



SENATE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, November 8, 2019

Time: 2:32pm-3:55pm

Room: 203 Anthony P Toldo

PRESENT: Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Dr Abdo Alfakih, Chris Baillargeon, Nick Baker, Katia Benoit, Prof. Jeff Berryman, Jeremiah Bowers, Dr. Lori Buchanan, Dr. J. Cappucci, Deehanna Cober, Linden Crain, Dr. B. Daly, Biane Deghaiche, Candy Donaldson, Dr. Phil Dutton, Dr. Mitch Fields, Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Robert Gordon (Chair), Alice Grgicak-Mannion, Prof. Jason Grossi, Dr. Marcello Guarini, Edy Haddad, Dr. Mustapha Hamil, Prof. Nick Hector, Dr. Chris Houser, Dr. Andrew Hubberstey, Dr. Shashi Jasra, Dr. Ofelia Jianu, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Douglas Kneale, Dr. Bruce Kotowich, Prof. Ruth Kuras, Dr. Mark Letteri, Dr. Joanna Luft, Diana Marion, Dr. Cheri McGowan, Alice Miller, Dr. Bruce Minaker, Dr. Ken Montgomery, Prof. Quessia Mugabo, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Prof. Kim Nelson, Gordon Orr, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Jody Ralph, Dr. Steven Rehse, Dr. Anotonio Rossini, Prof. Lisa Salfi, Dr. Victor Sevellano Canicio, Dr. K. W. Michael Siu, Lena Sleiman, Dr. Julie Smith, Jennifer Soutter, Dr. Elizabeth Starr, Dr. Maureen Sterling, Dr. Edwin Tam, Dr. Nurlan Turdaliev, Prof. Lionel Walsh, Sue Williams, Dr. Sarah Woodruff, Dr. Nancy Ursel.

REGRETS: Chris Baillargeon, Dr. Sheila Boamah, Pascal Calarco, Dr. Greg Chung-Yan, Dr. B. Daly, Dr. Brent Furneaux, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Dr. Jim Green, Dr. Ziad Kobti, Dr. Linda Patrick, Mohammad Hannan Sadar, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Terry Sefton, Dr. Chris Waters, Dr. Patricia Weir.

ABSENT: Dr. Fazle Baki, Scott Cowan, Dr. Gordon Drake, Dr. Donna Eansor, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Norman King, Lynette Kivisto, Bhargav Pandya, Jay Patel, Teresa Piruzza.

PRESENT: Chris Busch, Anna Kirby, John Coleman, Rose Zanutto; Renée Wintermute (University Secretary).

1 Approval of Agenda (Unstarring agenda items)

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. M. Ahmadi/Dr. M. Fields
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meetings of October 11, 2019

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of October 11, 2019 be approved.

Dr. A. Hubberstey/Dr. J. Cappucci
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Report from the Student Presidents

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

Members were informed that monthly student council meetings with society presidents are being held to brainstorm and collaborate on new ideas. Members were also informed that there was good participation at an event where students gathered together to protest the government's education cuts. The annual canned food drive is underway for the Food Bank.

Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

Members were informed that OPUS hosted a successful Fall Social with a panel of speakers providing information sessions to students. Members were also informed that OPUS students participated in the protest demonstrating their dissatisfaction with the education cuts. The OPUS potluck has been scheduled for November 21st and everyone is welcome to attend.

Graduate Students Society (GSS)

Nothing to report.

5.2 Report of the President

(See document Sa191108-5.2 for more details)

Planning for the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA3) continues, with a draft submission due to the Ministry in December including estimated weighting for the ten key metrics (eight of which are government-defined) on which performance-based funding will be determined. Results of the Economic Impact Study will help inform the final SMA3 submission. The final draft of the SMA3 is due to the Ministry in March 2020.

An Employment Engagement Survey will help provide a strong baseline to understand how to enhance staff engagement.

Construction of the Lancer Sport and Recreation Centre (LSRC), which will house world class athletic and recreating facilities for students, and the wider community, is progressing well. It was noted that Convocation will be temporarily moved to the Windsor Family Credit Union (WFCU) Centre during the LSRC renovations.

Extensive renovations to the Law School will require the relocation of offices, support services and student space, and sharing of classrooms for approximately two years. Members were informed that fundraising will be a key focus for this project as well as the LSRC project.

5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague

Nothing to report.

5.4 Senate Student Caucus

Senators were informed that, to build greater awareness of the Senate Student Caucus, the Caucus will have a presence on the Student Experience website. The UWSA has also launched a new initiative, Coffee with a Student Senator, to provide students with an opportunity to meet their representatives and learn about Senate.

