



SENATE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, March 14, 2025

Time: 2:30pm-3:50pm

Room: 203 Anthony P Toldo Health and Education Centre

ATTENDANCE: Kyle Ashquith, Natalie Atkin, Reem Bahdi, Nick Baker, Fazle Baki, Isabelle Barrette-Ng, Selinda Berg, Amangel Bhullar, Jen Boyes-Garbin, Meris Bray, Juliet Bushi, John Cappucci, Cheryl Collier, Ray Darling, Kenneth Drouillard, Louie Elias, Patricia Fagan, Cherie Gagnon, Natalie Giannotti, Robert Gordon (Chair), Kevin Granville, Xiaolei Guo, Ahmed Hamdi Sakr, Ghallia Hashem, Yong Hoon Kim, Jana Jandal Alrifai, Shanti Johnson, Shetina Jones, Ziad Kobti, Erika Kustra, Mark Lubrick, Joanna Luft, Michelle MacArthur, Michael Macdonald, Ashish Mahajan, Scott Martyn, Adam Merheb, Lisa Milne, Bruce Minaker, Ken Montgomery, Milad Moradi Heydarloo, Maureen Muldoon, Claire Mummé, Alice Nelson, Stephen Pender, Kathryn Pfaff, Jessica Raffoul, Chita Rangan, Roger Reka, Walter Rischke, Karen Robson, Linda Rohr, Simon Rondeau-Gagné, Allyson Skene, Andrew Swan, Nurlan Turdaliev, Bill Van Heyst, Cláudio Verani, Lionel Walsh, Patti Weir, Stephen Weir.

ABSENT: Ali Abdulhussein, Sharma Bhagwat, Aiden Carr, Norman King, Rong Luo, Jagdish Pathak, Kat Pasquach, Jake Rondot, Giuliana Salvato, Peter Savoni.

REGRETS: Robert Aguirre, Chris Baillargeon, Hisham Barakat, Clinton Beckford, Adriana Duquette, Dennis Jackson, Diana Marion, Suki Randhawa, Jennifer Rooke, Patrick Selmi, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jamie Kechego, Pierre Boulos, Dylan Kristy, Husam Morra; Renée Wintermute (University Secretary), Danny Anger.

1 Approval of Agenda (Unstarring agenda items)

Item 5.2.1 was unstarred.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved, as amended.

Rischke/Van Heyst
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2025

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2025 be approved.

Van Heyst/Barrette-Ng
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Program Development Committee

*5.1.1 PDC Reports on University Cyclical Program Review Final Assessment Reports and Implementation Plans and Progress Reports (Civil and Environmental Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering)

(See document S250314-5.1.1 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

*5.1.2 Program/Course Changes

(a) Faculty of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences – Minor Program Changes (Form C)

(See document S250314-5.1.2a for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirement to programs in FAHSS, the Minor in Anthrozoology, the Minor in Indigenous Studies, as well as the programs in Science and Engineering as relates to the replacement of ENGL-1001 with ENGL-1010, be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

(b) French Studies – Minor Program Changes (Form C)

(See document S250314-5.1.2b for more details.)

MOTION 1: That the degree requirements for Minor in French Studies be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

MOTION 2: That the Minor in French Language be approved.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

(c) Family and Social Relations – Minor Program Changes (Form C)

(See document S250314-5.1.2c for more details.)

MOTION: That the BA General in Family and Social Relations, BA Honours in Family and Social Relations, and Combined BA Honours in Family and Social Relations be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

(d) Modern Languages – Minor Program Change (Form C)

(See document S250314-5.1.2d for more details.)

MOTION 1: That the Minor in Modern Languages (Concentration in Language), Minor in Modern Languages (Concentration in Language and Culture) and Minor in Modern Languages (Concentration in Linguistics and Literature) be discontinued.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

MOTION 2: That the Minor in German Language and Culture, Minor in Italian Language and Culture, Minor in Spanish Language and Culture and Minor in World Literatures be approved.

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- (e) Kinesiology – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**
(See document S250314-5.1.2e for more details.)

MOTION: That the Honours Bachelor of Sport Management and Leadership and the Honours Bachelor of Sport Management and Leadership for Graduates of Saskatchewan Polytechnic Business Sport Management be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- (f) English – New Course Proposal (Form D)**
(See document S250314-5.1.2f for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course be approved:^
ENGL-1010 Academic Writing

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

5.1.3 Master of Business Administration for Managers and Professionals –Major Program Changes (Form B) (See document S250314-5.1.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the major program changes to Master of Business Administration for Managers and Professionals program be approved.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

Walsh/Rischke
CARRIED

- *(a) Business (Graduate) – New Course Proposals (Form D)**
(See document S250314-5.1.3a for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course be approved:^
BUSI-8000. Foundations of Business

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.1.4 Political Science – Request for Waiver of Program Deletion**
(See document S250314-5.1.4 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Request for Waiver of Program Deletion for the Honours Political Science with French Specialization be approved, to be revisited in two years.

