



**SENATE**  
**Minutes of Meeting**

**Date:** Friday, January 11, 2019

**Time:** 2:35pm-3:10pm

**Room:** 203 Anthony P Toldo

**PRESENT:** Mr. Abraham Abduelmula, Dr. Majid Ahmadi, Mr. Yasin Avci, Mr. Chris Baillargeon, Dr. Anne Baird, Mr. Nick Baker, Dr. Fazle Baki, Ms. Katia Benoit, Prof. Jeff Berryman, Mr. Jeremiah Bowers, Dr. Lori Buchanan, Mr. Pascal Calarco, Dr. Greg Chung-Yan, Dr. Cheryl Collier, Ms. Candy Donaldson, Dr. Gordon Drake, Dr. Phil Dutton, Dr. Karen Engle, Dr. Mitch Fields, Mr. Ryan Flannagan, Dr. Jim Green, Dr. Marcello Guarini, Dr. Xiaoiei Guo, Dr. Mustapha Hamil, Dr. Chris Houser, Dr. Andrew Hubberstey, Dr. Shashi Jasra, Mr. Dave Johnston, Dr. Michael Khan, Dr. Ed King, Ms. Lynette Kivisto, Dr. Douglas Kneale (Chair), Dr. Ziad Kobti, Dr. Bruce Kotowich, Prof. Ruth Kuras, Dr. Mark Letteri, Dr. Joanna Luft, , Dr. Scott Martyn, Dr. Cheri McGowan, Ms. Alice Miller, Dr. Carlin Miller, Dr. Bruce Minaker, Dr. Ken Montgomery, Mr. Gordon Orr, Mr. Sathish Pichika, Ms. Teresa Piruzza, Dr. Katherine Quinsey, Dr. Jody Ralph, Dr. Steven Rehse, Dr. Anotonio Rossini, Dr. Mehrdad Saif, Ms. Lisa Salfi, Dr. Iain Samson, Ms. Lena Sleiman, Ms. Jennifer Soutter, Dr. Elizabeth Starr, Dr. Maureen Sterling, Dr. Nurlan Turdaliev, Prof. Valarie Waboose, Dr. Patricia Weir, Ms. Sue Williams, Dr. Jennifer Willet, Dr. Sarah Woodruff.

**REGRETS:** Dr. Sheila Boamah, Dr. Rick Caron, Mr. Richard Corneil, Dr. James Gauld, Dr. Vincent Georgie, Prof. Jason Grossi, Dr. Paul Henshaw, Dr. Ofelia Jianu, Ms. Diana Marion, Ms. Zeina Merhed, Prof. Kim Nelson, Mr. Siddarthkumar Patel, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. K. W. Michael Siu, Dr. Darren Stanley, Dr. Chris Waters.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Serdar Ismail, Dr. Norman King, Dr. Mehdi Sangani Monfared.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Chris Busch, Mr. Ryan Kenney, Ms. Renée Wintermute (University Secretary) and Ms. Alison Zilli (University Secretariat).

**1 Approval of Agenda** (Unstarring agenda items)

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

Ms. S. Williams/Dr. C. Collier  
**CARRIED**

**2 Minutes of the meetings of December 14, 2018**

**MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2018 be approved.**

Dr. E. King/Dr. A. Hubberstey

Corrections were noted.

**CARRIED, as amended**

**3 Business arising from the minutes**

Nothing to report.

**4 Outstanding Business/Action Items**

Nothing to report.

## **5 Reports/New Business**

### **5.1 Report from the Student Presidents**

#### University of Windsor Students Alliance (UWSA)

The UWSA is pursuing many initiatives for students during Frost Week to encourage them to get involved in student life. Some of the activities have included trivia night, games night and paint night. In addition, they have been offering free breakfast for students. UWSA is grateful to the support that they have received for this initiative and are hoping to continue a biweekly breakfast for students.

It was noted that students will be able to participate in a referendum to determine the future of the U-Pass on a permanent basis. It was also noted that general elections will commence soon.

#### Graduate Students Society (GSS)

It was noted that since the launch of the new UWinsite, students have continued to experience issues with their student accounts. In response, it was noted that issues identified are in the process of being resolved in priority order.

#### Organization of Part-Time University Students (OPUS)

Senators were informed that the OPUS has been very active with participation in Winter Orientation for students including the annual Winter Appreciation week.

### **5.2 Report of the Interim President**

Members were informed that there are still many unknowns with the new government. In particular, there has not been any new information on government grants and the funding formula, on the tuition fee framework, or on the future of the SMAs. The Interim President noted that he had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and extended an invitation to the Minister to visit the campus and see first-hand what the University is really about.

Recently, the Minister outlined a few key policy areas pertaining to universities such as: 1) Ensuring that post-secondary education is affordable by restoring the financial sustainability of OSAP so that the program is efficient; 2) Enhancing the capacity of Ontario's post-secondary education institution to respond to the needs in the workforce; 3) Ensuring Ontario has a robust research system; and, 4) Ensuring Ontario University has top of the line equipment.

In campus news, it was noted that 4th year students in the Bachelor of Fine Arts Acting program are travelling to Toronto this weekend to attend Theatre Ontario's Next Generation Showcase to showcase their talent. The event provides an opportunity for industry professionals to seek new talent.

### **5.3 Report of the Academic Colleague**

Members were informed that the main topic of discussion focussed on free speech and human right issues and that guest visitor Professor Cameron met with Academic Colleagues to discuss the intersections between them.

#### Free Speech Policy

In response to a question raised regarding whether the feedback from Senate on the Free Speech Policy was incorporated into the final version of the document, it was noted that all feedback was reviewed but that no substantive changes were made following Senate's review. It was noted that there was much overlap in the comments made by Senators and comments made from others which were included in the policy prior to Senate, or addressed in the task force's cover memo added to the document.

### **5.4 Senate Student Caucus**

Nothing to report.

**5.5 Program Development Committee**

Nothing to report.

**5.6 Academic Policy Committee**

Nothing to report.

**5.9 Report of the Provost**

An overview was provided to Senators about *The Conversation, Canada* which is an online academic publication that the University has joined. It is part of a global network and an excellent vehicle to ensure that research and creative activity has an impact, nationally and internationally. The goal is to help increase the sharing of the University's research with the wider community. It is an independent source of news and views are delivered directly to the public. *The Conversation* can be accessed online at: <http://theconversation.com/ca>.

It was noted that the University has a lot to offer in terms of community engagement. Last year the University hosted a series of community consultations with various stakeholders in the health, private, cultural, and industrial sectors where community leaders were brought to campus with the goal of gaining insight into perspectives and expectations they had for the University and how it can contribute to the region.

The University will be organizing and offering free workshops for those who want to improve their communication skills and amplify research. The first sessions will be offered on Tuesday February 5, 2019.<sup>1</sup>

It was expressed that gathering data on areas such as community engagement would be helpful for inclusion in the reporting for the Strategic Mandate Agreement.

**5.10 Report of Vice-President, Research and Innovation**

Nothing to report.

**6 Question Period/Other Business**

Nothing to report.

**7 Adjournment**

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

Dr. C. Miller/Mr. R. Flanagan

**CARRIED**

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<sup>1</sup> Registration can be accessed online via the Provost's Office Events website <https://met.uwindsor.ca/provost/events/3/#wkshp-3>