

University of Waterloo
SENATE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
Minutes of the April 9, 2024 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Katherine Acheson, Victoria Chu, Cecilia Cotton, Vivian Dayeh, Laura Deakin, David DeVidi (chair), Leeann Ferries, Zev Friedman, Jason Grove, Fatma Gzara, Carol Ann MacGregor, Catherine Newell Kelly, Nigharika Senthil Kumar, Helena Shilomboleni, Ryan Trelford, Johanna Wandel, Tim Weber-Kraljevski (secretary).

Resources/Guests: Lisa Aultman-Hall, Martin Cooke, Jennifer Coghlin, Maysah Eid, Danielle Jeanneault, Carrie MacKinnon, Gerald Voorhies.

Absent: Janice Aurini*, Maya Baboolal, Viv Hoang, Alysia Kolentsis, Kristiina Montero, Rory Norris, Charvi Patel, Chris Vigna*, Richard Wikkerink*.

*Regrets

Organization of Meeting: Dave 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 thanked those members for who it was their last meeting.

1. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. MINUTES OF THE MARCH 5, 2024 MEETING

The minutes were accepted as distributed.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was heard to approve consent agenda as presented. MacGregor and Ferries. Carried.

4. CURRICULAR SUBMISSIONS

Council approved items a-b as presented.

REGULAR AGENDA

5. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEWS

- a. Final Assessment Report: Systems Design Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering:** Aultman-Hall provided a brief overview of the report. Members commended Aultman-Hall on the report. Aultman-Hall left the meeting.
- b. Progress Report: Communication Studies, and Digital Arts Communication:** Vorhees provided a brief overview of the report. Member discussed recommendation 7 and the space and technology limitations. Vorhees left the meeting.

Motion to approve the Final Assessment Report and Progress Report on behalf of Senate, as presented. Wandel and Trelford. Carried.

6. CURRICULAR SUBMISSIONS

- a. Faculty of Health:** Ferries provided an overview of the report. A motion was heard to recommend Senate approve the proposed major modifications to Recreation and Leisure Studies, and Recreation and Sport Business, as presented. Ferries and Cotton. Carried.

7. ACADEMIC QUALITY ENHANCEMENT (AQUE) COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Chair provided an overview of the report. Members discussed: the role of the proposed AQuE Committee in reviewing Progress and Final Assessment Reports, and the actions the Committee can take if it has any concerns with a report. A motion was heard to recommend the proposed terms of reference for the AQuE Committee to Senate Executive Council for approval, as presented. Newell Kelly and Grove. Carried.

8. OPEN ENROLMENT: IDEAS AND POSSIBILITIES

Cooke presented on open enrolment, highlighting: what open enrolment is and is not; examples from the University of Waterloo and other institutions; and potential benefits and challenges for the University to do more open enrolment. Members discussed: if there is potential for open enrolment to support specific institutional goals, now or in the future; opportunities on campus and potential benefits; experiences with examples current on campus and externally; and concerns and potential obstacles.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Members discussed the timing and length of Council's meetings. A motion was heard to move Council meetings to start at 1:00pm and to consider at a future meeting, reducing meeting length to 90 minutes. Newell Kelly and Acheson. Carried.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday May 14, 2024 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in NH 3318

April 30, 2023

Tim Weber-Kraljevski
Governance Officer