

**SENATE**  
**Minutes of Meeting****Date:** Friday, March 14, 2014**Time:** 2:40pm- 4:00pm**Room:** 203 Anthony P. Toldo

**PRESENT:** Mr. Hussein Ahmed, Mr. Mohammad Alam, Dr. Abdul-Fattah Asfour, Dr. Fazle Baki, Dr. Ram Balachandar, Dr. Camille Cameron, Dr. Gerald Cradock, Dr. Michael Crawford, Mr. Rob Crawford, Dr. Beth Daly, Dr. Yvette Daniel, Dr. Gordon Drake, Prof. Donna Eansor, Ms. Gwen Ebbett, Ms. Farah El-Hajj, Dr. Waguih ElMaraghy, Ms. Marilyn Farough, Dr. Anne Forrest, Dr. Maureen Gowing, Dr. Phil Graniero, Dr. Jill Grant, Dr. Mustapha Hamil, Mr. Mike Houston, Mr. Raed Kadri, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Marlys Koschinsky, Dr. Joanna Luft, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Dr. Elena Maeva, Mr. Anthony Meloche, Dr. Rosanne Menna, Dr. Mitra Mirhassani, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Karen Roland, Rev. Thomas Rosica, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Valerie Scatamburlo-D'Annibale, Dr. Alan Scoboria, Dr. Patrick Selmi, Ms. Mia Sisic, Dr. K. W. Michael Siu, Dr. Clayton Smith, Ms. Jennifer Soutter, Dr. Marijke Taks, Dr. Kemal Tepe, Dr. Shelagh Towson, Dr. Bruce Tucker, Pro. L. Walsh, Dr. Alan Wildeman (Chair), Prof. Larry Wilson, Dr. Nancy Wright, Ms. Charlene Yates, Dr. Xiaobu Yuan, Mr. Hussein Zarif, Dr. Shuzhen Zhao.

**REGRETS:** Mr. Iftekhar Ibne Basith, Dr. Pierre Boulos, Dr. Rick Caron, Dr. Laurie Freeman-Gibb, Dr. Leo Groarke, Mr. Basit Ishtiaq, Mr. Werner Keller, Dr. Ziad Kobti, Ms. Sharon Munro, Dr. Derek Northwood, Ms. Erin Plumb, Dr. Christian Trudeau, Dr. Patricia Weir.

**ABSENT:** Dr. Allan Conway, Ms. Nicole DaSilva, Dr. Phil Dutton, Mr. Mohamad El-Cheikh, Dr. Norman King, Dr. Nancy McNevin, Dr. Kevin Milne, Dr. Sudhir Paul, Dr. Jang Singh.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Donevan, Dr. Karen Engle, Dr. Veronika Mogyrody and Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat).

**1 Approval of the Agenda**

Although items were not discussed in sequential order, the minutes reflect the agenda order of business.

**MOTION: That the agenda be approved.**

Dr. K. Quinsey/Prof. L. Walsh  
**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the meetings of February 14, 2014**

**MOTION: That the minutes of meeting of February 14, 2014 be approved.**

Dr. E. King/Mr. M. Alam  
**CARRIED**

**3 Business arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding Business/Action Items**

**4.1 Political Science Degree Completion Programs for Graduates of Hebei Law and Politics College (HLPC) in China** (See document Sa140314-4.1 for more details.)

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

**5 Reports/New Business**

**5.1 Report from the Student Presidents (UWSA, OPUS, GSS)**

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

At its last meeting, the UWSA council endorsed a statement condemning discrimination and

harassment in any form. It also agreed to defer the receipt of the CRO report on the BDS referendum. The report will be considered at its AGM in late March. UWSA general elections are currently underway.

#### Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

OPUS' awards banquet will be held next week, at which monetary awards will be provided to students, and non-monetary recognition awards will also be awarded to faculty, staff and students. The organization's AGM will be held later in the month.

OPUS is inviting the campus community to a free concert event – part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. A band will be playing music from every decade since the opening of the University of Windsor.

#### Graduate Students Society (GSS)

GSS is inviting the University community to its annual gala, at which its new logo will be unveiled.

GSS thanked members of the SPF committee for selecting its submission, for graduate student conference travel grant, for SPF funding.

GSS general elections are complete and a new council begins its work on May 1.

