

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

**Date:** Wednesday, December 13, 2023  
**Time:** 2:05-3:00pm  
**Room:** Room 209 Assumption Hall & MS Teams

**PRESENT:** Selinda Berg, Nick Baker, Cheryl Collier, Jess Dixon, Robert Gordon (Chair), Laurie Freeman, Ofelia Jianu, Debbie Kane, Luis Rueda, Darren Stanley, Stephen Weir.

**ABSENT:** Robert Aguirre (regrets), Reem Bahdi, Clinton Beckford, Dave Bussiere (regrets), Beth Daly, Ghallia Hashem, Husam Morra, Harbal Deep Sindhu, Andrew Ward.

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

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**1 Approval of the agenda**

**MOTION:** That the agenda be approved.

Nick Baker/Cheryl Collier  
**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the Meeting of November 22, 2023**

*(See document SGC231122M)*

**MOTION:** That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of November 22, 2023 be approved.

Jess Dixon/Luis Rueda  
**CARRIED**

**3 Business arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding Business**

Nothing to report.

**5 Reports/New Business****5.1 Senate Research Committee Proposal**

*(see document SGC231213-5.1 for more details)*

NOTED:

- The intent is to create a committee which is advisory to the VPRI and which would report to Senate annually, at minimum. Research has been somewhat siloed at the University, and this is one way to connect research to teaching and to ensure greater transparency and consistency in addressing and considering matters relating to research.

AGREED:

- Membership should include: faculty member(s) engaged in creative activity; graduate students should be enrolled in research-based programs; and the undergraduate student should be involved in research or from the Outstanding Scholars program.
- The title of the Committee should include "Creative Activity".

- REB staff could serve as support to the Committee, as needed.
- The proposal and proposed amendments will be forwarded to the Bylaw Review Committee for incorporation into Bylaw 3, ensuring consistency of language and structure.

## 5.2 Bylaw 31 Review – Consultation

*(see document SGC231213-5.2 for more details)*

NOTED:

- Education and training for Heads will be needed on any revisions to bylaw 31 that affects them.
- The weight of the evaluation does not denote greater or lesser seriousness in terms of addressing academic misconduct, but rather simply determines the individual charged with adjudicating the matter in the first instance.
- Bylaws and policies relating to academic integrity ensure fairness to the majority of students who work hard and honestly to obtain their degree and uphold the integrity of a University of Windsor degree.

AGREED:

- Clarification on the difference between a teachable moment and an admonition is needed. Consideration might be given to removing the teachable moment from the bylaw, as it is not a sanction and should be something that is done as a matter of course when instructors are meeting with students to go over their work, whether relating to questions of academic integrity or to provide general feedback on the submitted work.
- Prior to the Bylaw Review Committee's consideration of these changes, feedback will be obtained from the Heads.

## 5.3 Strategic Items for Senate Discussion

*(See document SGC231213-5.3 for more details)*

AGREED:

- The Winter/Spring Senate Information Session will be as follows: February 2, 2024 – Mental Health Strategy; March 1, 2024 – SEM Plan; April 5, 2024 – Strategic Academic Plan and Strategic Research Plan; May 3, 2024 – Student Retention/Success; May 24, 2024 – International Risk, Strategy, and Planning.
- The link to the SIS should be added to the agenda, with the agenda item focussing on questions arising from the session to avoid lengthy/duplicate presentations at Senate.
- Other potential SIS's for 2024-2025 include a session from PAC on branding and review of outward-facing social media presence.

## 6 Question Period/Other Business

In response to a question raised, it was noted that APC has established a subcommittee to develop guidelines around generative AI.

## 7 Adjournment

**MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.**

Laurie Freeman/Debbie Kane

**CARRIED**