



PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday January 14, 2026  
**Time:** 9:00-9:25am  
**Room:** 209 Assumption Hall and MS Teams

**PRESENT:** Munty Al-Bazaz, Kyle Asquith (Chair), Dave Johnston, Bianca Lenarduzzi, Kenneth Ng, Jessica Raffoul, Karen Robson, Lisa Salfi-Novena, Jane Simanovski, Nurlan Turdaliev, Patti Weir, and Jeremy Worth.

**ABSENT:** Sahil Benipal, Aiden Carr (regrets), Ray Darling (regrets), Gemma Smyth (regrets), Sarah Woodruff Atkinson (regrets).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Alison Zilli (Associate University Secretary), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary)

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**1 Approval of Agenda**

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

Jessica Raffoul/Jeremy Worth  
**CARRIED**

**2 E-Vote of December 3-11, 2025**

The document was received for information.

**3 Business Arising from the Minutes**

Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding Business**

Nothing to report.

**5 Reports/New Business**

**5.1 Draft PDC University Program Reviews Final Assessment Reports and Implementation Plans and Progress Reports (CONFIDENTIAL)** (See document PDC260114-5.1 for more details.)

**5.1a Self-Study, External Reviewers' Report, AAU/Head's Response, and Dean's Response for New Reports (CONFIDENTIAL)** (See document PDC260114-5.1a-d for more details.)

**MOTION:** That the 2026 PDC Cyclical Program Reviews Final Assessment Reports and Implementation Plans (FAR/IP) and the 2026 PDC Reports on the FAR/IP Progress Reports be approved.

Kenneth Ng/Munty Al-Bazaz

NOTED:

- As publicly funded institutions, Ontario Universities are mandated to undergo an eight-year cycle of program reviews for the purpose of quality assurance.
- The PDC Subcommittee reviewing the cyclical program reviews and the final assessment reports conducted the initial review and has submitted the draft reports and recommendations to the full PDC for final consideration.
- An *in-camera* discussion on the confidential draft reports ensued.

AGREED:

- Revisions were made to Recommendation 4 of the Electrical and Computer Engineering report as follows: "[...] PDC thanks the Department for ensuring the nomination of faculty members from all

major research areas in ECE to the curriculum committee and *encourages the Department to report on whether and how it is considering student representation on the curriculum committee. [...]*".

**CARRIED, as amended**

**\*5.2 Specialization in Marketing – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**

*(See document PDC260114-5.2 for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Specialization in Marketing be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

**\*5.3 Business – New Course Proposal (Form D)**

*(See document PDC260114-5.3 for more details.)*

**MOTION: That the following course be approved:^**

**MKTG-4300. Event Marketing**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

**\*5.4 Business – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260114-5.4 for more details.)*

The document was received for information.\*

**\*5.5 Economics – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260114-5.5 for more details.)*

The document was received for information.\*

**\*5.6 Communication, Media and Film – Summary of minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260114-5.6 for more details.)*

The document was received for information.\*

**\*5.7 Computer Science (Graduate) – Summary of Minor Course and Calendar Changes (Form E)**

*(See document PDC260114-5.7 for more details.)*

**\*5.8 Computer Science – (Graduate) Learning Outcomes**

*(See document PDC260114-5.8 for more details.)*

The document was received for information.\*

**6 Question Period/Other Business**

Nothing to report.

**7 Adjournment**

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

Jeremy Worth/Munty Al-Bazaz

**CARRIED**