***CARRIED**

***5.1.5 English and Creative Writing – Request for Waiver of Course Deletion**

(See document S250314-5.1.5 for more details.)

**MOTION: That the Request for Waiver of Course Deletion for the following course be approved:
ENGL-2040. Restoration and 18th Century Literature**

***CARRIED**

***5.1.6 Language, Literatures, and Cultures (LLC) – Request for Waiver of Course Deletions**

(See document S250314-5.1.6 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Request for Waiver of Course Deletion for the following courses be approved:

ARAB-2100. Intermediate Arabic I

ARAB-2110. Intermediate Arabic II

FREN-1140. Intermediate French II

***CARRIED**

***5.1.7 Business – Course Learning Outcomes**

(See document S250314-5.1.7 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

5.2 Academic Policy Committee

5.2.1 PhD Fast-Track Admissions – Revisions

(See document S250314-5.2.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the *Fast Track Admission to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)* be approved.

Barrette-Ng/Rangan

The revisions clarify that students must take courses towards their PhD degree, over and above those taken for their Masters program. Only prior graduate courses not counted towards the fulfilment of another graduate degree may count towards their PhD program.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Non-Offered Courses – Policy Revision

(See document S250314-5.2.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the Policy on Course and Program Changes be approved.

Barrette-Ng/Rangan

CARRIED

5.3 Senate Governance Committee

***5.3.1 Senate Standing Committee Membership**

(See document S250314-5.3.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of the following Senate Standing Committee membership:

Dr. Juliet Bushi, Faculty of Education – Senate Research and Innovation Advisory Committee (to Aug 31, 2027)

Dr. Ken Drouillard, Faculty of Science – Senate Research and Innovation Advisory Committee (to Aug 31, 2027)

***CARRIED**

5.4 Senate Student Caucus

Nothing to report.

5.5 Report from the Student Presidents

(See document S250314-5.5 for more details.)

UWSA

Members were informed: 1) of the results of the general elections, 2) that applications are open for UWSA-run scholarships, and 3) of the launching of a new sustainability competition in partnership with the Office of Sustainability, with a \$4500 prize for the winning sustainability proposal.

GSS

Annual elections results have been ratified, with the current GSS president re-elected for a second term.

OPUS

The second last Free Pizza Friday for students was held today and was well attended. Members were informed that UWindsor graduate (BA 1972) Thaddeus Holownia was honoured with the Governor General's Award for Artistic Achievement from the Canada Council for the Arts.

The document was received for information.

5.6 Report of the Academic Colleague

(See document S250314-5.6 for more details.)

The document was received for information.

5.7 Report of the President

(See document S250314-5.7 for more details.)

The President provided an update on budget planning, including a new zero-based budgeting approach; campus infrastructure projects; and Indigenous initiatives. The President also reported on provincial and national varsity sporting events hosted at the Toldo Lancer Centre; Spring Convocation dates and events, including honorary degree recipients; and the ratification of the Unifor 2458 FT and PT office and clerical staff collective agreements.

In response to a suggestion that savings may be found with closing of buildings, it was noted that this would result in one-time savings and would not address base, structural budget needs. Long-term revenue streams like 3P partnerships, renting space, etc., should be the focus. An example of this is the early negotiations with a private partner to install solar panels on the roof of CEI. It was also suggested that Essex Hall Theatre could be rented out for community events when it is not in use by the University.

It was agreed that the Associate Vice-President, Information Technology Services report on the new MS 365 storage restrictions at the next Senate meeting.

Congratulations were extended to Dr. Sarah Woodruff, Associate Dean of Academic Programs, Faculty of Human Kinetics, and Ms. Ghallia Hashem, President of the UWSA, recipients of the 2025 YMCA Women of Excellence Award.

5.8 Report of the Provost

(See document S250314-5.8 for more details.)

The document was received for information.

5.8.1 Enrolment Management Update

(See document S250314-5.8.1 for more details.)

The document was received for information.

5.9 Report of Vice-President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

No report.

5.10 Report of Vice-President, Research and Innovation

(See document S250314-5.10 for more details.)

Along with the ongoing reorganization of Research and Innovation Services, members were informed that the office the VPRI is reviewing its internal policies and research management systems for effectiveness and efficiencies. In addition to an update on grant applications, the VPRI reported on agricultural partnerships and events and the success of AgUWin, as well as other innovation and entrepreneurship initiatives.

Members were informed that the Women's Research Grant (seed money for research) is being reframed as a broader grant for members of designated groups, following consultation with prior grant winners. In response to a question, an announcement on the REB chair will be made once REB restructuring has been completed.

The document was received for information.

6 Question Period/Other Business

In response to a concern raised about the cost of PhD tuition, it was noted that at most universities guaranteed graduate student funding is not through central. Rather, graduate students are funded through their supervisor's research grant. Graduate Studies will ensure that the minimum funding guaranteed is clearly stated in the offer of admission so that potential students can make an informed decision about whether to attend the University based on the funding that will be provided.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Fagan/Reka
CARRIED