SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023
Time: 9:00-10:36am
Room: Room 209 Assumption Hall & MS Teams

PRESENT: Robert Aguirre, Reem Bahdi, Nick Baker, Clinton Beckford, Cheryl Collier, Jess Dixon, Robert Gordon (Chair), Ghallia Hashem, Husam Morra, Luis Rueda, Harbal Deep Sindhu, Darren Stanley.

ABSENT: Selinda Berg (regrets), Dave Bussiere (regrets), Beth Daly (regrets), Laurie Freeman (regrets), Ofelia Jianu (regrets), Debbie Kane (regrets), Andrew Ward, Stephen Weir (regrets).

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

C. Collier/N. Baker
CARRIED

2   Minutes of the Meeting of May 17, 2023
   (See document SGC230517M)

   MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of May 17, 2023 be approved.

J. Dixon/C. Collier
CARRIED

3   Business arising from the minutes.
   Nothing to report.

4   Outstanding Business
   Nothing to report.

5   Reports/New Business
   5.1   Review Motion Relating to Reporting to Senate on UCAPT/RTP Process
      (see document SGC230927-5.1 for more details)

      NOTED:
      • SGC discussed Senate's directive to revise the motion pertaining to UCAPT reporting to Senate on the RTP process.

      AGREED:
      • Revised reporting criteria and framework, consistent with the mandate and authority of UCAPT and Senate, and balancing transparency with confidentiality requirements, will be reviewed at the next meeting.

5.2   Proposed Revisions to Bylaws 2 and 3
(see document SGC230927-5.2 for more details)

MOTION 1: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 2 be approved.

<div align="right">J. Dixon/C. Collier</div>

NOTED:
- The proposal formalizes the provisions for virtual or hybrid Senate Committee meetings.

AGREED:
- Requiring cameras to be on is not be enforceable, but encouraging members participating virtually to keep their video camera on, as much as possible, should continue to be emphasized.
- Continued and enhanced efforts are needed to provide the best experience (technology and governance) for members participating in meetings virtually.
- Further revisions to this and other bylaws and policies will be required once the new AODA regulations come into effect.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the first and third bullet be amended as follows:
- Meetings of the Committees of Senate shall be held 100% in-person unless there is a majority vote at the **beginning of the academic year** of the committee.
- Members participating virtually are encouraged to keep their video camera on, as much as possible, ~~for the entirety of the meeting to confirm presence~~ to promote engagement.

<div align="right">**CARRIED, as amended**</div>

MOTION 2: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 3 be approved.

<div align="right">J. Dixon/ C. Collier
CARRIED</div>

5.3   Senate and Senate Standing Committee Diversity Report (2023-2024)
(See document SGC230927-5.4 for more details)

AGREED:
- Concern was raised that the University continues to stress the need to reach EDI goals, yet many Senators and Standing Committee members have not responded to the EDI Self-Identification form, which has been distributed several times over the summer. The survey will be re-circulated encouraging full participation and urging members who do not wish to self-identify to formally indicate this by completing the survey.
- Minor revisions were suggested to reflect more clearer numbers of members who are wishing not to identify versus those who do not qualify for one of the designated groups.

*5.4   Senate Standing Committee- Membership
(See document SGC230927-5.4 for more details)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of the following Senate Standing Committee membership:
Dr. Karen Robson, Odette School of Business – Academic Policy Committee.

<div align="right">**CARRIED**</div>

5.5   Strategic Items for Senate Discussion
(See document SGC230927-5.5 for more details)

AGREED:
- The Senate Information Sessions continue to be have been well received on campus. The topics

discussed have been relevant to current and upcoming issues and have made Senate meetings more efficient.

- Relevant topics for 2023-2024 may include: generative AI; curriculum development, academic freedom, and the incorporation of EDI&ID and sustainability content, practices and/or ways of knowing; Blue Ribbon Panel report; strategy for policy review and implementation of AODA requirements, research security; co-op and work integrated learning; and internationalization.
- The next three sessions will be on Generative AI (November), Curriculum Development (academic freedom, EDI&ID, sustainability) (December), Blue Ribbon Panel (February).

6   Question Period/Other Business
Nothing to report.

7   Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

R. Aguirre/C. Collier
CARRIED