## **5.2 Report of the President**

The penultimate draft of the Strategic Mandate Agreement has been posted to the President's website. It is anticipated that the document will be finalized and sent to the province next week.

The President informed Senate that the University is investigating the BDS referendum process, having received a number of complaints and concerns from students about the referendum process and the ability of the UWSA to investigate. The investigation is not about the referendum topic, but strictly about the process. Members also noted that there was a troubling letter from a donor/co-op employer published in the Windsor Star this week related to the BDS issue. The President confirmed that he would be responding to this letter.

A member was concerned that having the University step-in to investigate the referendum process, without being requested to do so by the UWSA Council, could overstep the boundary of the UWSA's independence and be seen to be overseeing UWSA actions. The President stated that academic freedom and the independence of the UWSA is not in question. The President noted that the investigation was launched specifically at the request of many students (some of whom are members of the UWSA) and in light of the specifics of the complaints, which make it clear that an outside investigation is needed.

### **5.2.1 Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic**

In light of the recent announcement that Dr. Leo Groarke has been appointed as the President and Vice-Chancellor of Trent University, the Search Committee must now focus on a full Provost search. One member of the committee has resigned. The election to fill this vacancy is later on the agenda.

**MOTION: That the meeting move *in camera*.**

Dr. B. Daly/Dr. V. Scatamburlo-D'Annibale  
**CARRIED**

In accordance with Senate bylaw 14; section 5, the President presented the name of a candidate to serve as Acting Provost and Vice-President Academic. The consultation with Senate revealed strong support for the candidate.

**MOTION: That the move out of *in camera*.**

Dr. M. Hamil/Ms. M. Farough  
**CARRIED**

## **5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague**

Nothing to report.

#### **5.4 Senate Student Caucus**

Nothing to report.

#### **5.5 Program Development Committee**

##### **\*5.5.1 Program/Course Changes**

##### **\*a) Master of Arts in History – New Course Proposal**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.1a for more details)*

**MOTION: That the following course addition be made\*:  
43-513. Class in the Anglo Atlantic**

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

##### **\*b) Computer Science – Minor Program Changes**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.1b for more details)*

**MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours Applied Computing) (With/Without co-op), and Bachelor of Computer Science (Honours Applied Computing) (for graduates of CIC Cairo BTEC Four-Year Degree) be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

##### **\*c) Master in Communication and Social Justice – Minor Program Changes**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.1c for more details)*

**MOTION: That the admission requirements for the M.A. Communication and Social Justice be changed according to the program/course change forms.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

##### **\*d) English – Minor Program Changes**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.1d for more details)*

**MOTION: That the program requirements for all English Language and Literature programs be changed according to the program/course change forms.\***

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

##### **\*e) School for Arts and Creative Innovation – New Course Proposals**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.1e for more details)*

**MOTION: That the following course addition be made\*:**

**39-410. Cinema and Social Practices  
39-100. Cinema I  
39-330. Motion Picture Technologies  
39-300. Cinema III  
39-200. Cinema II  
39-110. The Fundamentals of Cinema  
39-310. Cinematography  
39-400. Cinema IV  
39-320. Screenwriting  
39-490. Advanced Cinema V  
39-420. Advanced Screenwriting**

32-102. Fundamentals of Music and Sound  
27-363/32-332. Advanced Sonic Art  
27-263. Sonic Art  
27-363/32-332. Advanced Sonic Art  
27-243. Introductory Time-Based Art

*\*Subject to the approval of expenditures required.*

**CARRIED\***

**\*5.5.2 Dramatic Art – Request for Waiver of Course Deletion**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.2 for more details)*

**MOTION: That Dramatic Art's Request for a Waiver of Course Deletion (24-216) be approved.**

**CARRIED\***

**5.5.3 Suspension of Admissions to BEd/Diploma in Technological Education**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.3 for more details)*

An overview of the reasons for the suspension of admission to all Education programs, other than the Consecutive program, was given. In response to questions about the timing and lack of notification, members were informed that discussions with the Deans of Faculties with concurrent education programs and with St. Clair College began in October with a notice issued in December that admissions would likely be suspended. Education also worked with the Registrar's office and Student recruitment to launch a pathway, in December, to the consecutive program for Fall 2014 concurrent program applicants.

