

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the Monday 18 October 2021 Meeting

Present: John Abraham, Nasser Mohieddin Abukhdeir, Sheila Ager, Jean Andrey, Mike Ashmore, Sandra Banks, Lisa Bauer-Leahy, Michael Beauchemin, Anne Bordeleau, Carmen Bruni, Jeff Casello, Trevor Charles, Robyn Clarke, Joan Coutu, Neil Craik, Lori Curtis, Kristine Dalton, Charmaine Dean, David DeVidi, Catherine Dong, Paul Fieguth, Wendy Fletcher, George Freeman, Mark Giesbrecht, Moira Glerum, Martha George, Vivek Goel (chair), Onurcan Gokkaya, Kelly Grindrod, David Ha, Kevin Hare, Dennis Huber, Natalie Hutchings, Karen Jack (secretary), Martin Karsten, Achim Kempf, Zabeen Khamisa, Jennifer Kieffer, Veronica Kitchen, Alysia Kolentsis, Christiane Lemieux, Robert Lemieux, Xianguo Li, Lili Liu, Kristina Llewellyn, Carol Ann MacGregor, Blake Madill, Peter Meehan, Samantha Meyer, Ian Milligan, Graham Murphy, Richard Myers, Beth Namachchivaya, Cathy Newell Kelly, Erin O’Connell, Daniel O’Connor, Troy Osborne, Luke Potwarka, William Power, Neil Randall, James Rush, Naima Samuel, Matthew Schwarze, Marcus Shantz, Joanne Shoveller, Siv Sivaloganathan, Siva Sivoththaman, Chao Tan, Bruno Tremblay, Sharon Tucker, Graeme Turner, Johanna Wandel, Paul Ward, Mary Wells, Stan Woo, Nancy Worth, En-Hui Yang

Guests: Jean Becker, Kathy Becker, Bruce Campbell, Lindsay Campbell, Aldo Caputo, Donna Ellis, Barbara Forrest, Brian Forrest, Diana Goncalves, Candace Harrington, Ruth Huard, Ross Johnston, Suzanne Kearns, Andrea Kelman, Nick Manning, Norah McRae, Bessma Momani, Fayaz Noormohamed, Chris Read, Ian Rowlands, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Nadia Singh, Allan Starr, Sherri Sutherland, Brandon Sweet, Sean Thomas, Marilyn Thompson, Caitlin Vaux, Chris Wilson-Smith

Absent: Dominic Barton*, Benjamin Easton*, Cindy Forbes*, Ellen MacEachen, Zoran Miskovic, Oudy Noweir, Diana Vangelisti, Clarence Woudsma, Samer Zu’Mot

*regrets

OPEN SESSION

CHAIR’S REMARKS

The chair welcomed Senators to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

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

Beauchemin and Andrey.

1. MINUTES OF THE 20 SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING

Senate approved the minutes of the meeting.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

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

b. Senate Undergraduate Council

i. Academic Plan Changes

Faculty of Arts – Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies

Motion: That Senate approve the following degree description change, effective 1 September 2022.

ii. Plan Inactivations

Faculty of Science – Education Program for Photonics Professionals

Motion: Effective 1 September 2022, Senate approve the inactivation of the Diploma in Education Program for Photonics Professionals.

iii. Academic Regulation Changes

Registrar's Office

Motion: That Senate approve the proposed central statement regarding the undergraduate communication requirement, effective 1 September 2022.

Motion: That Senate approve the revised Aegrotat (AEG) grade definition and undergraduate transcript legend text, effective 1 September 2022.

Senate received the remainder of the report for information.

3. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Recognition and Commendation. Senate received the report for information.

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

Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates

Motion: That Senate 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 to act on behalf of Senate, 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.

5. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received the reports for information.

6. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Senate Executive Committee

Motion: To approve Michael Beauchemin (alumni) as the alumni representative, term to 30 April 2023, and Oudy Noweir (undergraduate student) as a student representative, term to 30 April 2023.

Senate received the remainder of the report for information.

The question was called and carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

7. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising.

8. PRESENTATION BY DR. SUZANNE KEARNS, WATERLOO INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE AERONAUTICS (WISA)

Following an introduction by Jean Andrey, Dr. Kearns walked members through her slides, speaking to: the student pilots support research ecosystem; WISA's mission and history; some of the interdisciplinary research being undertaken at the institute; the involvement of faculty members from all six Faculties; the research partnership process and current collaborations; future priorities and plans; alignment with the Strategic Plan.

The chair offered his appreciation for the institute's strong interdisciplinary work and the alignment of its activities with the University's Strategic Plan.

9. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Senate Graduate & Research Council

Following a brief review of the report by Casello, Senate heard a motion to approve updates to the regular-full time graduate student definition regarding the number of hours a student can be employed by the University, effective 1 September 2021.

Casello and Dalton. Carried unanimously.

Joint Report from Senate Graduate & Research Council and Senate Undergraduate Council

The chair advised that this item is tabled until the November meeting.

Senate Undergraduate Council

Senate heard several motions, with some moved together, as below:

Faculty of Arts – Political Science

That Senate approve the proposed new Canadian Politics and Public Policy Minor, effective 1 September 2022.

That Senate approve the inactivation of the Public Policy and Administration minor; the Canadian Politics, the Global Governance, and the Politics and Business specializations, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Ager. Carried unanimously.

Faculty of Arts – St Paul's University College

That Senate approve changes to the human rights minor, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Myers. Carried unanimously.

Faculty of Science – School of Optometry & Vision Science

That Senate approve an earlier effective date of September 2021 for the optometry advance standing program.

Faculty of Science – Transfer Students

That Senate approve revisions to the transfer student regulations in the Faculty of Science, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Lemieux. Carried unanimously.

10. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Goel expressed condolences on the recent passing of former liaison librarian and alumna Maatje Blok and Professor Safieddin Safavi-Naeini. He then provided Senate with an update on: recent activities (including: the launch of WISA; co-op hiring, recent partnerships); some recent recognition of Waterloo faculty members; world university and other rankings; Waterloo's equity survey, and a reminder to Senators to participate if they have not done so already; some activities relating to the Strategic Plan; plans for upcoming discussions at Senate about the Strategic Plan.

11. Q&A PERIOD WITH THE PRESIDENT

There were no questions.

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

Rush updated Senate about: on campus student activity and enrolments this fall; tuition and aid projections; the return to campus project's priorities and next steps; the recently released HREI review report and resulting leadership announcements about Jean Becker as the Associate Vice-

President, Office of Indigenous Relations, and Dr. Christopher Taylor as the Associate Vice-President, Office of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism.

In response to questions, Newell Kelly confirmed that data relating to class sections and enrolments represent how classes are coded within Quest, and DeVidi confirmed that surveys have been and continue to be undertaken to elicit students' views about online, in person, and hybrid instruction.

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

Dean offered her congratulations to all researchers named in the report who had recently received awards, distinctions, and grants. Senate received the report for information.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a request for an update on the potential revisions to Policies 76 and 77, Rush advised that in accordance with Policy 1's provisions regarding class F policy development and amendment, the Faculty Relations Committee continues to discuss these policies and it will communicate with the community in line with policy development and approval requirements articulated in Policy 1.

In response to a question, the secretary advised that a joint meeting of the Staff Relations and Faculty Relations Committees will be booked soon to receive the final report of the Policy 33 development committee and the recent feedback received from the Code of Conduct and Safety Working Group of the President's Anti-Racism Taskforce.

Senate convened in confidential session.

21 October 2021

Karen Jack
University Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The minute for the confidential session have been removed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

21 October 2021

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University Secretary