



SENATE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, January 10, 2020

Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm

Room: 203 Anthony P Toldo

PRESENT: Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Dr. Abdo Alfakih, Chris Baillargeon, Nick Baker, Dr. Fazle Baki, Katia Benoit, Prof. Jeff Berryman, Jeremiah Bowers, Dr. Lori Buchanan, Pascal Calarco, Dr. John Cappucci, Dr. Greg Chung-Yan, Deehanna Cober, Scott Cowan, Dr. B. Daly, Biane Deghaiche, Candy Donaldson, Dr. Gordon Drake, Dr. Phil Dutton, Dr. Donna Eansor, Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Brent Furneaux, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Dr. Robert Gordon (Chair), Dr. Jim Green, Alice Grgicak-Mannion, Dr. Marcello Guarini, Dr. Mustapha Hamil, Prof. Nick Hector, Dr. Andrew Hubberstey, Dr. Shashi Jasra, Dr. Ofelia Jianu, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Douglas Kneale, Dr. Ziad Kobti, Dr. Bruce Kotowich, Prof. Ruth Kuras, Dr. Mark Letteri, Dr. Joanna Luft, Alice Miller, Dr. Bruce Minaker, Dr. Ken Montgomery, Quessia Mugabo, Dr. Maureen Muldoon, Gordon Orr, Bhargav Pandya, Jay Patel, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Jody Ralph, Dr. Steven Rehse, Dr. Anotonio Rossini, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Dr. Terry Sefton, Dr. Victor Sevillano Canicio, Dr. K. W. Michael Siu, Dr. Julie Smith, Jennifer Soutter, Dr. Maureen Sterling, Dr. Edwin Tam, Dr. Nurlan Turdaliev, Dr. Nancy Ursel, Prof. Lionel Walsh, Dr. Patricia Weir, Sue Williams, Dr. Sarah Woodruff.

REGRETS: Linden Crain, Prof. Jason Grossi, Dr. Chris Houser, Lynette Kivisto, Prof. Kim Nelson, Prof. Lisa Salfi, Dr. Elizabeth Starr.

ABSENT: Dr. Mitch Fields, Edy Haddad, Dr. Norman King, Diana Marion, Dr. Cheri McGowan, Mohammad Hannan Sadar, Lena Sleiman, Dr. Chris Waters.

PRESENT: Dr. Cheryl Collier, Dr. Christie Stewart, Anna Kirby, Rita LaCivita, Ryan Kenney; Alison Zilli (University Secretariat).

Senators observed a moment of silence in honour of victims of Ukraine International airlines Flight 752.

1 Approval of Agenda (Unstarring agenda items)

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

B. Kotowich/N. Baker
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meetings of December 13, 2019

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2019 be approved.

J. Cappucci/E. King
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

Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

Members were informed that next upcoming event is the OPUS Social which will be held on February 13, 2020.

University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

Senators were informed that Rapper “Rich the Kid” will be headlining the WinterFest 2020 concert that the University of Windsor Students’ Alliance is hosting at the St. Denis Centre on Jan. 25, 2020.

Graduate Students Society (GSS)

Nothing to report.

5.2 Report of the President

Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA3)

Members were informed that the preliminary draft Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA3) was submitted to the Ministry on December 17, 2019 including the estimated weighting for the 10 key metrics on which performance-based funding will be determined. There is a Town Hall planned for Feb 5th with opportunity for feedback on the draft by the University of Windsor community. In addition, time has been allocated on the Feb 14th Senate agenda for a discussion on the SMA3 draft, followed by Board of Governors endorsement with final submission to the Ministry in March.

Faculty Council Meeting

Senators were informed that the President, Provost, and Vice-President, Research and Innovation have scheduled to attend Faculty Council meetings in January, February and March to highlight priorities and activities for 2020. There will be opportunity for question as well as discussion on priorities moving forward.

Advancement Review

Members were informed that Ted Garrard, CEO of SickKids Foundation and previously Vice-President, External at Western University will be visiting Windsor on a volunteer basis as part of a personal commitment he has made to strengthen the charitable and not-for-profit sector. This will be a facilitated process in late February to evaluate the current state of our advancement efforts and identify opportunities and help develop fundraising strategies to enable future institutional success.

The floor was open for comments/questions.

