



# ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

## Senate Council

### Minutes of the Friday, November 19, 2021 Meeting

**Present:** Peter Meehan (Chair), Carol Ann MacGregor (Vice Chair), Veronica Austen, Steven Bednarski, Kieran Bonner, Honor Brabazon, Susan Brophy, Sue Brubacher, Roberta Cauchi-Santoro, Tristanne Connolly, Andrew Deman, Mike Gourlay, Dan Hutter, Norm Klassen, Alysia Kolentsis, Carlie Leroux-Demir, Viola Poletes Montgomery, John Rempel, Toni Serafini, Mark Spielmacher, Andrew Stumpf, Anastasia Tataryn, Sylvia Terzian, Bruno Tremblay, Angela Underhill, Jessica Vorsteveld, Denise Whitehead, Chad Wriglesworth

**Recording Secretary:** Christine Schwendinger

**Absent:** Carol Acton\*, Chris Burris, Fred Desroches, Maureen Drysdale\*, Scott Kline\*, Jane Nicholas\*, BJ Rye, Carter Watkinson, David Williams, Nikolaj Zunic  
\*regrets

**On Sabbatical/Leave:** Carm De Santis, Stephanie Gregoire, Lorna Rourke, David Seljak, Ryan Touhey, Cristina Vanin

*Note: This meeting was held using the online video conferencing platform, Zoom.*

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### *Open Session*

#### 1. Prayer/Reflection

P. Meehan opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### 2. Chair's Remarks

The Chair recognized and apologized for the zoom bombing incident that occurred at the last meeting. Some members were targeted, which was unacceptable. Steps that are being taken moving forward will be reported in the confidential session.

V. Goel, president of the University of Waterloo (UWaterloo), will be coming to SJU on November 29, 2021, for a brief visit and tour of our campus.

#### 3. