



SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Time: 2:30pm – 3:40pm

Room: 209/211 Assumption Hall

PRESENT: Ms. Nusrat Tarin Chowdhury, Mr. Pascal Calarco, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Douglas Kneale, Dr. Joanna Luft, Dr. Charles MacDonald, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Darren Stanley, Dr. Chris Waters, Dr. Alan Wildeman, Dr. Nancy Wright.

ABSENT: Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Ms. Ghadeer Alghosein, Mr. Makram Al-Matary, Dr. Kevin Milne, Dr. Gurupdes Pandher.

IN ATTENDANCE: Ms. Maria Giampuzzi, Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretariat).

1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. E. King/Dr. L. Patrick
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2016 and the E-vote of March 18 2016.

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of January 19, 2016 be approved.

Dr. J. Luft/Dr. D. Stanley
CARRIED

The E-vote of March 18, 2016 was received.

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

4.1 Committee Membership

4.1.1 Senate Standing Committees

(See document SGC160518-4.1.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of the Senate Standing Committees membership for 2016-2017.

Dr. J. Luft/Dr. K. Quinsey
CARRIED

4.1.2 Judicial Panel

(See document SGC160518-4.1.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Judicial Panel membership be approved.

Dr. C. Waters/Dr. E. King
CARRIED

4.1.3 Discipline Appeal Committee

(See document SGC160518-4.1.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Discipline Appeal Committee membership be approved.

Dr. L. Patrick/Dr. D. Stanley

CARRIED

4.1.4 Procedures and Discrimination Committee

(See document SGC160518-4.1.4 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Procedures and Discrimination Committee membership be approved.

Dr. C. Waters/Dr. C. MacDonald

CARRIED

4.1.5 Nominating Committee

(See document SGC160518-4.1.5 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Nominating Committee membership be approved.

Dr. D. Stanley/Dr. K. Quinsey

CARRIED

4.1.6 Special Appointments Committee

(See document SGC160518-4.1.6 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Special Appointments Committee membership be approved.

Dr. E. King/Dr. L. Patrick

CARRIED

4.1.7 Bylaw Review Committee

(See document SGC160518-4.1.7 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Bylaw Review Committee membership be approved.

Dr. J. Luft/Mr. P. Calarco

Abstentions: 2

CARRIED

4.2 Distinguished University Professor (*in camera*)

MOTION: To go *in camera*.

Dr. C. MacDonald/Dr. D. Stanley

CARRIED

NOTED:

- The criteria and review process for Distinguished University Professor designation was outlined.
- An in-camera discussion ensued.

MOTION: That Dr. Hoda ElMaraghy be appointed Distinguished University Professor.

Dr. L. Patrick/Dr. E. King

CARRIED

Senate Governance Committee members voted by secret ballot.

MOTION: That the ballots be destroyed.

Dr. J. Luft/Dr. C. MacDonald
CARRIED

MOTION: To move out of *in camera*.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. E. King
CARRIED

5 Bylaw Business

5.1 Revisions to Bylaw 51 Including Multiple Final and Term Evaluations Over a 24-hour Period

(See document SGCa160518-5.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the approval of the proposed revisions to Bylaw 51 and the deletion of the Policy on Multiple Final Exams in One Calendar Day.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. C. MacDonald

NOTED:

- A change was made indicating the students who are scheduled to write multiple exams in consecutive time slots *over a 24-hour period or* in one calendar day have the right to seek appropriate accommodation.
- The wording regarding the fact that with the exception of distance education courses, no single evaluative procedure can be worth the entire course, has been clarified.
- Changes were made in the spirit of addressing the student experience and as directed by Senate.

AGREED:

- That 1.5.2 be amended to read “A student scheduled to write three **or more** final examinations in consecutive time slots over a 24-hour period or three **or more** final examinations....”.

CARRIED, as amended

5.2 Revisions to Bylaw 32

(See document SGCa160518-5.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate for approval of the proposed revisions to Bylaw 32.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. C. MacDonald

NOTED:

- The revisions reflect grammatical and housekeeping changes.

CARRIED

5.3 Revisions to Bylaw 23

(See document SGCa160518-5.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate for approval of the proposed revisions to Bylaw 23.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. C. MacDonald

NOTED:

- Revisions were made in order to clarify and tighten the language relating to criteria and to better recognize the reality of time frames.

CARRIED

5.4 Revisions to Bylaw 22

(See document SGCa160518-5.4 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate for approval of the proposed revisions to Bylaw 22.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. C. MacDonald

NOTED:

- Changes provide clearer and more consistent procedures, allowing anyone engaged in the process to be have a clear understanding of the steps required.

CARRIED

5.5 Revisions to Bylaw 20

(See document SGCa160518-5.5 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate for approval of the proposed revisions to Bylaw 20.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. C. MacDonald

CARRIED

5.6 Revision to Bylaw 10 – Approval Process

NOTED:

- The purpose of this item is to initiate a conversation about whether the University has the correct procedures in place with respect to decanal appointments.
- Currently, the Search Committee is elected according to bylaw 10 with both faculty and student representation. The committee then begins an in depth review of the candidates including reviewing curriculum vitae's and confidential letters of reference, conducting interviews, and garnering community input. The Search Committee then forwards its recommendation to the Faculty Council/Faculty Assembly where a majority of votes is required to endorse the candidate.
- A lengthy discussion ensued on the pros and cons of the current system.
- It could be argued that the Council/Assembly are voting without the benefit of information that is supplied to the Search Committee which brings into questions the authority, the work and the purpose of the Search Committee and raises issues of the Council/Assembly voting without having conducted the due diligence required.
- On the other hand, the Council/Assembly vote is a longstanding practice of collegial governance at this University.

AGREED:

- This item may be placed on the Senate agenda under the Senate Governance Committee for discussion, at a future meeting.

6 Question Period/Other Business

The Chair thanked all committee members for their continued support and participation.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. K. Quinsey/Dr. D. Stanley

CARRIED