



ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

Senate Council Minutes of the Friday, March 10, 2017, Meeting

Present: Katherine Bergman (Chair), Veronica Austen, Steven Bednarski, Darren Becks, Susan Brophy, Tristanne Connolly, Maureen Drysdale, John Greenwood, Scott Kline, Alysia Kolentsis, Whitney Lackenbauer, Viola Poletes Montgomery, Anna Purkey, Toni Serafini, James Skidmore, Sylvia Terzian, Cristina Vanin, Denise Whitehead

Resource: Christine Schwendinger

Absent: Kieran Bonner*, Sue Brubacher*, Fred Desroches, Stephanie Gregoire*, Ann Marie Hayman, Sara Humphreys*, Norm Klassen, Gabriel Niccoli*, Jane Nicholas*, Awalou Ouedraogo*, David Perrin*, John Rempel, Lorna Rourke*, BJ Rye*, Myroslaw Tataryn*, Ryan Touhey*, Bruno Tremblay*, Maya Venters, David Williams, Chad Wriglesworth, Nick Zunic
**regrets*

On Leave: Carol Acton, Chris Burris, Kerry Lappin-Fortin, Caitlin Mulcahy, David Seljak, Mark Spielmacher

Open Session

1. **Prayer**

Anna Purkey opened the meeting with a reflection.

2. **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair congratulated Dr. John Greenwood and Dr. Norm Klassen for the release of their books. The Chair extended congratulations to Dr. Whitney Lackenbauer who has been awarded a Killam Fellowship at the University of Calgary for the Fall 2017 term.

The Chair reminded the members of Senate Council of the Green & Gold Gala which will take place on March 24, 2017, with registration closing March 10, 2017. Members of Senate Council are encouraged to attend.

The March Open House will take place on March 18, 2017, and having a good turnout from academic staff and staff members is appreciated. Please contact the Manager of Recruitment and Admissions if you are able to attend.

There was a minor error in the wording of one of the items from the Governance Committee in the agenda package which will be corrected during the committee's report.

3. **Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved as distributed. Lackenbauer and Kolentsis. 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 January 27, 2017**

- The minutes of January 27, 2017, were approved with some minor changes. Serafini and Drysdale. Carried. 2 abstentions

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

7. **Academic Presentation: Centre on Foreign Policy and Federalism**

A presentation regarding the Centre on Foreign Policy and Federalism was presented by Dr. Whitney Lackenbauer who is co-director with Dr. Ryan Touhey. This centre was originally created by Dr. John English and was moved to St. Jerome's University in 2010. There are three main areas of research: Circumpolar and Aboriginal Affairs (CAA), Canada and the Global South: Emerging Powers and Fragile State (CEPFS), and International, National and Subnational Political Institutions and Relationships (INSPIR). Further information can be found on the St. Jerome's University website under the research section (<https://www.sju.ca/cfpf>). This centre is focused on broad research programs that involve undergraduate and graduate students.

8. **Reports from Committees**

a. *Governance Committee*

The Governance Committee brought forward a motion regarding revisions to the Senate Council Terms of Reference.

- **Motion:** *That SJU Senate Council recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the revised Terms of Reference.* Bednarski and Kline. Carried unanimously

Regarding the second item on the Governance Committee's report to Senate Council, the term on University of Waterloo (uWaterloo) Senate that the Vice President Academic and Dean (VPAD) is currently serving is coming to an end. As a result the VPAD has been put forward to uWaterloo Senate for another term on behalf of St. Jerome's University. At a previous meeting of SJU Senate Council a decision was made that the VPAD should occupy one of the three faculty seats at uWaterloo Senate on behalf of St. Jerome's University. Senate Council would like to request that one of the three seats be made ex-officio for the VPAD by the uWaterloo Secretariat.

b. *Academic Committee*

- **Motion 1:** *That Senate Council approve the Human Sciences plan change, to be effective September 1, 2018, and new courses, to be effective May 1, 2018.* Kline and Greenwood. Carried unanimously
- **Motion 2:** *That Senate Council approve the SMF plan changes, to be effective September 1, 2018, and course changes, to be effective May 1, 2018.* Kline and Serafini. Carried unanimously
- **Motion 3:** *That Senate Council approve the History course change, to be effective May 1, 2018.* Kline and Lackenbauer. Carried unanimously

c. *Committee on Research and Scholarship*

The Research Officer announced that the committee had received 6 Faculty Research Grant (FRG) applications and 3 Additional Professional Development Fund (APDF) applications. A second call for FRG applications will be issued. The APDF applications will be reviewed and any decisions will be announced by April 30, 2017.

d. *Finance Committee*

The Finance Committee will meet once the draft 2017-2018 budget is prepared.

e. *Library Committee*

The Chair of the Library Committee provided a short report on the activities of the committee.

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

The Vice President Academic and Dean (VPAD) added his encouragement to attend the March Break Open House.

10. **Report from the Registrar**

The VPAD provided a brief update on the application numbers. To date, St. Jerome's University has received the same number of applications as last year.

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

There was no report from the Vice President Administration.

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

The Director of Advancement reminded the members of Senate Council that the Donor Reception is being held at 5:30 PM, March 10, 2017. Students will be participating in this event from the Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies and the Medieval Digital Research Arts for Graphical & Environmental Networks (DRAGEN) Lab.

A subscription to a crowd funding site has been purchased with more information to be sent in the upcoming months. Members of Senate Council are encouraged to talk to the Director of Advancement if they have ideas of projects that might be fundable.

13. **Report from the President**

The President announced the 2017 recipients of

- a) The Fr. Norm Choate, C.R., Lifetime Achievement Award will be Dr. Michele Mosca who was a former colleague. This is particularly fitting as this year marks the 50th anniversary of the Faculty of Mathematics.
- b) The Sister Leon, SSND, White Distinguished Graduate Award will be given to Mr. Jeffrey Akomah.
- c) The Chancellor John R. Sweeney Award for Catholic Leadership will be Right Honorable Paul Martin, the 21st Prime Minister of Canada. A group of students will be invited to meet Mr. Paul Martin. The date for The Feast of St. Jerome has been changed to September 29, 2017.

14. **Reports from Academic Departments**

- There will be a Lecture in Catholic Experience held March 10, 2017, starting at 7:30 PM and a St. John's Bible event held March 11, 2017.
- The Chair of English congratulated Dr. Veronica Austen on receiving tenure.
- The Chair of English also reminded the members of Senate Council that there will be a Reading Series event beginning at 4:30 PM, Friday, March 10, 2017.
- The Vice President Academic and Dean congratulated Dr. David Seljak and Dr. Steven Bednarski on their promotions to the rank of Professor.
- The Chair of Senate Council recognized the hard work of the Advancement Office. The Chair announced that 100 alumni from the colleges and St. Jerome's University will be attending the Toronto Raptors basketball game on March 19, 2017.

15. **Other Business**

- There was no other business.

➤ **The Chair adjourned Senate Council. Connolly and Kolentsis. Carried**

Laura Charland
Recording Secretary

Approved by SJU Senate Council
April 7, 2017