It was noted that: \$13k worth of funding has been awarded for student mental health initiatives, with \$9k remaining for a second round of applications in the new year; recommendations stemming from the Student Mental Health report are being actively addressed, including proposals for changes to the Senate bylaws and for co-locating Health Services and Counselling Services; and 24/7 tele/video-counselling through "My Student Support Program" (MySSP) has been extended to all students in over 30 languages.

Caucus encouraged the consolidation of all on-campus job opportunities on one webpage (Ignite, Food Services, etc.) for ease of reference for students, and discussed the availability of common spaces for students in the downtown campus.

5.5 Program Development Committee

***5.5.1 Program/Course Changes**

- *a) Languages, Literatures, and Cultures – Minor Program changes (Form C)**
(See document Sa191108-5.5.1a for more details)

MOTION: That the Honours Modern Languages and Second-Language Education program and the Concurrent Modern Languages and Second Language Education (Intercultural Stream)/Bachelor of Education be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- *b) Law – New Course Proposals (Form D)**
(See document Sa191108-5.5.1b for more details)

MOTION: That the following courses additions be approved:^

LAWG-5984. Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issue Editorial Board Member

LAWG-5985. Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issue – Editor-in-Chief

LAWG-5989. Law of Migrant Work

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

***5.5.2 Learning Outcomes**

- *a) Chemistry and Biochemistry – Program and Course Learning Outcomes**
(See document Sa191108-5.5.2a for more details)

The document was received for information.*

- *b) Mathematics and Statistics – Course Learning Outcomes**
(See document Sa191108-5.5.2b for more details)

The document was received for information.*

5.6 Academic Policy Committee

Nothing to Report.

5.7 Senate Governance Committee

5.7.1 Revisions to Bylaws 54 and 55

(See document Sa191108-5.7.1 for more details)

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

Dr. L. Buchanan/Dr. M. Muldoon

The proposed revisions to the Bylaws 54 and 55 provide clear details as to the dates of the exam period thus highlighting to students that it is their responsibility to be present to sit their exams, subject to extenuating circumstances, which include mental and physical health considerations but

do not include travel conflicts. In addition, language has been added to ensure that instructors are adding information on the University's mental health resources on the course syllabi.

The proposed wording about including the deadlines for the publication of the exam schedule in course syllabi appears to place the responsibility on the instructor if the posting of the exam schedule is delayed. This was not the intent.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 54, section 1.1.2, and Bylaw 55, section 2.1.2, be referred back to the Bylaw Review Committee.

CARRIED, as amended

5.8 Report of the Provost

Open House

The University hosted a successful Open House where prospective students and their parents could attend presentations and speak with professors, visit student services, and tour the campus.

Rankings

Members were informed that the University's MacLean's rankings have improved in the category of student satisfaction. A large part of this positive shift can be attributed to the improvements made under the umbrella of the AVP, Student Experience. The University's position (overall and by discipline) is also improving in the international Times Higher Education rankings.

Student Evaluation of Teaching (SET) Task Force

The SET Task Force is in the process of completing a literature review and reviewing best practices at other institutions. Once research and consultations are completed, a report will be drafted and submitted to Senate which will determine where best to forward any recommendations.

Canadian Community Engagement Classification

Members were informed that Windsor is one of sixteen Canadian post-secondary institutions taking part in the Canadian Pilot of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. The group will be working to identify existing collaborations and community engagement initiatives with the goal of enhancing University-Community partnerships to create solutions to emerging and complex challenges.

Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF)

Recognition was extended to Dr. Vincent Georgie, Director of WIFF, for his involvement and coordination of the film festival which celebrates cinema in the Windsor core by showcasing Canadian and international films during the first few weeks of November.

5.9 Report of Vice-President, Research and Innovation

Members were reminded that Tri-Council Funding is extremely important as it determines the number of Canadian Research Chairs that are allotted as well as the CFI envelope, and will be one of the government metrics under SMA3. Over the last two months, there have been 147 applications submitted to funding agencies (CIHR, NSERC, SSHRC, CFR, etc.).

It was noted that Mitacs has emerged as a major funder of HQP for the University. The funding in 2018-2019 was almost \$2 million and it is expected to be double this year.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is a federal priority in research, with a goal of achieving diversity statistics that reflect the general population by 2029. Because this is based solely on self-declarations, better procedures and practices are needed to encourage self-declarations.

The recently announced New Frontiers in Research Fund competition on “Transformational Research” is gearing up with maximum support per project set at \$4 million per year and total available funding of \$144m. The NFRF offers another competition stream for exploratory work with maximum support per project at \$125 thousand per year for two years, with total funding of \$25m. The University was successful in last year’s first round of competition with three early career researchers obtaining funding. The 2019 round of competition is currently open with results expected in Winter 2020.

The Faculty of Law in collaboration with the Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) will be hosting a climate change workshop on campus on Friday November 29th, 2019.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to Report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. M. Ahmadi/Dr. S. Woodruff

CARRIED