



**SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Time: 1:00pm – 2:05pm
Room: 209 Assumption Hall

PRESENT: Mr. Pascal Calarco, Dr. Rick Caron, Dr. Pascale Chapdelaine, Mr. Linden Crain, Dr. Mitch Fields, Dr. Robert Gordon, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Douglas Kneale, Ms. Quessia Mugabo, Dr. Danielle Soulliere, Dr. Bonnie Stewart, Dr. Miriam Wright.

ABSENT: Dr. Majid Ahmadi (regrets), Dr. Jill Crossman, Dr. Michael Khan, Mr. Bhargav Pandya, Dr. Linda Patrick (regrets).

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat)

1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Soulliere/Calarco
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Meeting of April 30, 2019
(see document SGCm190430 for more details.)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of April 30, 2019 be approved.

King/Kneale
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes
Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business
Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business
5.1 Strategic Mandate Agreement 3

NOTED:

- SMA3 will see a significantly larger proportion of universities’ government grants tied to performance. Under SMA2, funding at risk was at 16% (\$14m) for the University of Windsor. Under SMA3, the proportion of government grant tied to performance for all Ontario universities will be at 25% in Year 1, 35% in Year 2, 45% in Year 3, 55% in Year 4, and 60% in Year 5. For the University of Windsor, this represents \$24m at risk in Year 1 increasing to \$54m in Year 5.
- By Year 5, universities will be reporting on 10 performance-based metrics, eight of which will be defined by the government. Institutions will determine the weighting for each metrics, within parameters established by the government.
- There will be broad consultation, including Town Halls to explain SMA3 to the community and its

impact on the University, and to gather feedback on metrics and weighting to best position the University for success.

- The government expects to finalize these agreements by March 2020.

5.2 The Year Ahead

(See document SGC191008-5.2 for more details)

NOTED:

- The President outlined the immediate strategic priorities for the coming year, including budget planning for 2020-2021 as well as multi-year budget planning (review of budget model, alternative revenue opportunities, enrolment targets and strategic enrolment priorities, fundraising); developing a strategic and comprehensive international strategy (international research and partnerships, reputational rankings, diversified international recruitment, enhanced international student support services); and enhancing the University's role and impact, both social and economic, within the Windsor-Essex region.
- A website will be developed enabling members of the University community to provide feedback on multi-year budget planning.

5.3 Honorary Degree Criteria and Restrictions

(See document SGC191008-5.3 for more details)

NOTED:

- Further defining "active politicians" could be complicated. Among others, the term includes city counsellors, MPPs, and Assembly of First Nations chiefs.
- Care would need to be given when considering awarding an honorary degree to an international politician given the University's international student population and the impact a candidate may have on them.
- If the criteria are strictly adhered to and the Committee insists on the highest level of achievement from nominees who have made outstanding contributions to culture and society in Canada or elsewhere in the world, should it matter whether recipients are politicians?
- Sound judgement must be exercised to ensure that decisions to award an honorary degree avoid even the perception of political bias or attempting to curry favour.
- The current wording allows for the awarding of an honorary degree to an active politician in exceptional circumstances. It would be incumbent upon the Honorary Degree Committee to present a strong case for recommending such a candidate to the Senate Governance Committee.

AGREED:

- This discussion which will inform next steps, to be reported at the next meeting.

6 Bylaw Business

6.1 Revisions to Bylaw 54 and 55

(See document SGC191008-6.1 for more details)

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

Caron/Fields

NOTED:

- The revisions make it explicit that both mental health and physical health issues are a basis for requesting an alternative evaluation or accommodation.
- Wording was added to ensure that students are informed of the dates of the final exam period. It is the students' responsibility to ensure that they are available to write the exam at the scheduled time.

CARRIED

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Fields/Caron
CARRIED