

**University of Waterloo**  
**SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes of the May 25, 2026 Meeting**

**Present:** Ashley Day (Secretary), Laura Deakin, Tom Duever, Mark Ferro, Vivek Goel (Chair), Vikas Gupta, Nadine Ibrahim, Carol Ann MacGregor, Blake Madill, David Porreca, Rida Sayed, Jessica Rindlisbacher, Mark Seasons, Samir Sharma, James Skidmore, Justin Wan

**Resources:** David DeVidi, Jenny Flager-George, Andrea Kelman, Tony Ly, Gen Gauthier-Chalifour

**1. Governance Resources**

This item was provided for information only.

**2. Open Session**

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**3.1 Conflict of Interest**

Samir Sharma declared a conflict of interest with item 8.1 Filling Undergraduate Student Vacancy on the Board of Governors, on the confidential agenda.

**3.2 Minutes of April 20, 2026 Meeting**

A motion was heard to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2026 meeting and the consent agenda, as presented. Skidmore and Deakin. Carried.

**3.3 Business Arising from the Minutes**

There were no items of business arising.

**4. Reports to the Senate Executive Committee**

**4.1 Senate Engagement Working Group Update**

Laura Deakin, Co-Chair of the Senate Engagement Working Group, provided an update on the progress of the working group and gave an overview of the proposed amendments to Bylaw 1, and the proposed new Rules of Procedure, Roles and Responsibilities, and Procedure for Elections and Nominations, as provided in the meeting materials. The committee discussed the documents and their readiness for inclusion on the Senate agenda. It was agreed that the Secretariat would circulate the final draft documents and motions to the committee prior to the circulation of the Senate meeting package.

**5. Senate Agenda Preparation**

**5.1 Senate Work Plan 25/26**

This item was provided for information only.

**5.2 Draft June 8, 2026 Senate Meeting Book**

The Chair provided an overview of the main items on the June Senate agenda, as presented in the meeting materials. The committee discussed the number of items on the agenda and recommended that the President's Report be limited to five minutes, and that Policy 77 – Tenure, Permanence and Promotion of Faculty Members be moved to the consent agenda to ensure sufficient time for consideration of the remaining items.

A motion was heard that the Senate Executive Committee approve the June 8, 2026 Senate agenda, as amended. Deakin and Porreca. Carried.

**6. Other Business**

There were no other items of business for the open session.

The committee then moved into confidential session.