



MINUTES

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, Waterloo Campus

SCJ210, SC Johnson, Brantford Campus (videoconference)

Present: M. Ahmed, R. Ame, C. Anderson, D. Antonowicz, A. Araujo, G. Ashoughian, R. Basso, H. Beaudry, D. Buzza, M.L. Byrne, S. Cameron, M. Cantalini-Williams, M. Carroll, G. Carruthers, K. Carter, J. Casey, A. Clarke, J. Coolman, S. Ensign, S. Ghamat, A. Goodrum, T. Hazell, J. Holm, M. Hron, K. Jackson, M. Kelly, L. King, H. LeBlanc, V. Kitaev, D. MacLatchy, M. Mancuso, D. Maoz, B. MacKay, P. McLaren, L. McLeod, D. McMurray, D. Monod, K. Montero, J. Mueller, R. Nemesvari, J. Newman, S. Ramsay, M. Reesor, M. Rowinsky, J. Schwieter, D. Smith, M. Woodford, W. Wu, K. Yri

Regrets: H. Ahonen, A. Beggar, L. Chu, D. Deutschman, A. Edgar, L. Eisler, M. Harris, C. Hiebert, L. Hawton-Kitmura, S. Isotupa, Mi. Kelly, E. Mercier, L. Read, K. Rice, D. Rzondzinski, K. Shankardass, M. Straub

Absent: P. Blassi, K. Fitz, C. Donnelly, K. Dowler, M. Hussain, M. McDonald, K. Sarathy, S. Shah, S. Sharma

University Secretariat: A. Kornobis, S. McLellan

A. Introduction

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Consent Agenda D. MacLatchy

The meeting was called to order; D. MacLatchy read the land acknowledgement and welcomed Senate members and guests. The consent agenda was brought forward for approval; it was noted that there was a clerical error in the minutes for the October Senate meeting.

MOTION (M. Rowinsky/M.L. Byrne) that Senate approve the Consent items listed for approval under item C.1. CARRIED

2. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was a discussion related to Senate being able to review the contract that Laurier would sign with the Town of Milton (if the option to take the 150 acres of land), so that Senators could assess future obligations if any that the contract commits Laurier too. A. Kornobis and D. MacLatchy responded that this is a governance issue and that the real estate contract falls under purview of the Board of Governors; good governance policies will ensure that Senate is kept updated on programs, government relations and other details related to Milton, it was also noted that because a contract is a legal and confidential item it would not be in the best interest to show to large groups of people. It was noted that all academic decisions would be go through the normal governance process at Senate. It was determined that the matter would be brought to the Board of Governors. There was no other business arising.



3. Leadership Update

a. Report of the President, D. MacLatchy

In the report of the President, D. MacLatchy provided the following information and updates: Laurier celebrated seven convocation ceremonies in October - six in Waterloo and one in Brantford; this year's Laurier Visiting Writer was author and musician Dave Bidini; D. MacLatchy gave the introduction at his talk on Oct. 28 on 'Writing Canada' which he delivered in addition to participating in campus events and lectures across several faculties in Waterloo and Brantford during his week-long residency; on Nov. 3 D. MacLatchy hosted the President's Community Reception in Cambridge as an opportunity for government, business and community leaders from our host communities to meet the newest members of our administration; on Nov. 5 we marked the latest expansion of Laurier into Downtown Kitchener with the grand opening of the Lazaridis Institute's new home at 72 Victoria Street, the Lazaridis Institute's new office will be home to its staff members, ScaleUp program, and the future executive training programs it will offer; on Nov. 1st and 2nd and then on the 9th Laurier hosted open houses in Waterloo and Brantford, respectively, they were very successful with nearly 7,000 visitors in Waterloo (representing a 13% increase from last year) and just over 1,300 visitors in Brantford (representing a 10% increase from last year); the 2019 Edna Staebler Award for Creative Non-Fiction has gone to Kate Harris for her book, "Lands of Lost Borders: A Journey on the Silk Road.", D. MacLatchy was pleased to present congratulations from the university when she received her award on Nov. 7; on the government relations file Laurier has taken key meetings with elected officials from all levels of government to advance priorities in the Laurier strategy as a multi-campus, multi-community institution; the Executive Leadership Team met on Nov. 11 to receive the first round of budget recommendations from executive leads, Provost and Vice-President: Academic Maureen Mancuso and Vice-President: Finance and Administration Tony Araujo, ideas for budget recommendations were submitted through the university-wide online submission form as part of the Empowering Change: 2019-2020 budget process. There were no questions on the President's report.

