

**SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting****Date:** Wednesday, February 25, 2026**Time:** 2:30-3:25pm**Room:** Assumption Hall Room 209 and MS Teams**PRESENT:** Reem Bahdi, Nick Baker, Clinton Beckford, Sahil Benipal, Selinda Berg, Cheryl Collier, Adriana Duquette, Phil Dutton, Dennis Jackson, Johanna Luft, Josianne Marsan, J.J. McMurtry (Chair), Bruce Minaker, Ken Montgomery, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Dora Strelkova, Patti Weir.**ABSENT:** Aiden Carr, Husam Morra (regrets), Stephen Weir (regrets).**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Chandler, Shanthi Johnson, Amy Taylor, Rachel Zand; Tiffany Brown (Associate University Secretary), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary).**1 Approval of the agenda****MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.Collier/Montgomery
CARRIED**2 Minutes of the Meeting of December 3, 2025**
*(See document SGC251203M for more details)***MOTION:** That the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2025, be approved.Montgomery/Dutton
CARRIED**3 Business arising from the minutes**
Nothing to report.**4 Outstanding Business**
Nothing to report.**5 Reports/New Business****5.1 Delegating Authority for Approval of Graduands**
(See document SGC260225-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The list of graduands presented to Senate is provisional, as student records may change due to late approvals, appeals, or program updates prior to convocation.

AGREED:

- Members agreed this change is intended to improve the accuracy of the final convocation record, reduce administrative duplication, and align the University's process with practices at other institutions.

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 filed with Senate after convocation has concluded.

Collier/Weir
CARRIED

5.2 Integrative Biology Department Proposed Name Change

(See document SGC260225-5.2 for more details.)

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

Weir/Montgomery
CARRIED

5.3 Policy and Procedures on University of Windsor Human Participant Research

(See document SGC260225-5.3 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The Committee received an overview of proposed policies and procedures related to research involving human participants, intended to replace existing guidelines and ensure compliance with Tri-Agency requirements.
- The proposal includes the development of a formal policy framework consisting of several supporting documents, including procedures, roles and responsibilities, an appeals process, and revised Research Ethics Board terms of reference.

AGREED:

- Members noted the importance of ensuring appropriate consultation with relevant stakeholders prior to Senate consideration and indicated that additional consultation from WUFA is required before the proposal proceeds.

MOTION: That the Guidelines on Research with Humans (2023) be rescinded and the proposed Policy and Procedures on University of Windsor Human Participant Research be placed on the Senate agenda for approval, subject to further consultation with WUFA.

Montgomery/Dutton
CARRIED

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

(See document SGC260225-5.4 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.

Dutton/Luft

NOTED:

- Greater flexibility is provided to instructors and Associate Deans in granting aegrotat (AEG or NPA) based on achievement of learning outcomes and compassionate grounds.

AGREED:

- Revisions clarify the use of aegrotat standing and introduce the NPA designation to acknowledge extenuating circumstances affecting a student's performance, while ensuring that the outcome does not negatively affect a student's academic average.

CARRIED

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

Dutton/Berg

AGREED:

- UWinsite Student updates are required to clarify that requests for extenuating circumstances are not appeals and should be labeled appropriately so as to not be confused with grade appeals.
- A minor correction was made.

CARRIED, as amended

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

Dutton/Minaker

CARRIED

5.5 Honorary Degree Criteria – Revisions

(See document SGC260225-5.5 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to the Honorary Degree Criteria, Guidelines, and Procedures be approved.

Duquette/Montgomery

CARRIED

5.6 Honorary Degrees (*in-camera*)

(See document SGC260225-5.6 for more details.)

Only voting members participated in this portion of the meeting.

MOTION: That the meeting move *in-camera*.

Collier/Sheppard-LeMoine

CARRIED

NOTED:

- The criteria and process for selecting honorary degree candidates was reviewed.
- A synopsis of each of the proposed Honorary Degree candidates' lifetime achievements was reviewed.

MOTION: That the proposed Honorary Degree candidates be added to the list of approved Honorary Degree candidates.

Weir/Collier

Voting was by secret ballot.

CARRIED

MOTION: That the ballots be destroyed and the meeting move out of *in camera*.

Sheppard-LeMoine/Collier

CARRIED

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Minaker/Dutton

CARRIED