

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the Tuesday 17 May 2021 Meeting

Present: John Abraham, Nasser Mohieddin Abukhdeir, Sheila Ager, Jean Andrey, Sandra Banks, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Michael Beauchemin, David Billedeau, Anne Bordeleau, Dan Brown, Carmen Bruni, Jeff Casello, Trevor Charles, Joan Coutu, Neil Craik, Lori Curtis, Kristine Dalton, Charmaine Dean, David DeVidi, Catherine Dong, Benjamin Easton, Paul Fieguth, Wendy Fletcher, George Freeman, Martha George, Mark Giesbrecht, Moira Glerum, Onurcan Gokkaya, Kelly Grindrod, David Ha, Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), Kevin Hare, Dennis Huber, Natalie Hutchings, Martin Karsten, Achim Kempf, Jennifer Kieffer, Veronica Kitchen, Alysia Kolentsis, Karen Jack (secretary), Christiane Lemieux, Robert Lemieux, Xianguo Li, Lili Liu, Kristina Llewellyn, Ellen MacEachen, Blake Madill, Peter Meehan, Samantha Meyer, Ian Milligan, Zoran Miskovic, Richard Myers, Beth Namachchivaya, Cathy Newell Kelly, Erin O'Connell, Troy Osborne, Luke Potwarka, William Power, Neil Randall, James Rush, Emma Schuster, Matthew Schwarze, Marcus Shantz, Sivabal Sivaloganathan, Siva Sivoththaman, Chao Tan, Bruno Tremblay, Sharon Tucker, Graeme Turner, Twesh Upadhyaya, Cristina Vanin, Johanna Wandel, Paul Ward, Mary Wells, Stan Woo, Nancy Worth, En-Hui Yang, Samer Zu'Mot

Guests: Kathy Acheson, Jean Becker, Kathy Becker, Bruce Campbell, Aldo Caputo, Jennifer Coglin, Donna Ellis, Barbara Forrest, Brian Forrest, Candace Harrington, Narveen Jandu, Ross Johnston, Andrea Kelman, Meagan Lai, Nick Manning, Norah McRae, Kari Pasick Stewart, Chris Read, Ian Rowlands, Emily Schroeder, Nadia Singh, Allan Starr, Kerry Stryker, Sherri Sutherland, Brandon Sweet, Sean Thomas

Absent: Mike Ashmore, Dominic Barton, Robyn Clarke, Cindy Forbes, Graham Murphy, Oudy Noweir*, Daniel O'Connor, Joanne Shoveller*, Clarence Woudsma
*regrets

OPEN SESSION

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The president introduced new and returning members: John Abraham, Nasser Mohieddin Abukhdeir, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, David Billedeau, Trevor Charles, Joan Coutu, Kristine Dalton, Catherine Dong, Benjamin Easton, Moira Glerum, Onurcan Gokkaya, Kelly Grindrod, Kevin Hare, Martin Karsten, Alysia Kolentsis, Xianguo Li, Kristina Llewellyn, Ian Milligan, Oudy Noweir, Erin O'Connell, Luke Potwarka, Naima Samuel, Matthew Schwarze, Chao Tan, Graeme Turner, and Diana Vangelisti.

Consent Agenda

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

Hare and George.

1. MINUTES OF THE 19 APRIL 2021 MEETING

Senate heard a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

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

Undergraduate Council. Senate heard the following motions:

Faculty of Arts, Mutually Exclusive Plans

Motion 1: That Senate approve the proposed revision to regulations governing the combination of Liberal Studies with other majors, effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Arts, Categorization of Liberal Studies as a Major

Motion 2: That Senate approve the proposed categorization of Liberal Studies for the purposes of academic rules and regulations in the undergraduate calendar, effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Arts, Updates to the Transdisciplinary Studies List

Motion 3: That Senate approve the updates to the transdisciplinary studies list, effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Arts, Co-op Sequence

Motion 4: That Senate approve the changes to the co-op sequence for honours economics and honours mathematical economics, effective 1 September 2022.

Registrar's Office, Awards of Excellence

Motion 5: That Senate approve the revisions to the term distinction awards of excellence, retroactive to 1 September 2020.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Recognition and Commendation. Senate received the report for information.

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

University Research Chairs. Senate received the report for information.

5. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received the reports for information.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Senate heard a motion to approve the following appointments:

- **Executive Committee:** Cristina Vanin (St. Jerome's University) as the Affiliated and Federated Institutions of Waterloo (AFIW) faculty representative, term 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022.
- **Nominating Committee for Honorary Degrees:** Troy Osborne (Conrad Grebel University College) as the AFIW faculty representative, term 1 May 2020 to 30 April 2022.
- **Graduate & Research Council:** Aiden Huffman (applied mathematics) as the graduate student representative from the Faculty of Mathematics, term 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2023.
- **University Committee on Student Appeals:** Aiden Huffman (applied mathematics) as the graduate student representative from the Faculty of Mathematics, term 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2023.

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Graduate & Research Council

Program Changes, Faculty of Arts. Senate heard a motion to approve six updates (re: admission averages, admission requirements) to the Master of Accounting (MAcc), effective 1 May 2023, as presented at Attachment 1.

Dean and Ager. Carried unanimously.

Undergraduate Council

New Academic Plans, Faculty of Arts and Faculty of Environment. Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed new Bachelor of Sustainability and Financial Management (Co-op), Corporate Sustainability Specialization, and Government Policy and Financial Markets Specialization plans, as described below and in Volumes I and II, effective 1 September 2022.

Andrey and Ager. Carried unanimously.

New Academic Plans, Faculty of Environment. Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed new Bachelor of Science (BSc), Honours Climate and Environmental Change (regular and co-op), as described below and in Volumes I and II, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Andrey. Carried unanimously.

Major Modifications, Faculty of Arts and Renison University College, Social Development Studies. Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Three-Year General Social Development Studies Major, Four-Year General Social Development Studies Major, Honours Social Development Studies Major, and Social Development Studies Minor as outlined below, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Llewellyn. Carried unanimously.

9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The president provided an update on recent pandemic-related activities, including an overview of last week's well-attended Town Hall. He spoke to continued plans for approximately 50% capacity this fall and advised that the University will continue to follow advice from Public Health. Members also heard some details about the government's tuition announcement and the recently updated policy on expenses. He encouraged senators to take part in this year's convocation ceremonies noting how immensely meaningful the experience is for those graduating.

The chair spoke to the memo distributed earlier this date regarding a slight change to Policy 76 – Faculty Appointments. Senate heard a motion to approve the following changes to Policy 76: (~~strike through~~ = deleted text; **bold** = new text)

University Appointments Review Committee (UARC)

This Committee, appointed by the Vice-President, Academic & Provost in consultation with Deans' Council and the President of the Faculty Association, shall advise on regular faculty appointments of duration **more than** two years ~~or more~~. ...

Brown and Hare.

In discussion: how the revision adds clarity and corrects some unintended consequences; agreement at the Faculty Relations Committee of the value of implementing this change immediately, with the understanding that the committee continues to work on other important potential revisions; the change will be implemented after approval by the Board and will not be retroactive.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Q&A PERIOD WITH THE PRESIDENT

There were no questions.

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

Roster of Graduands. Senate heard a motion to delegate approval of the roster of graduands to the Executive Committee at its 7 June 2021 meeting. [Secretary's note: On 7 June 2021, Senate Executive Committee approved the roster as delegated.]

Rush and Giesbrecht. Carried unanimously.

12. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, RESEARCH & INTERNATIONAL

Following kudos from Dean for the several winners of awards and distinctions, Senate received the report for information.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.

4 June 2021

Karen Jack
University Secretary