

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the 19 October 2020 Meeting

Present: Sheila Ager, Jean Andrey, Sandra Banks, Kankar Bhattacharya, David Billedeau, Anne Bordeleau, Dan Brown, Kofi Campbell, Jeff Casello, Robyn Clarke, David Clausi, Joan Coutu, Neil Craik, Peter Deadman, Charmaine Dean, David DeVidi, Catherine Dong, Aiman Fatima, Paul Fieguth, Wendy Fletcher, Cindy Forbes, George Freeman, Martha George, Mark Giesbrecht, Robert Gorbet, Julia Goyal, Kelly Grindrod, Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), David Ha, Dennis Huber, Natalie Hutchings, Karen Jack (secretary), Martin Karsten, Achim Kempf, Sabrina Khandakar, Veronica Kitchen, Christiane Lemieux, Robert Lemieux, Lili Liu, Ellen MacEachen, Sara Marsh, Peter Meehan, Samantha Meyer, Ian Milligan, Zoran Miskovic, Graham Murphy, Beth Namachchivaya, Cathy Newell Kelly, Daniel O'Connor, Troy Osborne, David Perrin, William Power, Sam Rubin, James Rush, Max Salman, Emma Schuster, Abbie Simpson, Sivabal Sivaloganathan, Richard Staines, Sharon Tucker, Twesh Upadhyaya, Cristina Vanin, Paul Ward, Mary Wells, Stanley Woo, Nancy Worth, Samer Zu'Mot

Guests: Jean Becker, Kathy Becker, Bruce Campbell, Aldo Caputo, Ingrid Cowan, Madison Cox, Katie Damphouse, Yufei Du, Anna Esselment, Barbara Forrest, Laureen Gehl, Heather George, Mike Grivicic, Candace Harrington, John Hirdes, Micaela Kelly, Andrea Kelman, Nick Manning, Norah McRae, Christine McWebb, Bessma Momani, Susan Oestreich, Alice Raynard, Chris Read, Susan Roy, Emily Schroeder, Anindya Sen, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Nadia Singh, Allan Starr, Sheri Sutherland, Brandon Sweet, Mat Thijssen, Sean Thomas, Caitin Vaux, April Wettig, Diane Williams, Kathy Winter

Absent: Mike Ashmore, Dominic Barton*, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Michael Beauchemin, Carmen Bruni, Eric Croiset, Lori Curtis*, Fraser Easton*, John Haddock, Jennifer Kieffer, Kesen Ma, Blake Madill, Teferi Mergo, Barb Moffatt, Richard Myers, Erin O'Connell, Neil Randall, Marcus Shantz*, Joanne Shoveller, Siva Sivoththaman, Bruno Tremblay, Johanna Wandel, Clarence Woudsma, En-Hui Yang

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OPEN SESSION

The chair welcomed senators to the meeting and extended a special welcome to recently elected senators attending their first meeting: Lori Curtis, Catherine Dong, Sara Marsh, and Sivabal Sivaloganathan. In an effort to raise awareness about the University's United Way campaign, members watched a video of the deans undertaking their annual trek into the meeting dressed as members of the cast of *Star Trek*. Kudos from Senators followed.

Consent Agenda

Senate heard a motion to approve or receive for information the items on the consent agenda.

Freeman and Simpson.

1. MINUTES OF THE 21 SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING

Senate approved the minutes of the meeting.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Graduate & Research Council. Senate received the report for information.

Undergraduate Council

Faculty of Arts, AFM – Removing Work Term Reflections from Co-op Requirements

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the regulations re: accounting and financial management ("AFM") co-op work term reflections, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Fine Arts – Honours Arts Co-op Sequence Change

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the co-op sequence for Fine Arts students in Honours Arts Co-op, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Communication Requirement

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to undergraduate communication requirements in the Faculty of Arts, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Restrictions on Multiple Plan Combinations

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the Faculty of Arts' regulations re: multiple plan combinations, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Science, Grades and Academic Standings – Academic Standings

Senate heard a motion to approve a change to the Faculty of Science's regulations re: academic standings, effective 1 September 2021.

The remaining items were received for information.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Recognition and Commendation. Senate received the report for information.

Tenure and Promotion. Senate received the report for information.

4. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received the reports for information.

In response to a senator's query, the secretary confirmed that the Faculty of Applied Health Sciences report will be corrected after the meeting to reflect the withdrawal of two department name change recommendations.

