



SENATE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, October 10, 2025
Time: 3:00pm-4:12pm
Room: 203 Toldo Health Education Centre

PRESENT: Rachel Aleks, Kyle Asquith, Reem Bahdi, Chris Baillargeon, Fazle Baki, Hisham Barakat, Isabelle Barrette-Ng, Selinda Berg, Amangel Bhullar, Pierre Boulos, Jen Boyes-Garbin, Juliet Bushi, John Cappucci, Tricia Carmichael, Aiden Carr, Irina Ceric, Cheryl Collier, Darryl Danelon, Ray Darling, Carol Davison, Adriana Duquette, Eahab Elsaid, Cherie Gagnon, Kevin Granville, Xiaolei Guo, Nazim Habibov, Catherine Heard, Nick Hector, Dennis Jackson, Pardeep Jasra, Shanthi Johnson, Shetina Jones, Nivethan Karalasingam, Jaimie Kechego, Muharem Kianieff, Yong Hoon Kim, Ziad Kobti, Erika Kustra, Brent Lee, Rong Luo, Michael Macdonald, Drew Marquardt, Josianne Marsan, Lisa Milne, JJ McMurtry (Chair), Bruce Minaker, Ken Montgomery, Husam Morra, Claire Mumme, Max Nelson, Kristina Nikolova, Carole Obeid, Kathryn Pfaff, Ali Polat, Jessica Raffoul, Chitra Rangan, Karen Robson, Linda Rohr, Lisa Salfi-Novena, Peter Savoni, Dora Strelkova, Andrew Swan, Nurlan Turdaliev, Bill Van Heyst, Claudio Verani, Berenica Vejvoda, Patti Weir.

ABSENT: Norm King, Victoria Soluade, Stephen Weir.

REGRETS: Munty Al-Bazaz, Clinton Beckford, Sahil Benipal, Francesco Biondi, Natalie Gianotti, Mark Albert Johnston, Robert Nelson, Michael Potter, Jennifer Rooke, Ahmed Sakr, Patrick Selmi, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Camisha Sibblis.

IN ATTENDANCE: Chris Busch, John Dubé, Anne Mullen, Jody Fraser; Tiffany Brown (University Secretariat), Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat).

- 1 **Approval of Agenda** (Unstarring agenda items)
Items 5.1.1c, 5.1.1d, and 5.1.2 were unstarred.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Rohr/Baillargeon
CARRIED, as amended

- 2 **Minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2025**

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2025 be approved.

Morra/Johnson
CARRIED

- 3 **Business arising from the minutes**
Nothing to report.

- 4 **Outstanding Business/Action Items**
 - 4.1 **Candidates for Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates**
(See document S251010-4.1 for more details.)

MOTION 1: That Senate approve the slate of candidates for the Fall 2025 Convocation in the Faculties of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Human

Kinetics, Law, Nursing, and Science, subject to any final review of grades and degree requirements; and that the Dean of the Faculty concerned in consultation with the Registrar be empowered to approve the names of candidates whose notification of completion of the requirements for their degrees arrived too late for the Senate meeting.

Van Heyst/Cappucci
CARRIED

MOTION 2: That Senate approve the candidates for the Board of Governors' medals and the Governor General's Gold Medal; and that the Dean of the Faculty concerned, in consultation with the Office of Student Awards and Financial Aid, be empowered to approve the names of award recipients whose final grades arrived too late for the Senate meeting.

Collier/Rohr
CARRIED

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Program Development Committee

5.1.1 Program/Course Changes

***(a) Psychology – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**
(See document S251010-5.1.1a for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirements Combined Honours Programs in Psychology be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

CARRIED*

***(b) Business – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**
(See document S251010-5.1.1b for more details.)

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

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

CARRIED*

(c) Sociology and Criminology (Graduate) – Minor Program Changes (Form B)
(See document S251010-5.1.1c for more details.)

MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Master of Arts in Sociology (Course Stream) and Master of Arts in Criminology (Course Stream) be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

Asquith/Lee

NOTED:

- The course requirements have been reformatted for greater clarity.

CARRIED

(d) Business – New Course Proposal (Form D)
(See document S251010-5.1.1d for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course be approved: ^
MKTG 4440. Social Marketing

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

Asquith/Robson

AGREED:

- Renumbered courses or new standalone courses previously offered under special topics should include a statement in the course descriptions that they cannot be taken for credit if they were taken under the previous course number. These are important guardrails to mitigate double-dipping.
- Logistical issues with tracking such enrolments in UWinsite should not dictate academic policy and integrity. AAUs and the Registrar's Office should work together to develop procedures for tracking such enrolments.

