



SENATE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, February 13, 2026
Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm
Room: 203 Toldo

PRESENT: Rachel Aleks, Munty Al-Bazaz, Kyle Asquith, Reem Bahdi, Chris Baillargeon, Fazle Baki, Hisham Barakat, Isabelle Barrette-Ng, Clinton Beckford, Selinda Berg, Francesco Biondi, Pierre Boulos, Juliet Bushi, John Cappucci, Irina Ceric, Cheryl Collier, Darryl Danelon, Ray Darling, Carol Davison, Adriana Duquette, Cherie Gagnon, Kevin Granville, Xiaolei Guo, Nazim Habibov, Nick Hector, Dennis Jackson, Mark Albert Johnston, Shanthi Johnson, Shetina Jones-Smith, Nivethan Karalasingam, Jaimie Kechego, Mohammed Khalid, Muharem Kianieff, Ziad Kobti, Erika Kustra, Rong Luo, Michael Macdonald, Drew Marquardt, Josianne Marsan, JJ McMurtry (Chair), Bruce Minaker, Ken Montgomery, Husam Morra, Claire Mumme, Max Nelson, Carole Obeid, Kathryn Pfaff, Ali Polat, Michael Potter, Jessica Raffoul, Karen Robson, Ahmed Sakr, Patrick Selmi, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Camisha Sibblis, Victoria Soluade, Dora Strelkova, Nurlan Turdaliev, Bill Van Heyst, Claudio Verani, Patti Weir, Stephen Weir, Helen Yousif.

REGRETS: Sahil Benipal, Amangel Bhullar, Jen Boyes-Garbin, Tricia Carmichael, Saveena Chawla, Ehab Elsaid, Natalie Gianotti, Catherine Heard, Brent Lee, Lisa Milne, Matthew Najem, Chitra Rangan, Linda Rohr, Jennifer Rooke, Peter Savoni, Andrew Swan, Berenica Vejvoda.

ABSENT: Aiden Carr, Pardeep Jasra, Norm King, Robert Nelson, Kristina Nikolova, Lisa Salfi-Novena.

IN ATTENDANCE: Judy Bornais, Chris Busch, John Dube, Iva Gentcheva, Shae Harasym, Elayne Isaacs, Kristen Morris, Anne Mullen, Laura Mundy, Alison Zilli (Associate University), Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat).

1 Approval of Agenda (Unstarring agenda items)

Pierre Boulos/Nazim Habibov
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of January 9, 2025

Chris Baillargeon/Bill Van Heyst
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 Program/Course Changes

(a) Business – New Course Proposal (Form D)

(See document S260213-5.1.1a for more details.)

MOTION: That the following course be approved: ^

MKTG-4300. Event Marketing

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

*CARRIED

(b) Business (Specialization in Marketing) – Minor Program Changes (Form C)

(See document S260213-5.1.1b 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**

***5.1.2 PDC Cyclical Program Review Final Assessment Reports and Implementation Plans (FAR/IP), and Progress Reports**

(See document S260213-5.1.2 for more details.)

The document was received for information. *

***5.1.3 Computer Science (Graduate) – Course Learning Outcomes**

(See document S260213-5.1.3 for more details.)

The document was received for information. *

5.2 Academic Policy Committee

5.2.1 Centre for Teaching and Learning Annual Report

(See document S260213-5.2.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The goal of the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) is to promote instructional excellence across career stages and to facilitate conversations about teaching and learning, in support of student learning and educational development.
- CTL was praised for its exceptional level and variety of teaching and learning supports.

5.3 Senate Governance Committee

Nothing to report.

5.4 Senate Student Caucus

NOTED:

- Senators were provided with a comprehensive overview of the various items discussed at the last Senate Student Caucus meeting. Among others, the main topics of discussion were initiatives around food security and exam flexibility in Bylaw 54.

5.5 Report from the Student Presidents

(See document S260213-5.5 for more details.)

NOTED:

- An overview was provided on the various UWSA initiatives and events. Some highlights include the upcoming UWSA Elections, re-ratification of the International Student Society, approval of the Student Support Fund (\$50,000 grant program), a referendum to redirect a portion of the UWSA Capital free towards students' scholarships, and the Lance paper revival.
- GSS reported on its position relating to CPI rate increase and ancillary fees. It was also reported that GSS members have been actively involved in a variety of academic and social events, as well as sponsoring campus conferences and donating to student academic competitions and initiatives.

