University of Windsor

SC180914M

SENATE STUDENT CAUCUS
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, September 14, 2018
Time: 9:30-11:00am
Room: 209 Assumption Hall

Committee Members: Deehanna Cober, Bernarda Doctor, Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Sean Horton, Dr. Shashai Jasra, Dr. Jennifer Johrendt, Dr. Bharat Maheshwari, Prof Ruth Kuras, Sharon Munro, Dr. Kathy Pfaff, Dr. Katherine Quinsey (Chair), Dr. Geri Salinitri, Lena Sleiman.

Absent: Chris Baillargeon (regrets), Dave McEwen, Ms. Zeina Merheb (regrets), Siddharth Patel (regrets), Sathish Pichika.

In Attendance: Sameena Sultana, Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretary) and Ms. Alison Zilli (Senate Secretariat).

Formal Business

1 Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. J. Johrendt/Dr. S. Jasra
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2018

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2018 be approved.

Dr. S. Horton/ Dr. B. Maheshwari
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes
Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding business
Nothing to report.

Items for Information

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Senate Student Caucus Mandate

5.1.1 Background Information on recent Student Caucus and Meeting Schedule
(See document SC180914-5.1.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- An overview was provided on the challenges that have been common over the past several years for Student Caucus.
- In the past, faculty and students have invested their time to make accommodations to attend the Student Caucus meetings but agenda items and quorum have been a bit weak. Given this, the meetings have been moved from monthly to quarterly.
- The idea of having a rotating Student Caucus meeting at different locations and with a rotating

focus (*i.e.,* meet with different Student Societies across campus for feedback on student concerns) was supported by the incoming Committee.

AGREED:

- Given that student advising varies across campus and that there is concern that students are not graduating in a timely fashion, it was suggested that this may be a possible future topic for Student Caucus.

5.2 Report of the Student Liaison Subcommittee and Co-Chair

Nothing to report.

5.3 Report on Student Affairs and Life on Campus

NOTED:

- An overview was provided on the various Student Affairs initiatives undertaken over the course of the past few months.
- The updated Welcome Week program, which was geared at increasing the level of student engagement, was highly successful.
- The Residence Services review has been completed and the overall strategy to increase numbers in residence services through renovation and revitalization has had a successful impact on increasing housing capacity to 100%.
- An Alternative Spring Break program in Winter will be forthcoming with preparation for 2-3 trips to locations such as Jamaica, Costa Rica or Dominican Republic.
- The Student Mental Health Strategy continues to be a main focus and will be officially launched on October 3, 2018 with keynote speaker Candy Palmater.
- Windsor will be participating in the Relay for Life Program, which is a community fundraising event where Canadians join to fight against cancer.
- The refurbishment of the main floor of Dillion Hall and the Student Success and Leadership Services Centre has been completed.
- New space is still needed for The Aboriginal Education Centre - Turtle Island as their offices were moved to a space in the CAW Student Centre (across from the Information Desk) when the house needed to be torn down on Sunset.
- The Student Experience newsletter Fall 2018 newsletter can be accessed online at: http://www.uwindsor.ca/studentexperience/sites/uwindsor.ca.studentexperience/files/welcome_newsletter_fall_2018.pdf

The floor was open for comments:

- In response to a question raised about vegan options on campus, it was noted that Food Services is always working to continue to improve food options so that there is greater variety and choices for students. It is a challenging area as food needs to be affordable but revenue also need to be generated.
- In response to a concern raised about safety, it was noted that the buildings are safe, but students need to be educated on their responsibilities for locking doors and using safe keys.
- In response to concerned raised about students commuting from downtown campus to the main campus, it was noted that there are adjustments needed as students are getting used to living on a larger campus.

Additional Business

6 Question period/Other Business

The Peer Support Centre will be supporting PAWS for Stress again in December.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Ms. D. Cober/Dr. S. Horton

CARRIED