

University of Waterloo
SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 4 May 2020 Meeting

Present: Kofi Campbell, Jeff Casello, Joan Coutu, George Freeman, Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), Karen Jack (secretary), Christiane Lemieux, Bill Power, Sam Rubin, James Rush, Abbie Simpson, Richard Staines, Bryan Tolson, Johanna Wandel

Regrets: Naima Samuel

The chair welcomed new and returning members to the first meeting of the governance year.

1. MINUTES OF THE 7 APRIL 2020 MEETING

Members heard a motion to approve the minutes of the 7 April 2020 meeting.

Power and Campbell. Carried unanimously.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

3. ELECTIONS TO SENATE COMMITTEES

The committee heard a motion to acclaim the new and revised membership of Senate committees and councils received after the 20 April 2020 Senate meeting, per the report distributed to the committee this morning.

Tolson and Power. In discussion: the terms of the faculty members appointed to the Board are unclear.

[Secretary's note: Senators Fieguth, Woo, and Yang will serve two-year terms, and Senator Milligan will serve a one-year term (which is coincident with his term on Senate).]

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

4. REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST

Roster of Graduands. The committee heard a motion to recommend that Senate delegate the approval of the roster of graduands for the June convocation ceremony to its Executive Committee for its 1 June 2020 meeting.

Tolson and Casello. Carried unanimously.

5. DRAFT 19 MAY 2020 SENATE AGENDA

Members heard that the May meeting will occur without the glitches encountered at the April meeting. Members heard a motion to approve the agenda.

Freeman and Wandel.

In discussion: members heard that there will not be a report from Undergraduate Council, and a department name change will be added to the consent agenda; agreement to add a new agenda item #7, "Outlining Discussions and Decisions Regarding COVID-19 and the Fall Term"; Casello provided further rationale for the parental leave change proposed for the Graduate Studies Calendar; agreement that the Secretary will ensure correct dates for Karim Karim's appointment on page 15 of the agenda; the provost will look into whether a decision is being put forward with respect to the course evaluation matter.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

5 May 2020

Karen Jack
University Secretary