It is not clear how long admissions will be suspended. It is not viable for the Faculty to run these programs under the current provincial restrictions. Education will continue working with the Deans of the Faculties and Student Recruitment to ensure applicants are informed. Members also noted that Departments that participate in concurrent programs should also be kept informed to ensure that faculty advisors who are also involved in recruiting have the most current and accurate information.

**5.5.4 Suspension of Admissions to BEd Concurrent Programs**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.4 for more details)*

*See item 5.5.3.*

**\*5.5.5 Undergraduate Program Review Annual Status Reports and Response(s)**

*(See document Sa140314-5.5.5 for more details)*

The document was received for information.\*

**5.6 Academic Policy Committee**

**\*5.6.1 Master of Education Change in Application and Admission Dates**

*(See document Sa140314-5.6.1 for more details)*

**MOTION: That a January admission point to the Master of Education Domestic program be approved.\***

**CARRIED\***

**5.6.2 Proposed Revisions to the Policy on Evaluative Procedures**

*(See document Sa140314-5.6.2 for more details)*

**MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the Policy on Evaluative Procedures be approved.**

Dr. K. Quinsey/Mr. R. Crawford

An additional statement was added under the guidelines, making it clear that grading policies that result in a failing course grade should a certain mark level not be achieved on the final examination, or any other evaluative procedure, are not in compliance with this policy are not permitted.

**CARRIED**

## **5.7 Bylaw Business**

### **5.7.1 Bylaw 3 Senate Standing Committees – Senate Student Caucus Composition - Revisions** (See document Sa140314-5.7.1 for more details)

**MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 3 be approved:**

#### **2.2.1 Senate Student Caucus**

##### **2.2.1.1 Membership (The total number of members is **twenty-two**):**

- Vice-Provost, Students and International.
- Director of Student Development and Support
- **nine** regular faculty members, at least three of whom shall be members of the Senate, with one of the Senate faculty members serving as Committee Chair, and should include the following:
  - one regular faculty member from each of the Faculties of Arts, **Humanities** and Social Sciences, Business Administration, Education, Engineering, Law, Human Kinetics, Nursing, **and** Science.
  - one librarian
- **eleven** students, **one of whom shall be elected by the student members of the caucus to serve as co-chair for a maximum of two consecutive terms. The eleven students shall include the following:**
  - **two** graduate students, **two** part-time undergraduate students, **four** full-time undergraduate students, one international student selected by the International Student Society, **one** residence student selected by the Windsor Inter-Residence Council, and one student at-large selected by the three student body governments. *The student groups are encouraged to include representatives from multiple student constituencies, including registered student clubs, to reflect the diverse student populations.*

[...]

##### **2.2.1.4 Duties of the Student Co-Chair:**

- To bring matters of student concern to the regular meeting agenda, as appropriate, in consultation and agreement with the faculty co-chair.
- To review and approve the meeting agenda together with the faculty co-chair
- To chair the Caucus meeting in the absence of the faculty co-chair.
- To chair a permanent subcommittee, the “Student Liaison Subcommittee”, which is mandated to engage and consult regularly with different student constituencies on campus for the purpose of bringing their concerns to the Caucus and to report back to them on the outcomes of decisions or consultations. The student co-chair will select the members of the subcommittee. Members may be from outside Caucus and should, as much as possible, represent diverse student constituencies.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. A. Rossini

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT to the MOTION:** Director of Student Development and Support should read: **Director, Student Affairs.**

**CARRIED**

### 5.7.2 Bylaw 1 – Senate Membership and Election Procedures - Revisions

(See document Sa140314-5.7.2 for more details)

**MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 1 be approved:**

- 3.1 All regular faculty members, including ancillary academic staff appointed as learning specialists on probationary appointment or appointed with permanence (per bylaw 20, 1.1(ii)), at the time of election and all regular full-time librarians with the rank of Librarian I or higher at the time of election are eligible to nominate, vote and stand for election to the Senate, unless they sit as *ex-officio* members.

[...]

~~Limited Term or Temporary Appointments:~~ **Sessional Lecturers** and all faculty members, librarians and ancillary academic staff appointed as learning specialists, on limited term appointments, or temporary appointments, are eligible to nominate and vote in the elections.

