



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

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019

Time: 2:02pm – 3:35pm

Room: 209 Assumption Hall

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

ABSENT: Dr. Mitch Fields (regrets), Mr. Sathish Pichika (regrets), Dr. Danielle Soulliere (regrets).

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Andrew Hubberstey, Dr. Dan Mennill; Ms. Maria Giampuzzi (Senate Governance Officer) and 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 March 27, 2019

(see document SGCm190327 for more details.)

MOTION: That the minutes of the Senate Governance Committee meeting of March 27, 2019 be approved.

Caron/Wright
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4 Outstanding Business/Action Items

4.1 Biomedical Sciences – New AAU Proposal

(See document SGCa190430-4.1 for more details)

NOTED:

- Creating this new department will help expand and strengthen research and education in biomedical sciences. This is a growing area of interest and will be attractive to top students both within and outside Windsor-Essex.
- This is coming at an opportune time with the new hospital and the Windsor Health Institute (WHI); helping to create opportunities at every stage with research, undergraduate training and graduate programs.
- 10 faculty members expressed interest in joining the biomedical sciences department. All resources with the exception of office space for an administrative position already exist.

AGREED:

- That proposers be prepared with the following additional information when presenting at the May 10, 2019 Senate meeting:

- Qualitative claims have been made that students are choosing alternative universities because of Windsor's lack of biomedical sciences program (i.e., enrolling in other universities biomedical programs). Proposers should be prepared with quantitative data in the form of applications numbers to these other universities (and county of origin). Year to year enrolment in the biomedical stream should also be on hand. Institutional Analysis should be able to assist with this.
- Proposers should be prepared with a list of other universities that have a Department or Faculty of Biomedical Science and whether they also have a department of Biology.
- If it is the case that students are choosing other universities because of the lack of a biomedical science program at Windsor, some members argued that the creation of a biomedical sciences program would address this and would benefit both students and the university and wondered why it is necessary to create a new AAU in order to achieve this or how splitting Biology into two smaller AAUs (in preference to creating a new biomedical sciences program within the existing Biology AAU) will provide any additional benefit to the University or to the students. Proposers should be prepared to speak to the benefit/impacts of an AAU split vs program creation, including the impact of an AAU split on faculty who will remain in the Biology department.
- Proposers should be prepared with specifics on the attempts that have been made in the past to develop separate programs/initiatives and how they were received.

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate the creation of the Department of Biomedical Sciences.*

Caron/Patrick
CARRIED

4.2 Committee Membership

4.2.1 Senate Standing Committees

(See document SGCa190430-4.2.1 for more details)

MOTION: That the Senate Governance Committee recommend to Senate for approval the Senate Standing Committee Membership for 2019-2020.

Ahmadi/King
CARRIED

4.2.2 Senate Governance Committee - Subcommittees

(See document SGCa190430-4.2.2 for more details)

MOTION: That the Discipline Appeal Committee, Procedures and Discrimination Committee, Special Appointments Committee, Nomination Committee and Bylaw Review Committee memberships be approved.

Caron/Stanley
CARRIED

5 Bylaw Business

5.1 Proposal for New Bylaw 51 (Undergraduate) and New Bylaw 55 (Graduate)

(See document SGCa190430-5.1 for more details)

MOTION: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 51 be approved, including dividing the bylaw into two bylaws: Bylaw 51, Undergraduate Academic Evaluation Procedures, and Bylaw 55, Graduate Academic Evaluation Procedures, and that the proposed revision be approved.

Caron/Ahmadi

NOTED:

- An overview of the proposed changes was provided. Concern was expressed that not all graduate courses allow for a mechanism for feedback. In response it was noted that exemptions could be approved by the Dean of Graduate Studies.

AGREED

- A history of the numbers used for Senate bylaws was discussed. The committee agreed that 54 and 55 were both available and the committee was in favour of the numbers being consecutive.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the proposed revisions to Bylaw 51 be approved, including dividing the bylaw into two bylaws: *Bylaw 54, Undergraduate Academic Evaluation Procedures*, and *Bylaw 55, Graduate Academic Evaluation Procedures*, and that the proposed revision be approved.

CARRIED, as amended

5.2 Gender Requirements in the Bylaws

NOTED

- The question of the gender binary language in the bylaws, including the requirement that “both genders be represented” on committees has been raised by members of the University community. The Committee agreed that this should be further explored and tasked the Bylaw Review Committee with its consideration.

6 Question Period/Other Business

Nothing to report.

7 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Ahmadi/King
CARRIED