

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the Monday 21 June 2021 Meeting

Present: John Abraham, Nasser Mohieddin Abukhdeir, Sheila Ager, Jean Andrey, Mike Ashmore, Sandra Banks, Michael Beauchemin, David Billedeau, Anne Bordeleau, Dan Brown, Carmen Bruni, Joan Coutu, Neil Craik, Lori Curtis, Kristine Dalton, Charmaine Dean, David DeVidi, Catherine Dong, Benjamin Easton, Paul Fieguth, Wendy Fletcher, Cindy Forbes, George Freeman, Martha George, Mark Giesbrecht, Moira Glerum, Onurcan Gokkaya, David Ha, Feridun Hamdullahpur (chair), Kevin Hare, Dennis Huber, Natalie Hutchings, Karen Jack (secretary), Martin Karsten, Achim Kempf, Veronica Kitchen, Christiane Lemieux, Robert Lemieux, Xianguo Li, Lili Liu, Kristina Llewellyn, Ellen MacEachen, Blake Madill, Peter Meehan, Samantha Meyer, Ian Milligan, Zoran Miskovic, Graham Murphy, Richard Myers, Cathy Newell Kelly, Erin O'Connell, Daniel O'Connor, Luke Potwarka, William Power, James Rush, Naima Samuel, Emma Schuster, Joanne Shoveller, Siv Sivaloganathan, Siva Sivoththaman, Matthew Schwarze, Chao Tan, Bruno Tremblay, Sharon Tucker, Graeme Turner, Twesh Upadhyaya, Diana Vangelisti, Cristina Vanin, Johanna Wandel, Paul Ward, Mary Wells, Stan Woo, Nancy Worth, Clarence Woudsma, En-Hui Yang

Guests: Jean Becker, Kathy Becker, Sonya Buffone, Aldo Caputo, Bruce Campbell, Donna Ellis, Aiman Fatima, Barbara Forrest, Brian Forrest, Mike Grivicic, Candace Harrington, Narveen Jandu, Suzanne Kearns, Andrea Kelman, Meagan Lai, Maryann Latifpoor-Keparoutis, Laura McDonald, Nick Manning, Norah McRae, Dina Meunier, Mary Power, Cynthia Richard, Ian Rowlands, Nadia Singh, Emily Schroeder, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Alisa Sivak, Allan Starr, Kerry Stryker, Brandon Sweet, Sean Thomas, Ian VanderBurgh

Absent: Dominic Barton*, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Robyn Clarke, Kelly Grindrod, Jennifer Kieffer*, Alysia Kolentsis*, Beth Namachchivaya*, Oudy Noweir*, Troy Osborne, Neil Randall*, Marcus Shantz*, Samer Zu'Mot

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OPEN SESSION

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The chair reminded members that a revised report for item 8.a., Graduate & Research Council was distributed earlier in the day to include two omitted motion. The chair offered thanks to Dan Brown for his service and for whom today's meeting is his last as a senator. The chair advised that Lori Curtis is succeeded Dan Brown as FAUW president.

Consent Agenda

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

Andrey and Brown.

1. MINUTES OF THE 17 MAY 2021 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

New Academic Plan and Related Inactivations

Faculty of Mathematics, Applied Mathematics. Senate heard a motion to approve the creation of an Applied Mathematics Engineering specialization with three themes and inactivate the three separate Applied Mathematics Engineering specializations created in error as of 1 September 2019.

Senate received the remainder of the report for information.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Recognition and Commendation. Senate received the report for information.

4. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received the reports for information.

5. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Senate heard a motion to approve the following appointments:

- **Executive Committee:** Kristina Llewellyn (Renison University College) as the Affiliated and Federated Institutions of Waterloo (AFIW) faculty representative, replacing Cristina Vanin, term to 30 April 2022.
- **Finance Committee:** Cristina Vanin (St. Jerome's University) as the Affiliated and Federated Institutions of Waterloo (AFIW) faculty representative, term to 30 April 2022.

The question was called and carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The chair advised that the Senate Executive Committee approved the roster of graduands at their meeting on 7 June 2021. He also spoke to how much he enjoyed this year's ceremonies which were so well executed over the past weekend. He thanked everyone involved for an excellent celebration of our graduates.

