

SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday, October 18, 2021
Time: 9:03pm – 9:48pm
Room: MS Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Majid Ahmadi, Reem Bahdi, Cheryl Collier, Jess Dixon, Mitch Fields, Robert Gordon (Chair), Dave Johnston, Maureen Muldoon, Hussein Samhat, Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine, Jacqueline Stagner, Patti Weir.

ABSENT: Rick Caron (regrets), Mitchell Hajnal, Bonnie Stewart (regrets), Stephen Weir.

IN ATTENDANCE: Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Clinton Beckford (Vice President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary)

1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

P. Weir/Dixon
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Meeting of September 14, 2021 and September 27, 2021, E-Vote.
(see documents SGC210914M and SGC210927E.)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of September 14, 2021, be approved.

P. Weir/Bahdi
CARRIED

The e-vote of September 27, 2021 was received for information.

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business

Nothing to report.

5 Reports/New Business

5.1 SGC Subcommittee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization
(see SGC211018-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- An update was provided on several initiatives that are expected to result in recommendations relating to equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization/Indigenization. Some will require Senate deliberation and may have policy considerations.
- It was noted that the SGC Subcommittee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization will work closely with the Senate Bylaw Review Committee and Academic Policy Committee where there are Senate policy considerations.

- In response to a concern, it was noted that the proposed membership requires that there be at least one member from the Indigenous community and one member from the Black community.

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee establish a Subcommittee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization, with membership as follows:

Proposed Membership of SGC Subcommittee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization:

At minimum, the Subcommittee will include:

VP, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (or designate) (Chair)

1-2 Senate Governance Committee Members

1 faculty member

1 staff member from the Office of the Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

1 student member

In support: Office of Vice-President, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- The Subcommittee may add members with expertise or lived experience relevant to a particular initiative or proposed recommendation/policy direction.
- There shall be diverse representation on the Subcommittee, including (but not limited to) at least one member from the Indigenous community and one member from the Black community.

Sheppard-Lemoine/Collier

CARRIED

5.2 Senate Meeting Evaluation Scorecard

(see SGC211018-5.2 for more details.)

NOTED:

- The evaluation scorecard/feedback form is being used to review Board of Governors meetings and has been well received by Board members.
- The Senate Governance Committee will review the results of the scorecard and prepare a summary report for Senate, with recommended changes as needed.
- A question was raised regarding the question relating to the mission of University and whether it should be separated to support its relevance. It was noted that the consideration will be given to how this might be revised.
- It was noted that the questions on the scorecards can be variable to reflect the varying discussions topics over that period.

AGREED:

- The Senate Feedback/Meeting Evaluation Scorecard will be issued every approximately 4 months (*i.e.*, end of December for the Fall semester and in the early/mid Spring for the Winter semester).
- The scorecard will be revised to reflect that this is an evaluation of a semester worth of Senate meetings. As it currently reads, the scorecard questions relate to the evaluation of a single meeting.

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of a Senate Meeting Evaluation Scorecard.

Stagner/Sheppard-Lemoine

CARRIED

5.3 Strategic Items for Senate Discussion

(see SGC211018-5.3 for more details.)

NOTED:

- In addition to the items arising from the October 8, 2021, Senate meeting (Aboriginal Education Council Response to the Report of the Senate Working Group on Benchmarking the University in Relation to

University Canada 13 principles on Indigenous Education (for the October 29, 2021 Senate meeting), and the Budget model and Faculty Financial Sustainability Plans (for the December 10, 2021 Senate meeting)), members identified the following strategic items for Senate discussion: enrolment management; curriculum development specifically around Indigenization; micro-credential programming; work integrated learning; Faculty plans and their current efforts on teaching and research; student transition/onboarding; and University/College partnerships and experiential learning.

- It was noted that over the next year, SGC will attempt to include these topics in the planning of the Senate agenda.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Fields/Ahmadi
CARRIED