



SENATE
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Friday, October 11, 2024
Time: 2:30pm-4:00pm
Room: 203 Anthony P Toldo Health and Education Centrex

ATTENDANCE: Ali Abdulhussein, Robert Aguirre, Kyle Ashquith, Natalie Atkin, Chris Baillargeon, Nick Baker, Fazle Baki, Isabelle Barrette-Ng, Clinton Beckford, Selinda Berg, Meris Bray, Juliet Bushi, Aiden Carr, Cheryl Collier, Ray Darling, Kenneth Drouillard, Adriana Duquette, Louie Elias, Patricia Fagan, Cherie Gagnon, Jen Boyes-Garbin, Robert Gordon (Chair), Kevin Granville, Xiaolei Guo, Ahmed Hamdi Sakr, Ghallia Hashem, Dennis Jackson, Jana Jandal Alrifai, Shanti Johnson, Ziad Kobti, Erika Kustra, Joanna Luft, Michael Macdonald, Ashish Mahajan, Adam Merhab, Bruce Minaker, Ken Montgomery, Maureen Muldoon, Alice Nelson, Kat Pasquach, Stephen Pender, Kathryn Pfaff, Jessica Raffoul, Suki Randhawa, Chita Rangan, Walter Rischke, Karen Robson, Linda Rohr, Simon Rondeau-Gagné, Jake Rondot, Giuliana Salvato, Peter Savoni, Patrick Selmi, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Andrew Swan, Nurlan Turdaliev, Bill Van Heyst, Cláudio Verani, Lionel Walsh, Stephen Weir.

ABSENT: Sharma Bhagwat, Yong Hoon Kim, Milad Moradi Heydarloo, Norman King, Rong Luo, Diana Marion, Jagdish Pathak.

REGRETS: Reem Bahdi, Hisham Barakat, Amangel Bhullar, John Cappucci, Natalie Giannotti, Shetina Jones, Michelle MacArthur, Scott Martyn, Claire Mummé, Roger Reka, Jennifer Rooke, Allyson Skene, Patti Weir.

IN ATTENDANCE: Jennie Atkin; Danny Anger, Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat).

- 1 **Approval of Agenda** (Unstarring agenda items)
Unstar items 5.1.2 and 5.1.3.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Rangan/Baillargeon
CARRIED, as amended

- 2 **Minutes of the meeting of May 31, 2024**

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of May 31, 2024 be approved.

Bray/Rischke
CARRIED

- 3 **Business arising from the minutes**

Following from the May Senate meeting, APC has continued discussion on the textbook pilot program. APC will be reviewing and seeking further information over the next month, and report back at the next Senate meeting.

- 4 **Outstanding Business/Action Items**

- 4.1 **Candidates for Degrees, Diplomas, and Certificates**
(See document S241011-4.1 for more details.)

MOTION 1: That Senate approve:

- 1) the slate of candidates for the Fall 2024 Convocation in the Faculties of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, Business, Education, Engineering, Human Kinetics, Law, Nursing, and Science, subject to any final review of grades and degree

requirements, and that the Dean of the Faculty concerned in consultation with the Registrar be empowered to approve the names of candidates whose notification of completion of the requirements for their degrees arrived too late for the Senate meeting;

and

- 2) the candidates for the Board of Governors' medals and the Governor General's Gold Medal; and that the Dean of the Faculty concerned, in consultation with the Office of Student Awards and Financial Aid, be empowered to approve the names of award recipients whose final grades arrived too late for the Senate meeting.

Van Heyst/Rohr
CARRIED

MOTION 2: That Senate approve the list of candidates receiving Board of Governors in-course medals.

Barrette-Ng/Rischke
CARRIED

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Program Development Committee

*5.1.1 BAsc in Mechanical Engineering (Environmental Option) – Suspension of Admissions

(See document S241011-5.1.1 for more details.)

The document was received for information.

5.1.2 PhD in Social Work – Suspension of Admissions

(See document S241011-5.1.2 for more details.)

Social Work is going through the required approval process, as set out by the Quality Council, to formalize the shift in modality for its PhD program. Once approved, admissions to the program should restart.

5.1.3 MA in Communication and Social Justice – Name Change

(See document S241011-5.1.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the MA in Communication and Social Justice be renamed MA in Communication, Media and Digital Culture.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

Asquith/Collier

The proposed change is in response to concerns from students and others about the negative connotations associated with the term “social justice” given current political discourse. The curriculum remains unchanged and students will continue to be able to pursue graduate studies in communication with a social justice lens.