- 8 Academic Professional

The Clerk of the ~~Senate~~ **University Secretariat** shall call an election for a non-faculty professional **academic** staff representative to serve on Senate; **the eligibility list to be vetted by the Senate Steering Committee.**

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. E. King

In response to a question, it was noted that the term “sessional lecturers” does not include sessional instructors. The latter are covered under the term “temporary appointments”.

**CARRIED**

## 5.8 Report of the Provost

### 5.8.1 Review of Special Needs Policy - Discussion

(See document Sa140314-5.8.1 and Sa140314-5.8.1a for more details)

Stemming from a Human Rights complaint, the Special Needs Policy was reviewed by outside legal counsel specializing in human rights. The floor was open for discussion on the four points, or suggestions for revisions to the policy.

Donevan was recognized by the Chair to speak. He reiterated his plea to Senate that it review his record under bylaw 31. The Chair agreed that the student’s written statement, circulated to Senators, will be filed as part of the official record of this meeting.

No additional comments or suggestions on the policy revisions were made. The four points will be forwarded to the Academic Policy Committee for review and revision of the Special Needs Policy, as appropriate.

## 5.9 Report of Vice-President, Research

The President announced that the VPR’s title will be changing to Vice-President, Research and Innovation, to better reflect the role that the position plays in supporting the broad range of activities associated with creating, advancing, and disseminating knowledge and research findings.

The Vice-President, Research and Innovation reported that the recent federal budget contained some significant investments for research and innovation; for example: the \$ 1.5 billion Canada First Research Excellence Fund over the next 10 years, an additional \$ 46 million for the Tri-Council for discovery and indirect cost funding, and new funding for Mitacs. Significantly, 18% of Mitacs funding would be reserved for projects and initiatives that collaborate with or involve eligible non-profit organizations.

In response to a question about how HEQCO, in its recent report entitled “Teaching Loads and Research Outputs of Ontario University Faculty Members: Implications for Productivity and Differentiation”, defines “those not involved in research”, the VPRI noted that individuals who had not had a research grant or had not published three years in a row were considered as “not involved in research” in the HEQCO report. It was noted that HEQCO’s view of “research” is fairly narrow. While it does consider research awards and number of times an article has been cited, its definition does not necessarily include “creative activity”.

In response to a question, it was noted that those who receive multi-year targeted grant funding must typically provide progress reports and account for any deviations, to receive future installments.

**5.10 Election of Senate Representative on the Search Committee for the Provost and Vice-President, Academic** (See document sa140314-5.10 for more details.)

The following faculty/decanal nominations were received prior to the Senate meeting to fill the recent vacancy on the Search Committee: Dr. Ram Balachandar, Dr. Phil Dutton, Dr. Phil Graniero, Dr. Mitra Mirhassani, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Antonio Rossini, Dr. Nancy Wright. The floor was open for nominations. No additional nominations were received

**MOTION: That nominations cease.**

Dr. G. Drake/Dr. B. Tucker  
**CARRIED**

Members voted by secret ballot. Dr. Phil Graniero was elected to fill the vacancy on the Search Committee.

**MOTION: That the ballots be destroyed.**

Mr. R. Crawford/Dr. K. Roland  
**CARRIED**

**6 Question Period/Other Business**

The Senate Steering Committee is proposing that its mandate be revised to remove its role of setting the Senate agenda. It is a waste of time for busy faculty and students that are called together to essentially “rubber stamp” an agenda. The agenda is generated by the work of the standing committees. Longstanding SSC members noted that when these were new standing committees, Senate Steering played a more active role in guiding them in understanding their roles. For many years now, the committees have been well established and the role of SSC to set the agenda has been redundant. Members agreed that the Chair of Senate and the University Secretary could effectively cover this steering role. However, it was stressed that when making this revision, the Bylaw Review Committee should build in a mechanism for introducing items that do not fall within the purview of the standing committees or that require immediate attention. It was noted that a member could request to table a motion at a Senate meeting for consideration at the next meeting. It was agreed that SSC would retain the rest of its mandate relating to nominating/committee membership, special appointments and bylaw review. The Bylaw Review Committee was tasked with revising the bylaw, in light of this discussion.

In response to a request, Senate agreed to discuss the question of closed committee meetings at its next meeting.

**7 Adjournment**

**MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.**

Dr. A. Rossini/Dr. V. Scatamburlo-D’Annibale  
**CARRIED**