

University of Waterloo
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 10 October 2023 Meeting
[in agenda order]

Present: Jeff Casello, Laura Deakin, Jack deGooyer, Catherine Dong, Vivek Goel (chair), Mike Grivicic (secretary), Carol Ann MacGregor, Rory Norris, David Porreca, Luke Potwarka, Mary Robinson, James Rush, Sharon Tucker

Absent: Joan Coutu*, Christiane Lemieux*, Clarence Woudsma*
*regrets

Guests: David DeVidi (re: item 3), Jenny Flagler-George, Genevieve Gauthier-Chalifour, Diana Gonçalves, Andrea Kelman, Tim Weber-Kraljevski

1. MINUTES OF THE 5 SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING AND BUSINESS ARISING

A motion was heard to approve the minutes as distributed. Deakin and Porreca. Carried. There was no business arising.

2. APPROVAL OF MEMBERSHIP TO SENATE COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Members noted the additional report distributed separately following issue of the agenda. A motion was heard to recommend that Senate elect Helena Shilomboleni as a member of Senate Undergraduate Council, term to 30 April 2024. Casello and MacGregor. Carried. A motion was heard to recommend that Senate elect Kevin White as a member of Senate Graduate & Research Council, term to 30 April 2025. Casello and deGooyer. Carried.

3. SENATE GOVERNANCE REVIEW RECOMMENDATION: SENATE UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL – CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE

DeVidi spoke to the report, noting that this proposal is an outcome of SUC deliberations following the Senate Governance Review and would allow SUC to focus more of its time and attention on strategic matters while ensuring that the more routine business of approving curricular submissions will still benefit from expertise and oversight. Subject to a successful pilot period, it is expected that bylaw amendments to formally establish a curriculum subcommittee would come in one year's time. Members observed that the while student members would ordinarily be drawn from the student members of SUC, consideration should be made for having a student member that can represent the constituency broadly. A motion was heard to recommend that Senate endorse the establishment of a term-limited pilot of a curriculum subcommittee for Senate Undergraduate Council, as described in this report. Deakin and Dong. Carried with two abstentions.

4. DRAFT 23 OCTOBER 2023 SENATE AGENDA

Goel noted a number of amendments: add agenda item for a report from the provost, which will cover updates on further activity following the Hagey Hall attack, an update on the Policy 76/77 process, and other operational updates; include all council appointments as per item 2 from this meeting; add a report for item 11, which was distributed to SEC earlier in the day; inclusion of a report from the Chancellor Nominating Committee (if forthcoming). He noted that items 10 and 11 will have presentations to Senate. A motion was heard to approve the 23 October 2023 Senate agenda as amended. Deakin and Porreca. Carried. Members affirmed that the new format for the territorial acknowledgement and reflection was suitable, as was the Faculty Update presentation item.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Casello conveyed that SGRC has been rethinking its structure and membership based on a submission from the associate deans for research, and that work on this file is ongoing. Changes under consideration would not generate any new workload but would aim to streamline workflows as well as membership. Goel observed that SGRC could find opportunities for greater engagement with SUC on topics related to teaching and learning.

31 October 2023

Mike Grivicic
Associate University Secretary

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