



Senate Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, March 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, Selinda Berg, Pierre Boulos, Juliet Bushi, John Cappucci, Tricia Carmichael, Savenna Chawla, Cheryl Collier, Darryl Danelon, Ray Darling, Carol Davison, Adriana Duquette, Cherie Gagnon, Kevin Granville, Catherine Heard, Nick Hector, Mark Albert Johnston, Dennis Jackson, Pardeep Jasra, Shanthi Johnson, Shetina Jones, Nivethan Karalasingam, Jaimie Kechego, Mohammed Khalid, Ziad Kobti, Erika Kustra, Rong Luo, Michael Macdonald, Drew Marquardt, Josianne Marsan, Lisa Milne, JJ McMurtry (Chair), Bruce Minaker, Ken Montgomery, Husam Morra, Claire Mumme, Matthew Najem, Max Nelson, Robert Nelson, Kristina Nikolova, Kathryn Pfaff, Jessica Raffoul, Chitra Rangan, Linda Rohr, Lisa Salfi-Novena, Peter Savoni, Camisha Sibblis, Victoria Soluade, Dora Strelkova, Claudio Verani, Berenica Vejvoda, Patti Weir, Stephen Weir, Helen Yousif.

ABSENT: Aiden Carr, Norm King, Nurlan Turdaliev.

REGRETS: Clinton Beckford, Sahil Benipal, Francesco Biondi, Amangel Bhullar, Jen Boyes-Garbin, Irina Ceric, Ehab Elsaid, Natalie Gianotti, Xiaolei Guo, Nazim Habibov, Muharem Kianieff, Brent Lee, Carole Obeid, Ali Polat, Michael Potter, Karen Robson, Jennifer Rooke, Ahmed Sakr, Patrick Selmi, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Andrew Swan, Bill Van Heyst.

IN ATTENDANCE: Lorraine Chandler, John Dube, Laura Dunn, Phil Dutton, Jody Fraser, Iva Gentcheva, Kristen Morris, Anne Mullen; Tiffany Brown (Associate University), Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat).

- 1 Approval of Agenda (Unstarring agenda items)
Item 5.1.1b was unstarred.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Isabelle Barrett-Ng/Pierre Boulos
CARRIED

- 2 Minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2026

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2026 be approved.

Chris Baillargeon/Shetina Smith-Jones
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) Social Work – Minor Program Changes (Form C)

*(See document S260313-5.1.1a for more details. )*

**MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Social Work be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

(b) Post-Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship and International Business – Minor Program Changes (Form C) *(See document S260313-5.1.1b for more details. )*

**MOTION: That the Post-Graduate Certificate in Entrepreneurship and International Business be approved.^**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

Kyle Asquith/Rachel Alexs

NOTED:

- Admissions and course requirements were reviewed. The certificate program will be primarily used as a pathway to graduate studies at Odette for international students with a three-year non-business undergraduate degree. The courses requirements will, in part, bridge gaps for students whose prior education did not cover Canadian business practices.
- M1 to M2 pathway remains available to prospective students as well.

AGREED:

- Minor revisions were made to the rationale.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That part 1 of the Admission Requirements read as follows: ...1) possess at minimum a three-year Bachelor's degree from an academic institution approved by the University of Windsor, with a minimum 70% cumulative average (or equivalent);...**

**CARRIED, as amended**

(c) Biomedical Sciences – Minor Program Changes (Form C)

*(See document S260313-5.1.1c for more details. )*

**MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Honours Biomedical Sciences and Honours Biomedical Sciences (Interdisciplinary Health Science (IHS) Stream) be changed in accordance with the program/coursechange forms.^**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (d) **Concurrent General BA with Second Language Education/Bachelor of Education – Minor Program Changes (Form C)** *(See document S260313-5.1.1d for more details. )*

**MOTION:** That the degree requirements for the Concurrent General Bachelor of Arts with Second Language Education/Bachelor of Education be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (e) **MFA in Film and Media Arts – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**  
*(See document S260313-5.1.1e for more details. )*

**MOTION:** That the MFA in Film and Media Arts be renamed MFA in Film Production and that the admission and degree requirements be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (f) **General Science (Concentration in Forensic Science) – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**  
*(See document S260313-5.1.1f for more details. )*

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

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (g) **Economics – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**  
*(See document S260313-5.1.1g for more details. )*

**MOTION:** That the requirements for the Minor in Economics be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (h) **English and Creative Writing – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**  
*(See document S260313-5.1.1h for more details. )*

**MOTION:** That the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Arts and Science (IAS) – English Major Concentration be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (i) **Master of Applied Computing – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**  
(See document S260313-5.1.1i for more details. )

**MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Master of Applied Computing be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (j) **Chemistry and Biochemistry – New Course Proposal (Form D)**  
(See document S260313-5.1.1j for more details. )

**MOTION: That the following course be approved:^**  
**CHEM-3200. Environmental Forensics**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

- (k) **Physics (Graduate) – New Course Proposal (Form D)**  
(See document S260313-5.1.1k for more details. )

**MOTION: That the following course be approved:^**  
**PHYS-9900. Directed Studies**

*^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.*

**\*CARRIED**

## **5.2 Academic Policy Committee**

- \*5.2.1 Graduate Committee Membership – Revisions**  
(See document S260313-5.2.1 for more details. )

**MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the membership for Doctoral and Masters graduate committees be approved.**

