



ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

Senate Council Meeting Minutes Friday, September 21, 2018

Present: Katherine Bergman (Chair), Cristina Vanin (Vice Chair), Carol Acton, Veronica Austen, Steven Bednarski, Kieran Bonner, Tristanne Connolly, Andrew Deman, Ryan Devitt, Maureen Drysdale, Thirstan Falconer, Stephanie Gregoire, Scott Keys, Norm Klassen, Alysia Kolentsis, Jolanta Komornicka, Kerry Lappin-Fortin, Zack MacDonald, Jane Nicholas, David Perrin, Anna Purkey, Lorna Rourke, BJ Rye, David Seljak, Toni Serafini, Mark Spielmacher, Andrew Stumpf, Sylvia Terzian, Ryan Touhey, Denise Whitehead, David Williams, Chad Wriglesworth, Rade Zinaic

Guests: Sue Brubacher, Geoff Malleck, Christine Schwendinger (Resource)

Recording Secretary: Lorna Kelly

Absent: Susan Brophy*, Chris Burris, Oliver Campbell, Fred Desroches, Stephanie Gregoire, Viola Poletes Montgomery*, Registrar (vacant), Nick Zunic*

*regrets

On Sabbatical/Leave: Scott Kline, Whitney Lackenbauer, Caitlin Mulcahy, John Rempel, Bruno Tremblay

Open Session

1. **Prayer/Reflection**

Norm Klassen opened the meeting with a reflection on Edith Stein.

2. **Chair's Remarks**

The Chair welcomed the members of Senate Council back from the summer break, and extended a welcome to new senators Thirstan Falconer, Andrew Stumpf, and Rade Zinaic.

The Chair encouraged members of Senate Council to participate in the University of Waterloo (UWaterloo) Dean of Arts search and the UWaterloo strategic planning process.

The Chair's update from the Board of Governors provided the following information. A Freedom of Expression policy will be developed that is consistent with what UWaterloo develops. The Board of Governors' workshop in February will explore this topic facilitated by Christine Tausig Ford, formerly of Universities Canada. The Board of Governors, academic staff, contract academic staff, staff, and the Students' Union Executive will be invited to attend.

3. **Presentation by Geoff Malleck: Opportunities in Finn**

The Chair introduced Geoff Malleck to begin a conversation with Senate Council to advance programming for the Finn space. Malleck was engaged as a resource person to support the development of the Finn space and completed an environmental scan over the summer. For Senate Council's consideration, he reported where he believed there were opportunities for SJU based on this environmental scan. He also provided a draft template for Senate Council with

suggestions on how proposals might be evaluated based on the SJU Strategic Plan and the Academic Plan.

Members of Senate Council raised concern about the following:

- i. Malleck is not in the liberal arts.
- ii. The appointment process.
- iii. The timing and sequence of meetings where this information was presented.

Malleck left the room.

- **Motion to suspend the regular open agenda and move into *in camera* session:** Bednarski and Drysdale. Carried unanimously.

Non-members left the meeting.

- The Chair adjourned the meeting following the *in camera* session.

Approved by SJU Senate Council
October 26, 2018