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. RESEARCH PRESENTATION – HEATHER GEORGE, PhD CANDIDATE HISTORY

Jeff Casello introduced Heather George, PhD candidate in History. George presented the topic, "Haudenosaunee Storytelling and Cultural Practice in Museology: Building Relationships Tsi Teyótte Karhá:kon (at the Edge of the Woods)." George spoke to her acknowledgements and then informed senators about: her study of Haudenosaunee storytelling and museology and their nexus with efforts toward reconciliation; the ten cultural organizations in her focus, and relevant laws and treaties; the interdisciplinary nature of her research; specific ethical considerations. In discussion: some of the difficulties accessing resources in light of the pandemic, but also because of some repatriation challenges; ways George is using technology. Members offered a virtual round of applause to George.

7. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS**

Graduate & Research Council

New Program, Faculty of Arts

Senate heard a motion to approve the Graduate Diploma (GDip) in Computational Data Analytics for the Social Sciences and Humanities, effective 1 January 2021, as presented at Attachment #1.

Dean and Ager. Carried unanimously.

Undergraduate Council

Faculty of Arts, English Language and Literature

Senate heard a motion to approve the creation of a diploma in Creative Writing, effective 1 September 2021.

DeVidi and Ager. Carried unanimously.

St. Jerome's University, Italian Language

Senate heard a motion to approve the creation of a diploma in Italian language, effective 1 September 2021.

DeVidi and Freeman. Carried unanimously.

Senate heard a motion to approve the motions involving changes as an omnibus motion:

Faculty of Arts, Theatre and Performance

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the Honours Theatre and Performance plan and the Theatre and Performance Minor, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Fine Arts

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the Honours Fine Arts Studio Practice plan, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Fine Arts

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the Three Year General Fine Arts plan, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Fine Arts

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the Fine Arts Studio Minor, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Fine Arts

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the Digital Art Specialization, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Political Science

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the four-year general political science and honours political science plans, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Religious Studies

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the Jewish Studies Minor, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Spanish and Latin American Studies

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the three-year general Spanish, four-year general Spanish and honours Spanish plans, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Spanish and Latin American Studies

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the diploma in Latin American Studies, effective 1 September 2021.

DeVidi and Ager. Carried unanimously.

Senate heard a motion to approve the motions involving inactivations as an omnibus motion:

Faculty of Arts, Fine Arts

Senate heard a motion to approve the inactivation of the intensive studio specialization, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Arts, Spanish and Latin American Studies

Senate heard a motion to approve the inactivation of the intensive Spanish specialization and the Spanish/English translation specialization, effective 1 September 2021.

Faculty of Science, Geochemistry

Senate heard a motion to approve the inactivation of the honours geochemistry plans (regular and co-op), effective 1 September 2021.

DeVidi and Lemieux. Carried unanimously.

8. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT/Q&A WITH THE PRESIDENT

Update. Speaking to his presentation, and, at times inviting others to speak (as indicated), the president advised senators about: rankings; performance indicators; an update on the strategic plan and emerging priorities and plans, status, and next steps; recent activities in government relations; an update on the COVID-19 assessment and testing centre; occupancy monitoring; an update about the Academic Affairs Working Group's efforts (Rush); an update on the implementation of student mental health recommendations (John Hirdes); a sustainability update (Mat Thijssen); progress made on the President's Anti-Racism Taskforce and next steps (Dean); work done by the University with Tony Wirjanto for the World Economic Forum regarding insurance (Dean); coming Town Halls.

In discussion: the University's formal lecture period and agreement by DeVidi to consider with the associate deans whether potential communication to instructors about it would be useful; efforts undertaken in the last few years to improve retention and the University's good standing in this regard.

10. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST

Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates. Senate heard a motion to approve the lists of candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates as recommended by the Faculty councils and the associate vice-president, graduate studies and postdoctoral affairs, and to authorize the chair (on behalf of Senate and report at its subsequent meeting) based on the recommendation of the registrar or, (in the case of graduate students) the associate vice-president, graduate studies and postdoctoral affairs, to add to or change the lists of candidates for degrees, diplomas and certificates, provided that the chair report back to Senate to advise of any such additions or changes.

Rush and Newell Kelly. Carried unanimously.

11. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL

Senate received the report for information and heard from Dean about: the richness of COVID-19 related research being undertaken at the University; recent funding success in the humanities and social sciences; the restart effort of the innovation ecosystem.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.

31 October 2020

Karen Jack
University Secretary