**\*CARRIED**

- \*5.2.2 BFA in Film Production – Revision to Policy on Standing Required for Continuation in Programs and for Graduation**  
(See document S260313-5.2.2 for more details. )

**MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the Policy on Standing Required for Continuation in Programs and for Graduation (for the BFA in Film Production) be approved.**

**\*CARRIED**

- \*5.2.3 Policy on Grading and Calculation of Averages – Graduate Revisions**  
(See document S260313-5.2.1 for more details. )

**MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the Policy on Grading and Calculation of Averages be approved.**

**\*5.2.4 Grading and Calculation of Averages for Thesis/Major Paper and Dissertation Courses – Revisions**

*(See document S260313-5.2.4 for more details. )*

**MOTION:** That the proposed revisions to the Policy on Grading and Calculation of Averages, to the regulations for the Dissertation for the Degree of Doctor and Philosophy, and to the regulations for the Thesis or Major Paper for the Master's degree be approved.

**\*CARRIED**

**5.3 Senate Governance Committee**

**\*5.3.1 Integrative Biology Department Proposed Name Change**

*(See document S260313-5.3.1 for more details. )*

**MOTION:** That the Department of Integrative Biology be renamed the Department of Biology.

**\*CARRIED**

**5.3.2 Delegating Authority for Approval of Graduands**

*(See document S260313-5.3.2 for more details. )*

**MOTION:** That Senate delegate authority to the Deans of the Faculties, in consultation with the Registrar's Office, to approve students for graduation, with a complete and accurate final list of graduates provided to Senate for information after convocation has concluded.

John Cappucci/Linda Rohr

NOTED:

- The list of graduating students submitted to Senate for approval in advance of convocation ceremonies is incomplete as names of students continue to be processed up to the day of convocation.
- By delegating authority to the Registrar's Office and the Deans improves accuracy of graduating names and is a more efficient use of staff time.
- The final list of graduates will be provided to the Senate record following convocation.

**CARRIED**

**5.3.3 Proposed Revisions to Bylaws 31, 54, 55 and Policy on Grading and Calculation of Averages**

*(See document S260313-5.3.3 for more details. )*

**MOTION 1:** That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 54, Bylaw 55, and the Policy on Grading and the Calculation of Averages be approved.

Dennis Jackson/Adriana Duquette

NOTED:

- The proposed changes intend to clarify "argerotat" grading and differentiates between awarding an AEG (pass) and an NPA (non-pass).
- The NPA denotes that the student did not pass the course because of compassionate reasons, which may help in assessment of the student's record.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 2: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 54 and Bylaw 55 be approved.**

Isabelle Barrette-Ng/Husam Morra

NOTED:

- Concerns were expressed with removing the requirement that all courses have some type of meaningful final exams during the examination period, without including checks and balances for ensuring full instructional weeks.
- In some cases, professional accreditation requires a final examination, and so it should not be left to the instructor to decide.
- Concerns were expressed with the rigidity of the wording for an alternate evaluation, noting that this does not allow for flexibility where the student may benefit from an alternative format.

AGREED:

- The item be referred back to the Bylaw Review Committee for further revisions.

**WITHDRAWN**

**MOTION 3: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 31 be approved.**

Isabelle Barrette-Ng/Patti Weir

NOTED:

- The proposed change allows provision for the the Heads of Departments and Directors of Schools (or their designate as approved by the Dean.)

**CARRIED**

**5.4 Senate Student Caucus**

Nothing to report.

**5.5 Report from the Student Presidents**

*(See document S260313-5.5 for more details. )*

NOTED:

- UWSA noted that it has met with provincial MPPs relating to concerns about changes to OSAP and the impact on access to a university education. Additional initiatives and events include successfully creating student Equity Collectives providing spaces for individual student communities to discuss concerns and propose initiatives, and doubling the student scholarship program without increasing student fees.
- GSS reported that elections for next year's GSS Senate members will be concluded at the end of the month. It was also noted that contracts have been created for GSS Executives, specifying their roles and responsibilities.
- OPUS support the recent student rally against changes to OSAP. It was also reported that OPUS elections will be run next year, as they are every two years.

**5.6 Report of the Academic Colleague**

*(See document S260313-5.6 for more details. )*

The report was received for information.

## 5.7 Report of the President

*(See document S260313-5.7 for more details. )*

NOTED:

- Consultation and engagements sessions on the four growth pillars will be held over the next two or so months. This growth plan aligns with Aspire and will translate its priorities into measurable goals and actionable steps.
- The provincial announcement of \$6.4 billion investment in postsecondary education, includes dollars that are being repurposed. Details on specific allocations and how this will impact individual institutions are still pending. Regardless of final details, institutions will continue, this will not fully address the University's financial situation or its need to look for efficiencies.
- Discussion on low application numbers was held. Efforts are underway to analyze student data across four key stages: applications, offers, acceptances, and enrolment.
- The document was received for information.

## 5.8 Report of the Provost

*(See document S260313-5.8 for more details. )*

NOTED:

- Work is underway on implementing an integrated resource planning budget model.
- Senators were encouraged to register for the upcoming Forum on Student Persistence which will focus on how instructors and staff can better support student persistence and retention.
- The document was received for information.

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

*(See document S260313-5.9 for more details. )*

The document was received for information.

## 5.10 Report of Vice-President, Research and Innovation

*(See document S260313-5.10 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.**

Max Nelson/Husam Morra

**CARRIED**