In response to a question raised about how the University will approach fundraising, it was noted that the University needs to get better at thinking beyond traditional fundraising approaches. The University needs to find a way to create a better institutional structure and look to opportunities that will enhance growth and empower others to participate and be a part of the fundraising process. Corporate fundraising and long-term opportunities are a few avenues that need to be considered.

5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague

(See document Sa200110-5.3 for more details)

Members were informed that the Academic Colleagues met on December 10-11th and a report on the Universities Summit was provided to the colleagues by two members who were invited to attend the function. The Summit was mostly a series of discussion sessions on perceptions of society and government and the role of universities now and into the future. The role of the of the Academic Colleagues has grown tremendously and consultations were reassuring in confirming that the voice of the Academic Colleagues is pertinent in recognizing issues concerning higher education and contributing to valuable and respected discussion.

The floor was open for comments and questions.

In response to a question raised about plans to alleviate the cost of auditing programs at the University, it was noted that this is not occurring. However, there is streamlining in terms of review processes which will have some impact on reducing costs. The University is required to provide a great deal of information, but the government is not providing funding to help with this work.

5.4 Senate Student Caucus

Senators were informed that Student Caucus has endorsed a change to Senate Bylaw 3 to have an Indigenous Student Representative in place of the rep-at-large position. This change will be on the next Senate agenda.

5.5 Program Development Committee

*5.5.1 Program/Course Changes

- *a) **Bachelor of Commerce (Honours Business Administration) Degree Completion Pathway – Chitkara University Punjab (Form C1)**
(See document Sa200110-5.5.1a for more details)

MOTION: That the degree completion pathway for students from Chitkara University, Punjab leading to the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours Business Administration) programs (any specialization and with/without thesis and co-op) be approved. ^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- *b) **Business – New Course Proposal (Form D)**
(See document Sa200110-5.5.1b for more details)

MOTION: That the following course addition be approved: *
MSCI-2250. Introduction to Project Management ^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- *c) **Categories of Courses (Undergraduate) – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**
(See document Sa200110-5.5.1c for more details)

MOTION: That the undergraduate Categories of Courses be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- *d) **Communication, Media and Film – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**
(See document Sa200110-5.5.1d for more details)

MOTION 1: That the degree requirements for the General Communication, Media, and Film, the Honours Communication, Media, and Film, the Combined Honours Communication, Media and Film, the Concurrent General Bachelor of Arts (Communication, Media and Film)/Bachelor of Education, the Minor in Communication, Media, and Film, and the Major and Minor Concentrations - Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Arts and Science (IAS) - Communication, Media and Film be changed in accordance with the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

MOTION 2: That the Bachelor of Arts (Honours Drama and Communication, Media, and Film) be discontinued.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- *e) Forensics – Minor Program Changes (Form C)**
(See document Sa200110-5.5.1e for more details)

MOTION: That the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Forensic Science be changed according to the program/course change forms.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

- 5.5.2 Master of Engineering (MEM) Online Offering – Major Program Change (Form B)**
(See document Sa191213-5.5.2 for more details)

MOTION: That the Online Master of Engineering Management (MEM) program be approved. ^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

G. Chung-Yan/Maureen Sterling

Members were informed that the online Master of Engineering will provide working professionals with the opportunity to complete their degree in an online format. The only portion of the program that is in-person are the first sessions of classes which are offered on-campus during the weekend.

CARRIED

***5.5.3 Learning Outcomes**

- *a) School of Creative Arts BA Honours Media Arts and Culture**
(See document Sa191108-5.5.3a for more details)

The document was received for information.*

- *b) Communication, Media and Film**
(See document Sa191108-5.5.3b for more details)

The document was received for information.*

- *c) Human Kinetics**
(See document Sa191108-5.5.3c for more details)

The document was received for information.*

5.6 Academic Policy Committee

- *5.6.1 Information Technology – Annual Report (2019-2020)**
(See documents Sa191213-5.6.1 for more details)

The document was received for information.*

5.7 Senate Governance Committee

Nothing to report.

5.8 Report of the Provost

Carnegie Community Engagement Classification

Members were reminded that the University of Windsor is one of sixteen Canadian post-secondary institutions taking part in the Canadian Pilot of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. It was noted that the Canadian Pilot Cohort (CPC) has begun 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. A Steering Committee has been established at the University of Windsor to gather information on what the University is doing in terms of community engagement. In addition, there is a lengthy application process that has to be completed including campus site visits by engagement experts from Carnegie in May 2020.