7. PRESENTATION – DAN BROWN, PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY ASSOCIATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO

Brown walked senators through his presentation, highlighting: FAUW's role, its organizational structure, the AF&T committee, FAUW at Senate, and current priorities (policy revisions, pandemic issues). He announced the 2021 Hagey Lecture on 27 October by Professor Mark Jaccard of Simon Fraser University titled "Emergency: The Citizen's Guide to Climate Success". In discussion, Hamdullahpur agreed with Brown's comments about Waterloo's collegiality, and he offered his thanks for FAUW's diligent and principled work and respectful discourse over the years. A round of applause followed.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Graduate & Research Council

Senate heard the first two motions together.

Authority for Awarding Posthumous Degrees. Senate heard a motion to delegate authority to the co-chairs of Senate Graduate & Research Council to approve posthumous degrees and to report on such activity by ensuring these individuals are included in the lists of graduands that Senate approves in June and October each year.

Academic Calendar Changes. Senate heard a motion to approve new text for Posthumous Degrees and Certificates, effective spring term 2021, as presented at Attachment 1.

Casello and Murphy.

In discussion: circumstances in which a certificate is offered, and, confirmation that recipients will be reported to Senate in the lists of graduands produced in June and October. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

New Institute, Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics. Senate heard a motion to approve the establishment of the Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Aeronautics, as presented at Attachment 2. This proposed Institute would be a Faculty-level Institute governed by the Faculty of Environment.

Casello and Andrey. Carried unanimously.

The president offered congratulations to Andrey and the Faculty of Environment for the excellent and timely initiative.

**Undergraduate Council
Academic Plan Changes**

Faculty of Mathematics, Applied Mathematics. Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Applied Mathematics Minor, as outlined below, effective 1 September 2022.

Devidi and Giesbrecht. Carried unanimously.

Faculty of Mathematics, Computational Fine Arts Specialization

Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed changes to the Computational Fine Art Specialization as outlined below, effective 1 September 2022.

Devidi and Giesbrecht. Carried unanimously.

9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The president provided an update on recent activities, including: the recent provincial cabinet shuffle resulting in new MCU minister Jill Dunlop, likely pending changes to quarantine requirements by the federal government, the new on-campus rapid screening site, the recent Town Hall, and the fall term. In response to a question, Newell Kelly advised that the University will have a better sense of fall in-person numbers over the summer. She suggested that some insight can be gleaned from the number of course offerings available in the fall which will be in-person, or have an in-person component. Such offerings comprise 41% of undergraduate courses, and 56% of graduate courses.

Hamdullahpur concluded his remarks with an expression of thanks to Senators for their shared responsibility for the academic enterprise of the University. He spoke of his honour in chairing this integral part of Waterloo's bicameral governance and of his certainty that discussions by this body, even when have been disagreements, have been tremendously productive and have assuredly ensured the University's well-being. A round of applause followed.

10. Q&A WITH THE PRESIDENT

There were no questions.

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

Assessment of Teaching Project Updates. DeVidi provided a general update on the four components of the project: the Student Course Perception Project; the Assessment of Graduate Supervision Project, Complementary Teaching Methods Project (CTAPT), and the Holistic Assessment of Teaching and Institutional Teaching Priorities Project.

DeVidi invited Sonya Buffone to update senators specifically on the Holistic Assessment of Teaching and Institutional Teaching Priorities. Speaking to her slides, Buffone discussed teaching effectiveness, including; work done to date; what's being considered; next steps.

DeVidi invited Ian VanderBurgh to update senators specifically on CTAPT. Speaking to his slides, VanderBurgh provided an update on the team's work. Senators heard about: the phases, representation in the teams, and goals; aims and principles; the two-pronged approach under consideration; next activities and steps. In discussion: the value and impact of the variety of options being considered; ongoing discussions with FAUW's equity committee; departments and Faculties retain discretion to select appropriate tools and processes, with the work of the teams' and task forces' directed at overarching principles; the various supports available when areas for improvement are identified, including advice that some further guidance will be ready soon; a suggestion that measuring whether students are learning is needed, and a discussion of the challenges of doing this; perceptions of risks vs rewards.

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

Dean drew members' attention to the GEDI partnership and the distinguished award winners in her report which was received for information.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

Representatives of several constituencies offered thanks and congratulations to Hamdullahpur as his term comes to a conclusion. In turn, George, Beauchemin, Fletcher, Easton, Samuel, and Freeman offered remarks upon the president's last meeting. A lengthy round of applause followed. There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.

5 July 2021

Karen Jack
University Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The confidential minutes have been removed

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

5 July 2021

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