- OPUS has been actively engaged with both social and educational initiatives including hosting a winter social, financial literacy presentation for students, and having a food drive for the campus food bank.
- Students are very concerned by the government's decision to reduce the grant portion of OSAP's financial assistance from 85% to 25%, resulting in repayable loans of 75%. Therefore, students who are already struggling financially will graduate with more debt.

5.6 Report of the Academic Colleague

(See document S260213-5.6 for more details.)

NOTED:

- UWindsor recorded the highest number of signatures among Ontario universities regarding the petition calling for reform to university funding.
- The Task Force on AI continues its work with a final report expected to be submitted in Spring 2026.

5.7 Report of the President

(See document S260213-5.7 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The President provided updates on the operating budget, searches, international recruitment initiatives and, recent meetings with fellow university presidents.
- On February 12, 2026, the Ontario government officially announced the end of the seven-year tuition freeze, allowing publicly assisted colleges and universities to raise tuition fees by 2% beginning in the 2026-2007 academic year, which would result in approximately \$200 more per student annually.
- Other announcements included a new funding model which is intended to provide \$6.4 billion to the post-secondary sector over the next four years.
- The change will help stabilize post-secondary institutions that have faced financial pressures, including reduced international student enrolment and years of funding challenges.
- Over the next several months, the focus will be on developing initiatives and KPIs in support of the four pillars of growth: enrolment, government grants and research, advancement, and monetization.
- In response to a question, it was noted that the general sense is that the government would like universities to demonstrate that they are operating as efficiently as possible and looking at alternative revenue streams to manage rising costs but there have been no announcements regarding government funding specifically allocated for efficiency initiatives.
- In response to a question raised, it was noted that there are various budgeting models under consideration, but the immediate priority is to enhance transparency through three-year budget planning and integrative resource planning, before making further structural changes.
- Windsor continues to advocate for regional funding and has requested clarification as to whether it may be included. (i.e., specific grants for small, rural, and northern institutions.)
- Universities that are doing well with increasing domestic enrolment have a comprehensive approach that includes a combination of enrolment growth across all student types.
- In response to a question raised, it was noted that the University of Windsor extends recruitment efforts to the elementary school level, including through hands-on STEM outreach activities.

5.8 Report of the Provost

(See document S260213-5.8 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Members were informed that work continues on reviewing and improving the functionality of the Registrar's Office.
- Ray Darling, the University Registrar was congratulated on his new position at the University of Waterloo and thanked for his service at the University of Windsor.
- Each year, the university gives conditional offers to students; however some offers must later be rescinded if students do not meet admission requirements. In light of this, a new collaboration is being

considered, inspired by another university, whereby such students would automatically be admitted to St. Clair. After completing one year successfully, students could automatically transition into a General Arts or General Science program at the university.

- The Infosilem project, which will improve efficiencies to course and exam scheduling, continues to advance on schedule.
- To achieve a long-term enrolment growth target of 5,000 students, the University will need to collect data to establish enrolment benchmarks and identify priority growth areas.
- The University partnered with the Windsor Police Service to launch a leadership development program for officers, demonstrating a strong example of non-traditional collaboration.
- Transnational Education models are possible growth opportunities, allowing students at partner institutions to study UWindsor curriculum and programs at their home institutions.

5.8.1 Enrolment Management Update

(See document S260213-5.8.1 for more details.)

The document was received for information.

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

(See document S260213-5.9 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Applications are open for the March 2026 disbursement for the University Diversity, Indigeneity, and Anti-Racism Professional Development Fund.

5.10 Report of Vice-President, Research and Innovation

(See document S260213-5.10 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The Vice-President Research and Innovation provided an update on the research chairs program search process, which is progressing well with excellent applicants. The University can nominate 4 chairs.
- In response to a question about faculty support for patents, it was noted that priority is given to the most viable ideas and the process starts with disclosure, market study, capacity limits, etc.
- Work on reshaping the EPICentre is in the early stages, with the CTL actively involved in this initiative.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Bill Van Heyst/Debbie Sheppard-Lemoine

CARRIED