Present: Katherine Acheson, Veronica Austen, Monica Barra, J.C. Blokhuis, Benoit Charbonneau, Harry Cheung, Victoria Chu, Martin Cooke, Jacob Chung, Zinnia Chung, Dan Davison, Vivian Dayeh, David DeVidi (chair), Leanne Ferries, Ariel Gans, Cody Halden, Taylor Harris, Danielle Jeanneault (interim secretary), Brendon Larson, Carol Ann MacGregor, Bruce MacVicar, Jeremy Pittman, Francis Poulin, Chris Vigna, Richard Wikkerink

Guests: Natalie Clifford (Co-op Education Council), Vershawn Young (Black Studies)

Resources: Angela Christelis, Blair Clarance, Jennifer Coghlin, Joy Harris, Carrie MacKinnon Molson, Amanda McKenzie

Regrets: Catherine Newell Kelly

Organization of Meeting: David DeVidi took the chair, and Danielle Jeanneault acted as interim 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 15 SEPTEMBER 2021 MINUTES AND BUSINESS ARISING
The minutes were approved. Barra and Ferries. Carried.

Coghlin spoke on behalf of the Registrar’s Office and addressed the outstanding question about scholarships and how selection is made when eligibility crosses Faculty boundaries while ensuring fair distribution.

3. CURRICULAR ITEMS FOR APPROVAL & INFORMATION
Arts.
- Acheson introduced several new courses, highlighting the series of new BLKST (Black Studies) courses. The title of BLKST 103 was amended to “Combating Racisms”. There was a motion to approve the new courses on behalf of Senate. Acheson and Ferries. Carried.
- Acheson presented several course changes. There was a motion to approve the course changes as presented on behalf of Senate. Acheson and Barra. Carried.
- Acheson introduced the creation of several new plans: two new diploma programs in Black Studies and a new minor in politics and business. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed new plans as presented. Acheson and Blokhuis. Carried.
- Acheson took members through the major modification to the accounting and financial management program, noting the new average calculation requirements, as well as the minor modifications, noting they were to clarifications of broad requirements. There was a motion to approve the academic plan changes as presented on behalf of Senate. Acheson and Barra. Carried.
- Acheson took members through the academic regulation changes regarding invalid plan combinations and breadth requirements. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the academic regulation changes. Acheson and Barra. Carried.

Engineering.
- Davison spoke to the new courses (item 1.1), course changes (item 2.1), and minor plan modifications (item 4.1) related to architecture. There was a motion to approve these changes on behalf of Senate. Davison and Larson. Carried.

- Davison introduced the new academic calendar page listing all courses used to fulfill the undergraduate communication requirement for all programs in the Faculty (item 5). There was a motion to approve these changes on behalf of Senate. Davison and Acheson. Carried.

- Davison spoke to the remainder of the Faculty’s submission (items 1.2, 2.2-2.5, all of 4). A change to chemistry requirement in the Physical Sciences Option was made prior to approval. Davison highlighted the new list of technical electives for systems design and biomedical engineering plans; a brief discussion occurred regarding the merits of listing all eligible courses versus a list of examples, with more discussion to occur offline. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the major plan modification and to approve the new courses, course changes, and minor plan modifications on behalf of Senate. Davison and Blokhuis. Carried.

**Environment.**

- Larson introduced several new courses, course changes, and course inactivations. There was a motion to approve the course package on behalf of Senate. Larson and Acheson. Carried.

- Larson introduced the creation of a new diploma in future cities (item 6). There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the proposed new plan as presented. Larson and Acheson. Carried.

- Larson spoke to the remainder of the Faculty’s submission (items 4-5, 7-13) and highlighted the average calculation change for planning majors. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the minor plan modifications to the planning major, planning specialization, and the tourism minor, and to approve the remaining minor plan modifications on behalf of Senate. Larson and Ferries. Carried.

**Health.**

- Ferries introduced several new courses. There was a motion to approve the new courses on behalf of Senate. Ferries and Acheson. Carried.

- Ferries spoke to a large volume of course changes, course inactivations, and a subject name change, highlighting that many changes were due to the Faculty’s own name change. Prior to approval, several modifications to KIN courses (removing corequisites from laboratory courses) were noted. There was a motion to approve the course package on behalf of Senate. Ferries and Larson. Carried.

- Ferries introduced the minor plan modifications, highlighting some were to clarifications of broad requirements and a retroactive correction to a joint honours plan. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the minor plan modifications to the diploma in gerontology, and to approve the remaining minor plan modifications on behalf of Senate. Ferries and Charbonneau. Carried.

- Ferries spoke to the inactivation of the honours tourism development major and assured council that there is a plan in place to allow students recently admitted to the major the ability to complete the requirements. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the inactivation of the major as presented. Ferries and Vigna. Carried.

- Ferries took members through the academic regulation changes regarding co-op requirements, academic standing rules, and foundation term processes. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the academic regulation changes. Ferries and Barra. Carried.

**Science.**

- Barra presented two course changes. There was a motion to approve the course changes on behalf of Senate. Barra and Z. Chung. Carried.

- Barra introduced the academic plan changes to the minor in medical physiology. There was a motion to approve the minor plan modifications on behalf of Senate. Barra and Ferries. Carried.
• Barra walked through the academic regulation changes to the undergraduate communication requirement for the Faculty. There was a motion to recommend that Senate approve the academic regulation changes. Barra and Acheson. Carried.

Co-operative Education Council.
Clifford explained the changes to PD 12 and the reasoning behind the two different effective dates. There was a motion to approve the course changes on behalf of Senate. Larson and Wikkerink. Carried.

4. REGISTRAR’S OFFICE

Course short titles. Coghlin spoke to the creation of guidelines for creating/editing course short titles and the work to clean up over 1,800 course short titles; two additional course titles (GEOG 336 and INTEG 410) were added to the package. There was a motion to approve the course changes on behalf of Senate. Charbonneau and Larson. Carried.

5. STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

The chair shared an overview of some of the recent work occurring regarding the implementation of the strategic plan, with a focus on the Developing Talent for a Complex Future Action Team. The Team’s organizing principle is to determine what Waterloo can do now in order to prepare for what we need to be doing 10 years from now. Some of the Teaching and Learning Innovation projects in progress include work to rethink how classroom spaces are used; the creation of a teaching innovation incubator – where people with great ideas on specific themes can get the support and resources needed in order to implement them university wide; digital learning strategies, coming up with ways to involve graduate students, and more. Assurances were made that data available through sources like the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) would be used to determine signature projects (e.g., blended learning, alignment of assessments and course content) and the groups work. The hope is to be able to find ways of assessing new strategies as they are implemented.

6. OTHER BUSINESS
There was no other business.

7. NEXT MEETING
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021, 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. via Teams.

5 October 2021

Danielle Jeanneault
Interim Secretary to Council