

University of Waterloo
SENATE
Minutes of the Monday 15 November 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, Benjamin Easton, Paul Fieguth, Wendy Fletcher, George Freeman, Martha George, Mark Giesbrecht, Moira Glerum, Vivek Goel (chair), Kelly Grindrod, David Ha, Kevin Hare, Dennis Huber, 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, Ellen MacEachen, Blake Madill, Peter Meehan, Samantha Meyer, Ian Milligan, Zoran Miskovic, Graham Murphy, Richard Myers, Cathy Newell Kelly, Oudy Noweir, Erin O’Connell, Daniel O’Connor, Troy Osborne, Nicholas Pfeifle, Luke Potwarka, William Power, Neil Randall, James Rush, Matthew Schwarze, Marcus Shantz, Karkirat Singh Dhillon, Siv Sivaloganathan, Siva Sivoththaman, Chao Tan, Bruno Tremblay, Sharon Tucker, Graeme Turner, Diana Vangelisti, Johanna Wandel, Paul Ward, Mary Wells, Stan Woo, Nancy Worth, Clarence Woudsma, En-Hui Yang, Samer Zu’Mot

Guests: Jean Becker, Bruce Campbell, Aldo Caputo, Donna Ellis, Barbara Forrest, Brian Forrest, Anne Galang, Amanda Garcia, Diana Goncalves, Sarah Hadley, Candace Harrington, Narveen Jandu, Danielle Jeanneault, Ross Johnston, Andrea Kelman, Nick Manning, Norah McRae, Bessma Momani, Fayaz Noormohamed, Ian Rowlands, Daniela Seskar-Hencic, Sean Speziale, Allan Starr, Sherri Sutherland, Sean Thomas, Catherine Thompson, Marilyn Thompson, Chris Wilson-Smith, Kathy Winter

Absent: Dominic Barton*, Cindy Forbes*, Onurcan Gokkaya, Natalie Hutchings, Beth Namachchivaya, Naima Samuel

*regrets

OPEN SESSION

CHAIR’S REMARKS

The chair welcomed two new undergraduate student senators: Nicholas Pfeifle (engineering) and Harkirat Singh Dhillon (science). He advised that a decision regarding the December meeting will be made and communicated before the end of the month. [Secretary’s note: senators were advised on 22 November 2021 that the December meeting was cancelled.]

Consent Agenda

Following a reminder that a revised consent report from Senate Graduate & Research Council was distributed on 12 November, Senate heard a motion to approve or receive for information the items on the consent agenda.

Freeman and Easton.

1. MINUTES OF THE 18 OCTOBER 2021 MEETING

Senate approved the minutes of the meeting.

2. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

a. Senate Graduate & Research Council

Motion: To approve the following Graduate Studies Academic Calendar changes, effective 1 January 2022.

Senate received the remainder of the report for information.

b. Senate Undergraduate Council

i. Academic Plan Changes

Faculty of Engineering – Systems Design Engineering

Motion: That Senate approve the addition of technical electives lists (formerly housed on departmental website), effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Engineering – Biomedical Engineering

Motion: That Senate approve the addition of technical electives lists (formerly housed on departmental website), effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Environment – School of Planning

Motion: That Senate approve the changes to the Honours Planning average requirements, effective 1 September 2022.

Motion: That Senate approve the changes to the Honours Planning specialization average requirements, effective 1 September 2022, for the following 4 specializations:

- Decision Support and Geographic Information Systems
- Environmental Planning and Management
- Land Development Planning
- Urban Design

Faculty of Environment and Faculty of Health

Motion: That Senate approve the administration/ownership change to the minor in tourism, effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Health

Motion: That Senate approve the academic plan changes to the diploma in gerontology, effective 1 September 2022.

ii. Academic Regulation Changes

Faculty of Arts

Motion: That Senate approve the updated list of mutually exclusive plans, effective 1 September 2022.

Motion: That Senate approve the changes to the Bachelor of Arts Breadth Requirements, effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Engineering

Motion: That Senate approve the list of courses fulfilling the undergraduate communication requirement for all Engineering degree programs, effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Health

Motion: That Senate approve the updated co-operative education requirements and regulations, effective 1 September 2022.