CARRIED

5.1.2 Suspension of Admissions – Family and Social Relations Programs
(See document S251010-5.1.2 for more details.)

NOTED:

- In response to a question, members were informed that it is possible that these programs will ultimately be discontinued following a deeper assessment of their continued viability.

5.1.3 Course Learning Outcomes

***(a) Business – Course Learning Outcomes**
(See document S251010-5.1.3a for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***(b) Computer Science (Graduate) – Course Learning Outcomes**
(See document S251010-5.1.3b for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

5.2 Academic Policy Committee

5.2.1 Policy on Letter of Permission – Revisions
(See document S251010-5.2.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the Policy Letters of Permissions be approved.

Barrette-Ng/Weir

NOTED:

- With the exception of Ontario Visiting Scholars program, the revision clarifies the requirement and procedures for letters of permission for graduate students wishing to take courses from outside the province or private institutions.

AGREED:

- The request for a transfer credit policy specific to Assumption University courses falls outside this proposal and will be referred to the Academic Policy Committee for further review.

CARRIED

5.2.2 Policy on Course Modalities – Revisions
(See document S251010-5.2.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the Policy on Course Modalities be approved, effective for Spring 2026 course offerings.

Barrette-Ng/Robson
CARRIED

5.3 Senate Governance Committee
Nothing to report.

5.4 Senate Student Caucus
NOTED:

- Caucus was provided with a report from Student Affairs, highlighting recent events, initiatives and services, and the challenges faced by the area; as well as an update on initiatives and services in the various areas under Ancillary Services.
- Restorative justice is underpinning the review of student conduct policies, procedures, and implementation.

5.5 Report from the Student Presidents

NOTED:

- UWSA met with Transit Windsor to discuss the UPass and service levels. Students with concerns relating to UPass service can log complaints through 311, which will be shared with the UWSA.
- GSS reported on the impact of budget cuts, particularly relating to GA/TA positions; on the uptake in the UPass for graduate students; and on successful beginning of year events.
- OPUS reported on the success of its annual Welcome BBQ and its upcoming Awards Banquet and Fall Social. Members were also informed that OPUS contributed to student conversations expressing concerns around Bill 33.

5.6 Report of the Academic Colleague

NOTED:

- COU's response to Bill 33¹ and its advocacy efforts relating to lifting the tuition freeze were discussed.
- COU's message to the government has consistently been that universities are not cost-centres, but investments in the future for the benefit of the region and province.

5.7 Report of the President

NOTED:

- Members discussed the key priorities identified by the President for the year ahead including: 1) strategic enrolment growth, through a review of recruitment and retention initiatives and greater focus on program development, renewal, and partnerships, and 2) the launching of ambitious yet attainable goals in advancement and fundraising to further support the University's long-term success.
- These initial strategic priorities were reflected in the common themes of the September Board-Senate retreat: program innovation, telling our story better, and partnerships and community engagement.
- All universities are struggling through a period of austerity due to provincial and federal policy changes and directives. While it is important to look to efficiencies, there needs to be an equal focus on strategic investment and growth in support of the University's core mission.
- Once the Indigenous Strategic Plan is launched, members noted that a priority should be on developing a policy or approach to Indigenous identification.

¹ <https://ontariosuniversities.ca/news/cou-statement-response-to-bill-33/>

5.8 Report of the Provost

(See document S251010-5.8 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The Provost highlighted recent appointment and re-appointments, and provided an update on current search/review processes.
- Members discussed the launching of Infosilem, a scheduling software that optimizes time slots and classroom sizes, reduces conflicts, and allows for data-driven decision-making for departments when determine which courses to offer. The Winter 2026 soft launch will focus on exam scheduling.

5.8.1 Enrolment Management Update

(See document S251010-5.8.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- In response to a question raised, it was noted that it is difficult to determine exact numbers in terms of returns on degree completion and articulation agreements. However, these present another avenue to increase enrolments by responding to the needs and interest of students, particularly those seeking post-graduation work permit-eligible degrees.

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

(See document S251010-5.9 for more details.)

AGREED:

- Senate referred the review of the feasibility of implementing a Palestine Studies minor under the Interdisciplinary and Critical Studies Department and the creation of individual courses focused on Palestine to the Provost, who is to report back in due course.

5.10 Report of Vice-President, Research, and Innovation

(See document S251010-5.10 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The VPRI reported on work of the Senate Advisory Committee on Research and Innovation; potential changes to internal grant applications and allocations; the review of the REB structure, policy, and procedures; and successful collaborative research partnerships such as the AgUWin initiative.

6 Question Period/Other Business

NOTED:

- The University has risen, for the first time, to the top 25% in the Times Higher Education (THE) Global Rankings.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Van Heyst/Pfaff
CARRIED