Present: Katherine Acheson, Rachel Almaw, Veronica Austen, Carly Benson, Kofi Campbell, Matthew Casale, Benoit Charbonneau, Victoria Chu, Martin Cooke, Daniel Davison, Vivian Dayeh, David DeVidi (chair), Leeann Ferries, Brendon Larson, Bruce MacVicar, Cathy Newell Kelly, Hannah Paolini, Jeremy Pittman, Francis Poulin, Marlee Spafford, Megan Town, Cristina Vanin, Chris Vigna, Alan Wei, Rebecca Wickens (secretary), Richard Wikkerink

Resources: Blair Clarance, Jennifer Coghlin, Danielle Jeanneault, Amanda McKenzie, Alyssa Voigt

Guests: Stephanie Massel, Melissa Holst, David Seljak, Abbie Simpson

Organization of Meeting: David DeVidi took the chair, and Rebecca Wickens acted as secretary. The secretary advised that a quorum was present. The agenda was approved without formal motion.

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST
No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. APPROVAL OF THE 12 MAY 2020 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING
Subject to adding the mover, seconder and result to the motion under item 4, the minutes were accepted as distributed.

3. CURRICULAR ITEMS FOR APPROVAL & INFORMATION

Engineering.
Following an overview of the minor modifications to chemical engineering and architectural engineering, as well as related new courses, course changes and course inactivations, there was a motion to approve the engineering submission on behalf of Senate. Davison and Town. Carried. In response to a question, members heard that the management science option will be updated in the Fall along with other plans.

Mathematics. Charbonneau spoke to the proposal to cross-list an applied mathematics and physics & astronomy course, which was approved by the Faculty of Mathematics and Faculty of Science. There was a motion to approve this change on behalf of Senate. Charbonneau and Spafford. Carried.

Science. Items 1-4 and 5.5 – 5.7 of the Science submission were withdrawn pending further consultation with the Faculty of Mathematics; members were encouraged to send any comments they have on those items to the associate deans for Science and Mathematics. Spafford spoke to the rationales for changes proposed in items 5.1 to 5.4 of the submission. There was a motion to approve items 5.1 to 5.4 on behalf of Senate. Spafford and Poulin. Carried.

Renison University College. Campbell indicated that according to the criteria established by the common language working group, the certificate in English for multilingual speakers should be converted into a diploma. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the inactivation of the certificate and creation of the new diploma. Campbell and Spafford. Carried.

4. ACADEMIC PROGRAM REVIEWS
Items a and b were received for information.

Final Assessment Report – Religious Studies, Jewish Studies. Members heard: the report was strong and plan for addressing recommendations viable; a meeting of the five agencies took place and the parties were pleased with the report and feedback. Following discussion, there was a motion to approve the report on behalf of Senate. Charbonneau and Vanin. Carried.
5. OTHER BUSINESS.
Members heard: the e-vote re: approvals required for temporary curricular changes was passed by council; the motion will be presented at Senate in June; any further comments to assist with questions that may arise at Senate are welcome. Discussion included: existing processes for considering and approving temporary changes versus permanent changes; the importance of being able to respond to evolving circumstances and the best interests of students; the relative capability of faculty and departmental bodies versus university-level bodies to make these temporary adjustments; whether there is a true understanding in the broader University community for the amount of work and consultation that goes into curricular changes before they come to council or Senate. In response to a question, members heard: a decision should be made within a week re: whether courses or exams would be offered for the Fall term in person, online or a combination of both; the office of academic integrity is creating a webinar, which will be announced shortly.

The chair recognized that this is Marlee Spafford’s last meeting, and that a new associate dean for the Faculty of Science will be joining council in September. Members wished Spafford well, and thanked her for her collegiality, principled and rigorous approach, dedication and hard work, and humour.

6. NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is 15 September 2020, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. via Teams.

8 September 2020
Rebecca Wickens
Associate University Secretary