mowe last meeting and thanked. Chris Vigna reappointed.

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 7 MARCH 2023 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

The following revisions were requested: add Vivian Dayeh to the regrets; and under Item 3 for Liberal Studies replace “the change in student demographics...program” with “the increasing enrolment, and the popularity of the Honours option (introduced in 2019) and the co-op option (introduced in 2020)”. The minutes were approved with the revisions without formal motion. There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. CURRICULAR ITEMS FOR APPROVAL & INFORMATION

Arts. Acheson presented the following new courses: BLKST 242, MEDVL 492, FINE 260, ITALST 242, and ITALST 261. Members discussed: growth within the Italian Studies department; and the opportunity to introduce the course BLKST 242 as part of a larger move to introduce more Black Studies courses. There was a motion to approve the new courses on behalf of Senate, as presented. Acheson and Montero. Carried. Acheson provided an overview of courses changes for Conrad Grebel University College, Classical Studies, Fine Arts, Germanic & Slavic Studies, Psychology, Renison University College, Religious Studies, Spanish & Latin American Studies, and St. Jerome's University. There was a motion to approve the course changes on behalf of Senate, as presented. Acheson and MacGregor. Carried. Acheson presented course inactivations for the School of Accounting and Finance. There was a motion to approve the course inactivations on behalf of Senate, as presented. Acheson and Ferries. Carried. Acheson provided an overview of the minor academic plan changes in Medieval Studies/St. Jerome's University, Dean of Arts, French Studies, Philosophy, and St. Jerome's University. There was a motion to approve the minor academic plan changes behalf of Senate, as presented. Acheson and Austen. Carried.

Health. Ferries presented new course KIN 397 and course changes for the School of Public Health Sciences, and Kinesiology and Health Sciences. There was a motion to approve the new course and course changes on behalf of Senate, as presented. Ferries and MacGregor. Carried. Ferries provided an overview of the minor academic plan changes for the Honours Kinesiology co-op sequence, Rehabilitation Sciences Specialization, Bachelor of Science, Honours Health Sciences, Bachelor of Public Health, Honours, Health Research Specialization, Gerontology Minor, Aging Studies Option, and Diploma in Gerontology. Ferries highlighted a revision in the material provided for the Diploma in Gerontology academic plan change, that the calendar text should read “Students registered in degree programs or any non- or post-degree academic plan may pursue the Diploma in Gerontology...” instead of “Diploma in Black Studies”. Members discussed the back-to-back work-terms in the proposed changes to the Honours Kinesiology Co-op sequence. There was a motion to approve the minor

academic plan changes behalf of Senate, with the revision. Ferries and Wikkerink. Carried. Ferries spoke to the proposed regulation revision for second degree and degree upgrade for the Faculty of Health. Members discussed: the original rationale for the requirement being removed that students wishing an upgrade return the earlier degree; and the process for courses in a first degree to count to a second degree. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the academic regulation revision, as presented. Ferries and Charbonneau. Carried.

Mathematics. Charbonneau presented course changes for CS 335, CS 346, CS 445, PMATH 440, and PMATH 453, and minor academic plan changes for the Software Engineering Specialization and the Mathematics Minor. There was a motion to approve the course changes and minor academic plan changes behalf of Senate. Charbonneau and Barra. Carried. Charbonneau provided an overview of the minor calendar change for admission. There was a motion to approve the minor calendar change behalf of Senate, as presented. Charbonneau and Ferries. Carried. Charbonneau presented for information the change that the administration of the Mathematics/Chartered Professional Accountancy and Mathematics/Financial Analysis and Risk Management (FARM) is being moved from the Dean of Mathematics to be administered by the Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science.

Science. Barra presented course changes in Chemistry, Pharmacy, and Physics. There was a motion to approve the course changes on behalf of Senate, as presented. Barra and MacGregor. Carried. Barra presented a minor academic plan change in Honours Science and Aviation and the major academic plan change of the closure of application to part-time on-campus Three-Year General Science program. There was a motion to approve the minor academic plan change on behalf of Senate and to recommend Senate approve the major academic plan change, as presented. Barra and Acheson. Carried.

4. REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Newel Kelly presented the Effective Dates Chart for information.

5. SENATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW

The chair provided an overview of the Sketch of SUC Subcommittees document, highlighting the changes made based on feedback by members. Members discussed: concerns about lack of AFIW membership on the proposed Academic Quality Assurance Committee; concerns about not all Faculties being represented on the proposed Academic Quality Assurance Committee; the proposed process for FAR/Two-year reports; revisions to the IQAP process; and the role and responsibilities of the Council should the new subcommittee and committee be approved. There was a motion endorse the recommendation to Senate for the new Subcommittee of Council, Curriculum and New Program Approvals, as presented. MacGregor and Ferries. Carried. The chair proposed a revision to the membership of the proposed new Senate Committee, Academic Quality Assurance Committee, to increase the additional faculty from Senate Undergraduate Council from two to three, and to increase the additional faculty from Senate Graduate and Research Council from two to three, to ensure representation from each Faculty. There was a motion to endorse the recommendation to Senate for the new Senate Committee, Curriculum and New Program Approvals, with the revision. Charbonneau and Ferries. Carried with two abstentions.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

7. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is Tuesday 9 May 2023, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in NH 3318