SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023
Time: 2:30pm – 3:07pm
Room: 203 Toldo Health Education Centre & MS Teams

PRESENT: Reem Bahdi, Clinton Beckford, Cheryl Collier, Beth Daly, Jess Dixon, Mitchell Fields, Laurie Freeman, Robert Gordon (Chair), Ofelia Jianu, Debbie Kane, Andrew Ward, Hussein Samhat, Darren Stanley, Andrew Swan, Andrew Ward, Patti Weir, Stephen Weir.

ABSENT: Laila Albalkhi (regrets), Dave Johnston (regrets), Muthukeethana Kaliappan, Mitra Mirhassani.

IN ATTENDANCE: Danny Anger (Senate Governance Officer), Renée Wintermute (University Secretary).

1   **Approval of the agenda**

     MOTION: That the agenda be approved.
                                                                                            A. Ward/H. Samhat
                                                                                            CARRIED

2   **Minutes of the Meeting of January 18, 2023**
     (See documents SGC230118M and SGC230112E)

     MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of January 18, 2023, be approved.

                                                                                            L. Freeman/A. Ward
                                                                                            CARRIED

     The e-vote of January 12, 2023 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   Proposed Bylaw Revisions [*Bylaws 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19*]
             (see document SGC230215-5.1 for more details.)

             MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaws 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 be approved.
                                                                                            J. Dixon/A.Ward
             NOTED:
             - In addition to being redundant given other opportunities for feedback, the delay caused by this step creates in an inefficient process and could result in losing the desired candidate.
             - It was noted that Senate could consider an endorsement of proposed candidates; however, this would also delay the process.
             - It was noted that Senators are electing the members to sit on the Search committees and should have confidence in their decisions.

- In response to a question about whether there is a plan to fill the Vice-Provost, Teaching and Learning and the Associate Vice-President, Research positions, it was noted that incoming VPRI will be tasked with considering filling the AVP Research position. The VP, Teaching and Learning has been vacant for a while, and it was suggested that this position may be removed, following review by the incoming Provost.

AGREED:
- The proposed revisions will expedite the Search Committee process by several weeks since the feedback that is being considered is from the same groups and individuals throughout multiple steps in the process.

CARRIED

5.2 **Strategic Items for Senate Discussion**
(see SGC230118-5.2 for more details)

NOTED:
- It was noted that the conversation on ChatGPT at the February SIS/Senate meeting was well received by Senators and members look forward to future updates on the AI software.
- In response to a question about striking a subcommittee, it was noted that a website addressing issues with AI assistive technologies and establishing guidelines for their use has been created and is being updated regularly.[1] It was also noted that assistance with the redesign of courses can be obtained through CTL and/or OOL. Any new issues that arise would be discussed by APC.

AGREED:
- The May 19, 2023 SIS will be on AODA Compliance by 2025, as it touches on many aspects of the University's mission, services, and operations (education, IT, Student Accessibility Services, OHREA, building infrastructure).
- The Senate Information Sessions have been well received on campus and the topics discussed have been relevant to current and impeding issues and have made Senate meetings more efficient.

6 **Question Period/Other Business**
Nothing to report.

7 **Adjournment**

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

M. Fields /J. Dixon
CARRIED

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[1] https://www.uwindsor.ca/openlearning/572/chatgpt-and-ai-in-teaching-and-learning