



**Senate Council**  
**Minutes of the Friday, October 21, 2016, Meeting**

**Present:** Katherine Bergman (Chair), Veronica Austen, Darren Becks, Steven Bednarski, Kieran Bonner, Tristanne Connolly, Sara Humphreys, Alysia Kolentsis, Jane Nicholas, Viola Poletes Montgomery, Anna Purkey, David Seljak, Toni Serafini, Sylvia Terzian, Bruno Tremblay, Cristina Vanin, Chad Wriglesworth, Nick Zunic

**Absent:** Chris Burris, Fred Desroches, Maureen Drysdale\*, Stephanie Gregoire\*, Norm Klassen\*, Scott Kline\*, Whitney Lackenbauer, Gabriel Niccoli\*, Awalou Ouedraogo\*, David Perrin\*, John Rempel, Lorna Rourke\*, BJ Rye, James Skidmore, Mark Spielmacher\*, Myroslaw Tataryn\*, Ryan Touhey\*, Maya Venters\*, Denise Whitehead\*, David Williams

*\*regrets*

**On Leave:** Carol Acton, Susan Brophy, Kerry Lappin-Fortin, Caitlin Mulcahy

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Open Session

1. **Prayer**

Toni Serafini opened the meeting with a reflection.

2. **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair thanked everyone who attended Feast and the Grand Opening. St. Jerome's University was featured in the University of Waterloo homecoming weekend video. The Chair acknowledged the Advancement Department for their work during the Grand Opening and Feast which had a good turnout and were well received.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved. Tremblay and Bonner. Carried unanimously.

4. **Declarations of Conflict of Interest**

Members of Senate Council were asked to declare any conflicts they may have in relation to the items on the agenda. No conflicts were declared.

5. **Approval of the Minutes of September 23, 2016**

Page 1, item 2, *Chair's Report*, paragraph 2: "On September 22, 2016, St. Jerome's University hosted the Education Partnership Liturgy for the Diocesan partnership for the first time." Was changed to "On September 22, 2016, St. Jerome's University hosted the Diocesan Mass in celebration of Catholic Education for the first time."

➤ The friendly amendment to the minutes of September 23, 2016, was approved. Tremblay and

Humphreys. Carried. 2 abstentions.

## 6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## 7. **Reports from Committees**

### a. *Governance Committee*

There was no report from the Governance Committee.

### b. *Academic Committee*

Under the *For Information* section there was a change to the English courses that were sent out. The course changes are effective beginning September 1, 2017, with the exception of ENGL 108X which would be effective Spring of 2017 and ENGL 251 which will be September 1, 2018.

The Legal Studies progress report that was brought forward raised a discussion around faculty retention and resource allocation.

- **Motion 1:** *That SJU Senate Council approve the Legal Studies new courses and course change, to be effective September 1, 2017.* Vanin and Bonner. Carried unanimously.

Both the Department for Sociology and Legal Studies at St. Jerome's University and University of Waterloo will have discussed these changes. The department at the University of Waterloo will be bringing the changes forward to the Arts Undergraduate Affairs Group (UGAG). There was some discussion around the course on migration as well as the special topics courses in Legal Studies and their possible redundancy.

- **Motion 2:** *That SJU Senate Council approve the Philosophy course changes, new courses, and plan changes, to be effective September 1, 2017 with PHIL 218J course changes to be effective September 1, 2018.* Vanin and Tremblay. Carried unanimously

On page 24 item 11 of the Academic Committee report, the year for the PHIL 218J course change is approved with an effective date of September 1, 2018 not 2017 as originally stated in the package. This course in its existing form is one of two cap stone courses for the Human Sciences plan which is the reason for the change in date. There are no objections from the Department of Philosophy at University of Waterloo as they have been collaborated with during this process.

- **Motion 3:** That SJU Senate Council approve the Italian Studies course changes, to be effective September 1, 2017. Vanin and Serafini. Carried unanimously

c. *Committee on Research and Scholarship*

The Research Officer reminded Senate Council members that the Aid to Scholarly Publications applications are due November 1, 2016.

d. *Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee met once since the last Senate Council meeting and had an auditor walk through the 2015 financial statement with them. The statement received a clean audit report. It will be available on the website shortly. The committee was free to ask questions which resulted in some discussions around the Campus Renewal project.

e. *Library Committee*

There was no report from the Library Committee.

