



SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (SGC)
Minutes of Meeting

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Time: 2:30pm – 3:45pm

Room: 209 Assumption Hall

PRESENT: Mr. Abraham Abduelmula, Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Prof. Jeffrey Berryman, Dr. Rick Caron, Dr. Pascale Chapdelaine, Dr. Jill Crossman Dr. Mitch Fields, Mr. Serdar Ismail, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Dr. Douglas Kneale (Chair), Dr. Darren Stanley, Dr. Miriam Wright.

ABSENT: Mr. Pascal Calarco (regrets), Dr. Linda Patrick (regrets), Mr. Sathish Pichika, Dr. Danielle Soulliere (regrets).

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

1 Approval of the agenda

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

King/Stanley
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the Meeting of September 19, 2018

(see document SGCM180919 for more details.)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of Monday, September 19, 2018 be approved.

Caron/Khan
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

4.1 Convocation 2019 – Honorary Degrees

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

Caron/King
CARRIED

NOTED:

- The criteria and process for selecting honorary degree candidates was outlined.
- Proposed Honorary Degree candidates were presented and a synopsis of each of the proposed candidates' lifetime achievements was provided.

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

Fields/Stanley
CARRIED

MOTION: That the ballots be destroyed.

Caron/Ahmadi
CARRIED

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

Fields/Khan
CARRIED

5 Bylaw Business

5.1 Bylaw 31 – Revisions

(See document SGCa181120-5.1)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 31 be approved.

Caron/King

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That, to be consistent with the wording in sections 7, 8 and 9, the following change be made in section 6. Censure: change “the specified period of time” to “**a** specified period of time”

CARRIED, as amended

5.2 Proposed Revision to Bylaw 51 – Multiple Exams Clause

(See document SGCa181120-5.2)

MOTION: That the proposed revision to Bylaw 51 be approved.

Caron/Khan

NOTED:

- In response to a question raised, it was clarified that mid-term denotes a major test in the middle of the term; however, not all courses are structured that way. “In-term” is broader in scope.
- It was noted that the new exam scheduling system will not tell students what exam conflicts they have upon registration. Instead, the new system will use math optimization software to schedule exams once the add/drop period is over. It is expected that the new system will reduce conflicts significantly.

CARRIED

5.3 Bylaw 51 – Revisions

(See document SGCa181120-5.3)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 51 be approved.

Caron/Chapdelaine

NOTED:

- Beginning next semester, exams will be managed by INFOSILEM, a mathematical optimization software. This system is designed to reduce conflicts for multiple exams in the exam period.
- The schedule will be generated following the end of the add/drop period. In 12-week semesters, this will allow students two weeks to request an alternate exam.

AGREED:

- Item SGC181120-5.2 and SGC181120-5.3 should be merged into one document when forwarded to Senate.

CARRIED

5.4 Bylaw 1 – Missing Three Consecutive Meetings

(See document SGCa181120-5.4)

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

Caron/Ahmadi

NOTED:

- The question of being removed from Senate and not having the opportunity to represent their AAU was raised. In response, it was noted that not all AAUs are represented on Senate.
- Missing three consecutive meetings translates into three months of missed Senate meetings, which represents a full semester of meetings if in the Fall.
- Concern was raised regarding managing the process in terms of personal/private information that would be available to the Senate Governance Committee. Would it be in the form of a doctor's note and how much detail would be required? If an exception is made and the individual misses the next meeting, how would this be managed?
- The question of running Senate efficiently was also raised as a concern.

AGREED:

- Members upheld the original clause, noting that this provision is about ensuring that Senate is making decisions based on the perspectives of all representative groups. Missing three consecutive meetings, regardless of the reasons, means that the perspective of the representative group is not being provided fully.
- That it be reported to Senate that the Senate Governance Committee decided to uphold the original rationale and leave the clause as is.

WITHDRAWN

5.5 Bylaw 40 and Bylaw 20 – Revisions

(See document SGCa181120-5.5)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 40 and Bylaw 20 be approved.

Caron/Ahmadi

NOTED:

- This bylaw change would allow sessional lecturers to participate not only in head searches but appointments for new faculty.
- Only those having agreed to participate on council should be included in the pool of faculty members/sessional lecturers allowed to sit on appointments committees.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Add Bylaw 44, 3.1.8 revision to mirror Bylaw 40, 4.1.6 revision and change Bylaw 20 sections, 2.1.1, 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 to: "Three or more faculty members/sessional lecturers **on Council** elected by and from all regular faculty members in the AAU **and sessional lecturers on Council.**"

CARRIED, as amended

6 Question Period/Other Business

The Bylaw Review Committee was asked to review the process for electing students to appointments Committee. In large AAUs, electing by and from students in the AAU can be difficult to manage. In other AAUs, electing by and from the students on the AAU Council places too much pressure on the few students on Council.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Ahmadi/Abduelmula

CARRIED