

# SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC) Minutes of Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 Time: 3:05pm – 3:40pm Room: 209 Assumption Hall

**PRESENT:** Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Mr. Pascal Calarco, Dr. Pascale Chapdelaine, Mr. Linden Crain, Dr. Mitch Fields, Dr. Robert Gordon, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Douglas Kneale, Dr. Bonnie Stewart, Dr. Miriam Wright.

**ABSENT:** Dr. Rick Caron (regrets), Dr. Jill Crossman (regrets), Ms. Quessia Mugabo, Mr. Bhargav Pandya, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Danielle Soulliere (regrets).

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat)

## 1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Ahmadi/Fields CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Meeting of October 8, 2019 (see document SGC191008M for more details.)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of October 8, 2019 be approved. Stewart/Fields CARRIED

## 3 Business arising from the minutes

## 3.1 Honorary Degree Criteria and Restrictions

AGREED:

• Revisions to the criteria and restrictions would not be pursued as the current wording provides sufficient flexibility to allow for the awarding of an honorary degree to an active politician. It was reiterated that it would be incumbent upon the Honorary Degree Committee to present a strong case for recommending such a candidate to the Senate Governance Committee.

## 4 Outstanding Business

4.1 Honorary Degrees (*In-Camera*)

MOTION: That the meeting move in-camera.

Khan/Chapdelaine 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 provided.

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

Voting was by secret ballot.

#### MOTION: That the ballots be destroyed.

Fields/King CARRIED

Khan/Crain CARRIED

King/Ahmadi

CARRIED

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

#### 5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Revisions to Bylaws 54 and 55 (see document SGC191119-5.1 for more details.)

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

Crain/Calarco CARRIED

#### 5.2 Revisions to Bylaw 20

(see document SGC191119-5.2 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The proposal was developed in consultation with the University's partners at Walpole Island and the Chiefs of Staff at the hospitals. All agree that the proposed titles are appropriate and recognize the contributions of the different groups.
- "Professor of Practice" is meant to include those who are leading experts in their field but may not have a terminal degree. (eg, industry partners, orchestra conductors).

#### MOTION: That proposed revisions to Bylaw 20 be approved.

King/Ahmadi CARRIED

5.3 Revisions to Bylaws 40

(see document SGC191119-5.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That proposed revisions to Bylaw 40 be approved.<sup>1</sup>

Stewart/Crain CARRIED

6 Question Period/Other Business Nothing to report.

## 7 Adjournment

## MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Fields/Caron CARRIED

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Following the meeting, it was discovered that the sections changed in Bylaw 40, also appeared in Bylaws 1 and 44. An email was sent on November 26, 2019 to Committee members and the revised changes to the Bylaws 1 and 44 were approved by general consent.