8. **Report from the Vice President Academic and Dean**

There were no comments on the Vice President Academic and Dean's (VPAD) written report. There were some questions raised regarding the classroom feedback that had been provided which the VPAD will follow up. Any further concerns should also be sent to the VPAD. A discussion around course evaluation changes was held. Further information will be brought to Senate Council once more is known regarding the changes that will be made to University of Waterloo course evaluations.

9. **Report from the Registrar**

The Registrar has been busy the last few months with recruiting efforts which includes school visits, university information sessions, and fairs. Students begin to apply in November with the bulk of applications coming in around Christmas or slightly before. Saturday, November 5, 2016, is the tour date for St. Jerome's University. The guidance counsellor luncheon will take place on Tuesday, December 6, 2016. A Unity Conference will be held at St. Jerome's University on December 7, 2016, for the Waterloo Catholic District School Board with one hundred and fifty high school leaders.

10. **Report from the Vice President Administration**

There were no questions around the report

11. **Report from the Director of Advancement**

The Director of Advancement thanked those who have purchased tickets for the Canadian Football League game. Tickets are available until 5pm on September 23, 2016. The Toronto Raptors game has been booked for March 19, 2017. The tickets for this game will become

available in December 2016. The holiday appeal letter will be sent out in November which will be themed student scholarships. This will carry a testimonial from an Academic Staff member. Giving Tuesday will take place on November 29, 2016, which is the third year it will be celebrated in Canada. The Update edition will be released in November.

The Director of Advancement thanked the Academic Staff Association for their scholarship donation at Feast. She also thanked those members of Senate Council who were able to attend both the Grand Opening and Feast. Feast for 2017 will be held on September 30 which is on the actual feast of St. Jerome.

## 12. **Report from the President**

The President informed the members of Senate Council that the University of Waterloo is required to create a policy (to be numbered 42) regarding sexual assault on campus. The University of Waterloo policy was taken to University of Waterloo Senate on Monday, October 17 and will be going to the Board of Governors on October 25 for approval. The policy will come back to the University of Waterloo in January for confirmation and review. Policy 33 on Sexual Harassment will be renamed Ethical Behaviour. There will be a dialogue happening to determine how these two policies fit together. St. Jerome's University has been included in this dialogue.

The President will circulate a document next week for information which will be brought to Senate Council for discussion. This document responds to how St. Jerome's University is compliant to *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* document and ordinances as required under the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This document will be approved by the Board of Governors.

Last year the President reported that Universities Canada sponsored a gathering for a call to the Presidents and calls to action for post-secondary institutes regarding the Truth and Reconciliation Report. The President and two faculty members traveled recently to Edmonton. The President is interested in having St. Jerome's University engage in the Truth and Reconciliation calls to action for post-secondary institutes with the University of Waterloo.

## 13. **Reports from Academic Departments**

- The Associate Dean reminded the members of Senate Council that the first Lectures in Catholic Experience lecture will take place on Friday, October 28, 2016. Dr. Julie Hanlon Rubio will also be attending a SMF 101 class prior to the lecture.
- The first event for the Reading Lecture Series will take place Friday, October 21, 2016. This will be Fred Wah's second time at St. Jerome's University.
- The Bridges Lecture Series begins Wednesday, October 26, 2016 starting at 7:30 PM. The title of this lecture is "Pattern finding – popular expression of transcendent ideas".
- On Thursday, November 3, beginning at 2:30 PM, a HeForShe lecture featuring Erin Wunker will take place.
- The first event for the Medieval Lecture Series will take place on Thursday, November 3 at 4:30 PM.
- The Climates of Change Conference which took place on Friday, October 14 was well attended and well received.

14. **Other Business**

- There was no other business.

➤ **President adjourned Senate Council.**

Laura Charland  
Recording Secretary

*Approved by SJU Senate Council*  
November 18, 2016