



## SENATE MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting

Tuesday, October 22, 2024, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Present: D. MacLatchy (Chair), A. Akanni, D. Antonowicz, W. Arshad, B. Basso, M.L. Byrne, J. Cairns, M. Cantalini-Williams, B. Chiu, L. Chu, A. Clarke, K. Clarke, V. Collis, J. Coolman, M. Coulter, J. Crowell, A. Davis, L. Dawe, A. Domurath, M. Emery, A. Essaji, G. Foster, S. Gillies, L. Habtemichael, A. Hansra, D. Henderson, P. Ironstone, C. Johnston Turner, M. Kelly, N. Lehecka, K. Lund, R. Makarov, P. Mallet, E. Mazaheri, C. McAdam, R. McGowan, B. McKay, T. McLaren, D. McMurray, K. Murray, J. Newman, L. Noronha, H. Northwood, A. Parker, H. Pimlott, J. Popham, S. Poynter, S. Ramsay, C. Smith, D. Smith, T. Snoddon, J. Straub, D. Thomas, D. Treleaven, P. Urquhart, J. Wang, K. Werbin, D. Wheatley, B. Wolfe, A. Zaidi

Regrets: S. Chan, M. Elayyan, L. Felice, M. Khan, S. Lachapelle, D. Maoz, C. Matheson, N. Patel, M. Skop, A. Tariq, F. Wang

Absent: B. Assiginaak, S. Doherty, E. Fox Tree, S. Guardado, J. Monture, S. Perry, G. Yun

Secretariat: K. Jack, A. Juhik, A. Kornobis, P. Marfisi

### 1. Open Session

a. Call to Order & Approval of the Consent Agenda

**Motion (J. Straub/M-L. Byrne):** that Senate approve the consent items listed for approval under item 7.a. **Carried.**

b. Leadership Update

i. Report of the President

The chair offered remarks about pending conversations with the province about several matters including funding and the SMA4. She noted some of the details of the SMA4 process and multi-year programs, and observed that there are remaining questions about some details and ways to optimize opportunities.

ii. Report of the Provost and VP: Academic

H. Northwood offered brief remarks about key activities in her area including: observations about the successful recent Ontario Universities' Fair; the coming discussions about the University's academic structure, and she thanked those who offered feedback already.

c. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was no business arising.

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## 2. Reports and Recommendations from Standing Committees

### a. Senate Academic Planning Committee

#### i. Course Syllabus Templates

T. McLaren provided an overview of the proposed changes to the course syllabus template, noting that they are in response to an August memo from the Ministry of Colleges and Universities. In discussion: confirmation that all course readings' costs must be included; the potential for availability implications; many expressions of concern about institutional autonomy; some of the ways instructors may find costs; agreement of the importance of a communications plan.

**Motion (T. McLaren/K. Werbin):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, Senate approve the proposed changes to the undergraduate and graduate syllabus templates, to include the cost of all textbooks and other learning materials that are mandatory and optional for the course, as directed by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities, to take effect January 1, 2025. **Carried with 13 votes against and two abstentions.**

#### ii. Faculty of Science

##### a) New Program Proposal, Honours Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine

A. Clarke introduced the proposed new program, and in response to questions, offered some details about financial considerations.

**Motion (A. Clarke/B. Basso):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, Senate approve the Honours Bachelor of Science in Paramedicine new program proposal. **Carried with two abstentions.**

### b. Senate Student Appeals Committee

#### i. Student Appeals Procedures

T. McLaren briefly reviewed the proposed changes to the to procedures which are being updated to reflect current processes and add clarity.

**Motion (T. McLaren/J. Cairns):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Student Appeals Committee, Senate approve the revisions to the Senate Student Appeals Procedures in the undergraduate calendar and add the procedures to the graduate academic calendar as presented, to take effect immediately. **Carried.**

### c. Senate Governance Committee

#### i. Senate By-Law Change

S. Ramsay spoke to the rationale for the proposed By-Law change.

**Motion (S. Ramsay/T. McLaren):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Governance Committee, that Senate approve the revisions to Section 6.7., "Student Appeals Committee" in the Senate Bylaws as presented. **Carried.**

- ii. Senate Engagement Survey Results and Recommendations  
S. Ramsay and A. Kornobis spoke to the survey results, and highlighted the constructive feedback received from last year's Senators. A. Kornobis identified several actions already implemented or underway, and advised that the Secretariat will continue to carry out other recommendations as described in the report.

### **3. Matters from the Consent Section of the Agenda**

None.

### **4. Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **5. Q&A with Leadership**

In response to a question, L. Noronha agreed to follow up with information about the space planning activities that are underway.

### **6. Adjournment**

Senate adjourned by consensus.

### **7. Consent Items**

- a. Items for Approval
  - i. Agenda
  - ii. Draft Minutes of the September 24, 2024 Senate Meeting
  - iii. Substantive Minor Modification, General BC without Designation, Faculty of Liberal Arts  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, Senate approve the change to program requirements for the General BA Without Designation in the Faculty of Liberal Arts.
- b. Items for Information
  - i. Reports of the Senior Executives
  - ii. Overview of Audited Financial Statements
  - iii. Report from the Senate Governance Committee re: Two Committee Appointments
  - iv. Report from the Senate Executive and Finance Committee re: OSS Appointment