Motion: That Senate approve revisions to academic standing regulations, effective 1 September 2022.

Motion: That Senate approve revisions to Health's foundation term regulations, effective 1 September 2022.

Faculty of Science

Motion: That Senate approve the revisions to the undergraduate communication requirement, 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. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received the reports for information.

5. REPORT FROM THE COU ACADEMIC COLLEAGUE

Senate received the report for information.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

Regular Agenda

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The chair noted that the joint report from the councils that was tabled in October is on this meeting's agenda at item 8.b.

7. PRESENTATION – RESEARCH ANNUAL REPORT – DR. CHARMAINE DEAN

Dean walked members through her slides, commenting on: research, innovation, and commercialization at Waterloo; advancing research for global impact; particular research strengths in solving real world problems; global leadership in innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives; leveraging partnerships for research impact; Indigenous initiatives and equity, diversity and inclusivity activities; impacts; future activities and opportunities. She invited senators to reach out to her directly on any matters of discussion.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

a. Senate Graduate & Research Council – Jeff Casello

Senate heard a motion to approve the dissolution of Waterloo Research Institute in Insurance, Securities and Quantitative Finance (WatRISQ), as presented.

Casello and Hare. Carried unanimously.

b. Joint Report from Senate Graduate & Research Council and Senate Undergraduate Council – Jeff Casello and David DeVidi

Senate heard a motion to approve the 2022-2023 academic calendar dates and calendar guidelines for establishing academic dates as presented.

Newell Kelly and DeVidi.

In response to questions, Newell Kelly advised that reasons for the selection of the proposed start date in January 2023 included aligning with Wilfrid Laurier University and many other Ontario universities, and, that in consultations, her office heard significant support from many instructors for that date.

The question was called and the motion carried with one vote against.

c. Senate Undergraduate Council – David DeVidi

i. New academic Plans

Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed new Diploma in Black Studies and the Diploma in Fundamentals of Anti-Racism Communication, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Ager.

At the chair's invitation, Ager spoke to the gap in academic programming that these two important new diplomas fill, and she acknowledged the exceptional work undertaken by the implementation team of Drs. Kathy Hogarth, Vershawn Young, and Christopher Taylor in developing the suite of courses and diploma programs. The chair echoed her comments.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously. A round of applause followed.

Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed new Politics and Business Minor, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Ager. Carried unanimously.

Senate heard a motion to approve the proposed new Diploma in Future Cities, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Andrey.

At the chair's invitation, Andrey spoke to the program's alignment with the University's Strategic Plan and the availability of the diploma to many students across the University. The chair offered congratulations on this important new diploma.

The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

ii. Academic Plan Changes

Senate heard a motion to approve changes to the mechatronics option, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Wells. Carried unanimously.

iii. Academic Plan Inactivations

Senate heard a motion to approve the inactivation of the Honours Tourism Development academic plan, effective 1 September 2022.

DeVidi and Liu. Carried unanimously.

9. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The president provided a wide-ranging report including: condolences regarding the recent passing of Wendy Mitchenson and Andrew Levitt; kudos to researchers who were recently recognized (Donna Strickland, Craig James, and Paul Stolee) and the six University of Waterloo women who were named among the top 100 most powerful women in Canada by the Women's Executive Network; an update on recent activities, including notable recent research announcements and innovation achievements, and his formal installation as president. He also spoke to the recent federal cabinet shuffle, and coming work at the Senate Executive Committee to undertake a Senate governance review.

10. Q&A PERIOD WITH THE PRESIDENT

There were no questions.

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

The provost offered commentary on: fall term student registration, placements, and aid; fall 2021 class sections and winter course availability; the third Strategic Mandate Agreement, including: a performance overview, performance metrics, year one and year two performance, and reporting metrics; a brief update on policies 76 and 77.

In discussion: from Curtis, agreement with Rush's comments regarding the collegial discussion at the Faculty Relations Committee regarding policies 76 and 77; confirmation from Norah McRae that the co-op employment numbers provided in the provost's presentation do not include those individuals in the Waterloo Experience Accelerate program.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

Senate convened in confidential session.

22 November 2021

Karen Jack
University Secretary

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION

The confidential minute have been removed.

22 November 2021

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University Secretary