UWill Discover Student Research Conference

Members were informed that UWill Discover is the University's annual research conference, where undergraduate and graduate students present their original research and creative work to the campus. This year the event will be held March 31-April 2nd and submissions are due Feb 7th, 2020.

The Conversation

Senators were informed that an article written by Kinesiology professor Dr. Francesco Biondi "A user's guide to self-driving cars" was listed as one of the top 10 articles read in The Conversation.¹

5.9 Report of Vice-President, Research and Innovation

Canadian Foundation for Innovation (CFI)

The Ontario Research Fund (ORF) has been matching CFI's funding; in other words, to fund another 40% of the project, with the remaining 20% typically will be provided by the venders of the research infrastructure. On December 10th the University received the matching funds from the Province for the last two rounds of applications totally about \$280 thousand dollars. The significant delay in provincial match of CFI funding has resulted in some inconvenience in the short-term to our colleagues.

Grants Application Support

The Office of Research and Innovation Service (ORIS) will be offering writing retreats that are open to faculty, staff and postdoctoral fellows. The first retreats are planned on campus for January 24th followed by another on February 4, 2020. There will also be retreats held at Willistead Manor in April and August 2020. In addition, ORIS will be conducting a SSHRC Insight Grant workshop co-hosted by the Office of the Dean of FAHSS.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Gender Requirements in the Bylaws

At the Senate meeting in October 2019, the Bylaw Review Committee requested feedback on how to revise the gender requirement in the bylaws to be inclusive of the extensive range of gender identities. In response it was noted that Senate feedback has been gathered and Bylaw revisions are forthcoming.

International Student Support

At the December 2019 Senate meeting, concern was raised about ensuring that there are supports in place for international students (*i.e.*, language support, academic support, *etc.*). In response it was noted that this will be part of the overall review and strategic plan for internationalization at the University. However, it was stressed that the University needs to look at support to address international student in the short term.

¹ <https://theconversation.com/a-users-guide-to-self-driving-cars-114899>

The Dean of Engineering noted that an International Student Advisor been hired along with two Academic Advisors to work with international students directly. In addition, the Faculty is planning to hire an Equity and Diversity Inclusions officer.

Bylaw 1 – Missing Three Consecutive Meetings

Concern was raised regarding the issue that as per Bylaw 1, Senators are deemed to have resigned if they are absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Senate. Consideration should be given to making possible provisions for members whose three consecutive absences included meetings where they were absent with regrets due to legitimate reasons such as teaching responsibilities, illness, *etc.*

A point of contention is that ex-officio Senate members are excluded from this provision. In response, it was explained that *ex-officio* members are not elected or appointed. Instead, they serve on Senate by virtue of their office. *Ex-officio* members include the Dean of each Faculty, Vice-Presidents, Heads of Affiliated Colleges, Student Presidents, Registrar, Librarian, etc. This means that the person's participation on Senate is tied to the *office* they hold.

Senators requested that the clause which deems an elected Senator to have resigned if absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Senate be reviewed. Overall, Senators were in support of revising or removing this clause.

Other Business

Leddy Library

The University Librarian noted that Leddy Library has retained Hariri Pontarini Architects to help develop the master space plan to articulate a high-level transformation of both buildings. Members were invited to attend the first consultation session which will take place 9:30 am-11:00 am on Thursday, January 16, 2020 on the first floor of the Main Library building.

Open Learning

Members were informed that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities asked HEQCO to review the digital learning activities of the province's public post-secondary institutions to provide insight into the two government funded agencies involved in online learning. Contact North and eCampusOntario. As a result, HEQCO recommended that there be a new digital strategy that is interactive to track participation. There is a lack of data to determine information about the use of digital learning in Ontario and the recommendation is that Government funding provided through eCampusOntario should be tied to enhanced institutional collaboration and expanded credit transfer.

Student Day of Action

In response to a question raised as to whether there will Student Day of Action this year, it was noted that the day is set by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) but they have not communicated any information on this topic.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

M. Sterling/C. Baillargeon
CARRIED