CARRIED

*5.1.4 LAPS Aeronautics Leadership Program – Name Change

(See document S241011-5.1.4 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Honours in Liberal Arts and Professional Studies: Aeronautics Leadership (Flight option) be renamed to Honours in Commercial Aviation Leadership.^

^Subject to approval of the expenditures required.

***CARRIED**

5.1.5 Kinesiology – Graduate Course Learning Outcomes

(See document S241011-5.1.5 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

5.2 Academic Policy Committee

***5.2.1 Student Awards and Financial Aid Annual Report**

(See document S241011-5.2.1 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

***5.2.2 Dramatic Art – Revision to Admission Requirements**

(See document S241011-5.2.2 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

5.3 Senate Governance Committee

***5.3.1 Senate Standing Committees – Memberships**

(See document S241011-5.3.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of the following Senate Standing Committee membership:

Dr. Nadia Azar, Faculty of Human Kinetics – Academic Policy Committee

Dr. Jane Simanovski, Faculty of Nursing – Program Development Committee

***CARRIED**

5.4 Senate Student Caucus

The difficulties faced by students in assessing compassionate grounds and accessing academic accommodations were raised at Caucus. It was noted that the UWSA and the Student Advisors are working collaboratively to assess and address student academic, social, and emotional needs, with a report back to Caucus in November. Concerns around parking availability and commuting between two campuses, as well as Ignite program compensation not keeping up with the increase in inflation, were also raised. Caucus was also provided with updates on student engagement events held throughout September and the progress with the new residence and dining hall.

5.5 Report from the Student Presidents

UWSA

Updates on the upcoming bi-election, new food options, bus pass program renewal, ticket giveaways to students for WIFF, progress following the agreements with the two student groups, the appointment of Jewish and Palestinian Student Advisors, and additional supports for the Pride Centre were provided. The UWSA has also launched a program for student rentals of portable chargers, with the first three hours of the rental covered by UWSA.

GSS

No report.

OPUS

Members were informed that OPUS, along with GSS, is also a signatory to the renewal of the bus pass program. OPUS welcomed students to the new academic year with its annual Welcome BBQ and held its first free pizza Friday of the year. Members were also informed that OPUS provided feedback on the student experience strategic plan.

5.6 Report of the Academic Colleague

Members were informed that post-secondary institutions across the province are facing significant financial crisis. New projects and initiatives will be significantly curtailed as universities struggle to offer core academic programs and services.

5.7 Report of the President

The President reported on Orange Shirt day events; key messages from the Board-Senate retreat with guest speaker Alex Usher, primarily “no one is coming to rescue us”; the financial sustainability town hall in November; the search for the next Chancellor; Fall Convocation and the awarding of Distinguished University Professor on Dr. Charlene Senn and Dr. Narayan Kar; and the impact of the latest IRCC decision. Members were informed that despite tensions between the Canadian and India governments, there is still significant interest from Indian post-secondary institutions to building partnerships and collaborations. Nevertheless, the tensions between the two governments do impact student choice of international destination. Building personal relationships with Indian universities will be important to changing the narrative about Canada and UWindsor as a safe destination to study.

Members were also informed that, in addition to the University’s impressive climb to the top 26% of universities in the 2025 THE Global Rankings, fundraising dollars and research grants over the past year have significantly increased.

5.8 Report of the Provost

(See document S241011-5.8.1 for more details.)

In addition to the details in the report, members were informed that work continues on designating the University as an age-friendly campus. Members were also informed that the Quality Council will be auditing the University’s IQAP process, with site visits in November, as required every seven years under the provincial Quality Assurance Framework.

5.8.1 Enrolment Management Update

(See document S241011-5.8.1 for more details.)

As enrolment management comprises both recruitment and retention activities, members requested that a list of retention initiatives be provided in the next enrolment management report.

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

Members were invited to the lowering of the Orange Shirt Day flag ceremony on October 16, 2024.

5.10 Report of Vice-President, Research, and Innovation

(See document S241011-5.10 for more details.)

In response to a question about FAHSS research support, the VPRI acknowledged that much of the recent research partnership strengths have been with industry. However, the building of community partnerships and social entrepreneurship has been identified as an area of focus. In response to a request for an update on the Research Ethics Board, it was noted that the backlog of reviews has been cleared.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Rischke/Jandal Alrifai
CARRIED