SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Monday, November 16, 2021
Time: 9:02pm – 10:28pm
Room: MS Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT: Majid Ahmadi, Reem Bahdi, Rick Caron, Cheryl Collier, Jess Dixon, Robert Gordon (Chair), Mitchell Hajnal, Dave Johnston, Maureen Muldoon, Jacqueline Stagner, Bonnie Stewart, Patti Weir, Stephen Weir.

ABSENT: Mitch Fields (regrets), Hussein Samhat (regrets), Debbie Sheppard-LeMoine (regrets).

IN ATTENDANCE: Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Clinton Beckford (Vice-President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary); Debbie Kane (Equity Assessor) for item 5.5.

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1   **Approval of the agenda**

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dixon/Stewart
CARRIED

2   **Minutes of the Meeting of October 18, 2021**
(see documents SGC211018M)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of October 18, 2021, be approved.
Caron/Johnston
CARRIED

3   **Business arising from the minutes**
*3.1   SGC Subcommittee on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Decolonization – Membership
(see SGC211116-3.1 for more details.)

The document was received for information.*

4   **Outstanding Business**
Nothing to report.

5   **Reports/New Business**
5.1   Bylaw Business
5.1.1   Proposed Bylaw Revisions [*Bylaws 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 22*]
(see SGC211116-5.1.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaws 3, 5, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20 and 22 be approved.

Caron/Ahmadi

AGREED:
- The proposed revisions will be sent back to the SGC Bylaw Review Committee to consider more contemporary language when referring to the designated equity groups.

WITHDRAWN

5.1.2 Proposed Revisions to Bylaw 1
(see SGC211116-5.1.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaws 1 be approved.

Caron/Ahmadi
CARRIED

5.1.3 Proposed Revisions to Bylaw 54 and 55
(see SGC211116-5.1.3 for more details.)

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

Caron/Ahmadi

NOTED:
- In response to a question raised regarding the difference between synchronous not asynchronous exams, it was noted asynchronous exams provide students with the flexibility to determine when they will write the exam. However, asynchronous exams will still have a scheduled timeslot which can be used as the start or end time of the exam.

CARRIED

5.1.4 Proposed Bylaw on Associate Vice- President, Enrolment Management
(see SGC211116-5.1.4 for more details.)

This item was deferred, subject to changes to the EDI language noted under 5.1.1.

5.1.5 Proposed Bylaw on Vice-President, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
(see SGC211116-5.1.5 for more details.)

This item was deferred, subject to changes to the EDI language noted under 5.1.1

5.2 Strategic Items for Senate Discussion
(see SGC211116-5.2 and SGC211116-5.2a for more details.)

NOTED:
- A comprehensive overview was provided on the current list of strategic items for Senate discussion (see SGC211116-5.2a).
- SGC must prioritize the strategic items to not over crowd the Senate agenda and ensure the most relevant or priority items are discussed.
- The University has the 3rd highest number of OSAP eligible micro-credentials in the province. A working group has been created to help develop a micro-credential framework for the University. Currently, the University has no micro-credentials for credit; however, outside partnerships for the non-credit micro-credentials have been formed.
- It was noted that a targeted poll or discussion at Senate could provide feedback on which strategic items Senate should be focusing.
- In response to a concern raised regarding the need for student-focussed strategic items with an emphasis on addressing how COVID-19 has affected student well-being, it was noted that student transition and supports for back to face-to-face learning would be the focus for strategic discussion at the January Senate meeting. It was also noted that University has mechanisms within Faculties and student groups to address these concerns.

- It was noted that background reading or position papers on the strategic items should be provided to help frame the discussions.

*5.3 Senate Standing Committee Membership
(see SGC211116-5.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of the following Senate Standing Committee membership:
Dr. Kate Kemplin – Faculty of Nursing – Academic Policy Committee

CARRIED*

5.4 Policy on the List of Approved Honorary Degree Candidates
(see SGC211116-5.4 for more details.)

NOTED:
- It was noted that there are several approved candidates that have been on the list for over 10 years.
- In response to a question raised, it was noted that the Special Appointments Committee will prioritize the candidates that have already agreed to receive an Honorary Degree and strategically manage the list for subsequent years.
- In response to a question raised about freezing Honorary Degree nominations until the list has decreased, it was noted that the University can offer more Honorary Degrees once face-to-face convocations resume.

MOTION: That the Policy on the List of Approved Honorary Degree Candidates be approves.

Ahmadi/ Dixon
CARRIED

5.5 Honorary Degrees (*In-Camera*)

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

Ahmadi/Weir
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*.

Weir/Ahmadi
CARRIED

6 Question Period/Other Business
Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment
MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Collier/Stagner
CARRIED