



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

Date: Monday, November 20, 2017

Time: 2:34pm – 3:15pm

Room: 209/211 Assumption Hall

PRESENT: Mr. Abraham Abduelmula, Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Mr. Pascal Calarco, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Mitch Fields, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Douglas Kneale, Dr. Joanna Luft, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Dr. Alan Wildeman.

ABSENT: Prof. Brenda Francis-Pelkey, Ms. Zeina Merheb, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Danielle Soulliere, Dr. Darren Stanley, Prof. Myra Tawfik.

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

1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. C. Macdonald/Dr. M. Fields
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of September 19, 2017.

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of September 19, 2017 be approved.

Dr. J. Luft/Mr. P. Calarco
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4. Outstanding Business/Action Items

4.1 Convocation 2018 – Honorary Degrees

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

Dr. M. Ahmadi/Dr. E. King
CARRIED

NOTED:

- The criteria and process involved in selecting honorary degree candidates was outlined.
- Beginning Spring 2018, there will be 10 convocation sessions over five days.
- Proposed Honorary Degree candidates were presented and a synopsis of each of the proposed candidates' lifetime achievements was provided.

AGREED

- The existing list of honorary degree candidates will be revised as recommended by the Honorary Degree Committee.

- The policy envisions that there will not necessarily be an honorary degree recipient for each session; thereby maintaining the impact of the award. Bestowing one Honorary Degree each day and arranging for notable faculty members or alumni to speak at the other sessions would be a possible solution.

MOTION: That the proposed Honorary Degree candidates be added to the amended list of approved Honorary Degree candidates.

Dr. M. Ahmadi/Dr. E. King
CARRIED

MOTION: That the ballots be destroyed.

Dr. M. Fields/Dr. C. Macdonald
CARRIED

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

Dr. M. Ahmadi/Dr. M. Fields
CARRIED

5 Bylaw Business

5.1 Bylaw 1 – Review of Senate Membership

(See document SGC171120-5.1 for more details.)

NOTED:

- Bylaw 1 requires that Senate’s composition and size be reviewed every 5 years. The last review in 2012/2013 resulted in the maintenance of the status quo.
- The Bylaw Review Committee sent out a request for feedback, asking that Senators keep in mind the requirements of the Act and the role of Senate.
- A small number of responses were received from no clear direction emerged. The BRC is therefore not proposing changes, at this time.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. M. Ahmadi/Mr. A. Abdueilmula
CARRIED