b. Report of the Acting Provost and VP: Academic, M. Mancuso

M. Mancuso had a presentation that provided an update on the SMA3 process; as well advanced notice of an external review of the faculty structure was given to Senate; M. Mancuso responded to questions regarding the number of initiatives taking place and the ability for all of these initiatives to be managed at once; the three years of data needed for the metrics for SMA3; the use of CRA data for graduate earnings.

c. Question Period: Written or Verbal

Two written questions were submitted in advance of the meeting, the question relating to Milton was moved to the In Camera portion of the meeting.

M. Mancuso replied to a question on the percentage of undergraduate courses and students that are taught by Contract Teaching Faculty.

One additional question was asked relating to flexibility on when final exams are due for printing to allow more time for changes; J. Casey responded that the process is currently centralized but there is interest in changing this to make the process decentralized, this would allow for more flexibility, this change is tentatively planned for next year.



B. Discussion

4. Reports/Recommendations from Divisional Councils

a. Faculty of Liberal Arts, K. Carter

K. Carter presented the curriculum changes for the Faculty of Liberal Arts, there were no questions on the items.

i. Major Modification – Social Innovation Minor
and Specialization

MOTION (K. Carter/A. Goodrum) On the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, that Senate approve changes for the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Social Innovation Minor and Specialization program. CARRIED

ii. Substantive Minor Change – User Experience Design

MOTION (K. Carter/A. Goodrum) on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, that Senate approve the removal of 2.0 credits of required other discipline elective choices from the User Experience Design Program. CARRIED

b.

Faculty of Arts.

R. Nemesvari

R. Nemesvari presented the curriculum changes for the Faculty of Arts, there were no questions on the items.

i. Major Modification - History

MOTION (R. Nemesvari/C. Anderson) on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, that Senate approve an Applied Digital Minor for the Faculty of Arts. CARRIED

ii. Substantive Minor Change – History

MOTION (R. Nemesvari/M. Rowinsky) on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, that Senate approve the updated list of Applied Digital Option electives for the Faculty of Arts. CARRIED

c. Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Richard Nemesvari

R. Nemesvari presented the curriculum changes for the Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, a representative from the Communication Studies program responded to a question on student numbers and any impact on resources related to the coursework only option.

i. Major Modification – Communication Studies

MOTION on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, that Senate approve the addition of a coursework only option for the Master of Arts in Communication Studies program. CARRIED

5.

Budget Update, A. Araujo

and M. Mancuso



A. Araujo and M. Mancuso provided a presentation that was an update on the budget process, they responded to questions related to audited financial statements and how they relate to the budget, the information that was provided that allows for the ability to reduce contribution to the pension plan, and impact of tuition cuts.

6. Implementing the Laurier Strategy through Integrated Planning, M. Mancuso

M. Mancuso provided a presentation on Implementing the Laurier Strategy through Integrated Planning, this included details on the framework, the strategy in action, plan types and assessments. M. Mancuso responded to questions related to time frame and how this process may be impacted by the faculty study that is commencing in 2020.

7. *In Camera Session*

The meeting moved to an in camera session.

MOTION (C. Anderson/S. Ramsay) to move in camera and allow key resource staff to be present. **CARRIED**

8. Matters from the Consent section of the agenda
There were no matters from the consent agenda.

9. Other Business
There was no other business.

10. Adjournment

C. Consent

The following items are provided for approval or information. The items noted for Approval will be approved by consent unless otherwise highlighted during Item A.1.

1. Items for Approval
 - a. Agenda
 - b. Draft Minutes of the October 2019 Meeting
2. Items for Information
 - a. Report of the Senior Executives
 - b. Fall 2019 Convocation Report
 - c. Fall 2019 Enrolment Report