Present: Katherine Acheson, Veronica Austen, Monica Barra, Harleen Bhandal, Kofi Campbell, Benoit Charbonneau, Victoria Chu, Martin Cooke, Daniel Davison, Vivian Dayeh, David DeVidi (chair), Leeanne Ferries, Brendon Larson, Cathy Newell Kelly, Francis Poulin, Reginald Somera, Megan Town, Cristina Vanin, Chris Vigna, Rebecca Wickens (secretary), Richard Wikkerink

Resources: Jennifer Coghlin, Danielle Jeanneault, Amanda McKenzie, Alyssa Voigt

Guests: Anne Fannon (3b)

Regrets: Rachel Bruce, Abigail De Souza, Amanda Morin, Jeremy Pittman

Organization of Meeting: David DeVidi took the chair, and Rebecca Wickens acted as secretary. The secretary advised that a quorum was present. The agenda was approved without formal motion.

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 10 NOVEMBER 2020 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING

The minutes were approved without formal motion. There was no business arising from the minutes.

3. CURRICULAR ITEMS FOR APPROVAL & INFORMATION

Arts. Acheson presented the new, revised and inactivated courses, noting an amendment to the submission to add department consent as a prerequisite for CI 267. Discussion included enrollment expectations for new CI courses. There was a motion to approve the new, revised and inactivated courses on behalf of Senate. Acheson and Barra. Carried.

Acheson spoke to the major modification to the honours Global Business and Digital Arts (GBDA) plan to change it to a co-op program, including the rationale for the proposed change, the co-op feasibility assessment, and some minor corrections to the submission. With those corrections, there was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the major modification to the GBDA plan. Acheson and Wikkerink. Carried.

Acheson presented the minor modifications, including the addition of two electives to the list of plan requirements for the Indigenous Entrepreneurship Minor and Diploma in Indigenous Entrepreneurship. There was a motion to approve the minor modifications as presented. Acheson and Campbell. Carried.

Acheson provided an overview of: the current academic standing regulations; methods of calculating liberal studies averages versus averages for other plans; proposed changes for liberal studies. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the changes to the academic standing regulations as presented. Acheson and Larson. Carried.

WatPD. Anne Fannon spoke to the revisions to PD19 and related inactivation of PD21. There was a motion to approve the proposed revision and inactivation on behalf of Senate as presented. Davison and Ferries. Carried.

4. REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

Grade Submission Period. Members heard that, as a result of the decision to delay the start of the winter term, a change was required to the grading period for that term. There were no concerns expressed.

5. OTHER BUSINESS.

Voigt spoke to the launching of a website to serve as a resource for those seeking approval of curricular changes, including the history behind the initiative, team involved, highlights of information available, and pages still to be
developed. Discussion included: the communication plan; the feasibility and benefit of extending resources and information to cover Faculty and departmental level processes; technological solutions used elsewhere for curriculum processes.

6. NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is 12 January 2021, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. via Teams.

5 January 2021

Rebecca Wickens
Associate University Secretary