



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

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Time: 2:30pm – 3:40pm
Room: MS Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Pascal Calarco, Rick Caron, Cheryl Collier, Linden Crain, Jill Crossman, Biane Deghaiche, Jess Dixon, Mitch Fields, Robert Gordon (Chair), Douglas Kneale, Maureen Muldoon, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Jacqueline Stagner, Bonnie Stewart.

Regrets: Reem Bahdi

ABSENT: Ed King, Mitul Kansodariya

IN ATTENDANCE: Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary); For item 5.2 only: Sarah Woodruff-Atkinson (Equity Assessor).

Although items were not discussed in sequential order, the minutes do reflect the agenda order of business.

1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Stagner/Dixon
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Meeting of September 15, 2020, September 28, 2020 E-Vote and September 29, 2020 E-Vote
(see documents SGC200915M, SGC200928E and SGC200929E for more details.)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of September 15, 2020 be approved.

Crain/Fields
CARRIED

The E-Votes of September 28, 2020 and September 29, 2020 were received for information.

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business

4.1 Consideration of Bylaw on Associate Vice-Presidents Reporting to the Provost
(see document SGC200118-4.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Members were tasked with reviewing the position profiles for the AVP, Enrolment Management and the AVP, Student Experience to determine whether one or both of these positions fall within or without Senate's purview.
- A review of past discussions was provided and a lengthy discussion ensued.

- It was argued that consideration should be made to the impact that the AVP role has on academics and the academic staff. The AVP, Student Experience role exclusively provides resources to student issues and concerns which can be argued that the position is outside of supporting academics and academic staff and should not be governed by a bylaw. The AVP Enrolment Management position significantly impacts the academics and academic staff.
- In response, members returned to the enacting legislation and noted that consideration hinges on (*University of Windsor Act: Section 27*) – The power of Senate only extends to academic staff and neither of AVP positions in discussion are held by an academic staff member.
- It was proposed that consideration be made to changing the language of Bylaw 12 AVP, Student Experience, in that if the incumbent is not a member of the academic staff and does not hold an academic position at the University then Bylaw 12 does not apply. Conversely, if the incumbent is holding an academic position at the University then Bylaw 12 would apply. Alternatively, a proposal to delete the bylaw could be recommended to Senate.

AGREED:

- Based on its review of the position profiles and the University of Windsor Act, SGC agreed that 1) a bylaw to govern the Associate Vice President(s) (AVP) who report to the Provost was not appropriate; and 2) a proposal to delete Bylaw 12 AVP, Student Experience be submitted to Senate.
- The Bylaw Review Committee will consider amendments to Bylaw 13 AVP, Academic; Bylaw 17, AVP Research; Bylaw 14, The Provost; and Bylaw 16, Vice-President, Research and Innovation to make it clear that these positions are to be filled by a regular faculty member as they are academic administrative positions.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 Revisions to Bylaw 20

(see document SGC201118-5.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That proposed revisions to Bylaw 20 be approved.

Caron/Stagner

NOTED:

- The intent of the Bylaw 20 revision is to allow for a student representative from non-AAUs that are associated with an academic program on the relevant appointments committee.

CARRIED

5.2 Honorary Degrees (*In-Camera*)

(see document SGC201118-5.2 for more details.)

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

Dixon/Fields

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.

CARRIED

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

Stagner/Crain
CARRIED

6 Question Period/Other Business

In response to a question, it was noted that the University, working with WECHU, does follow-up with contact tracing in positive on campus COVID-19 cases.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Caron/Stewart
CARRIED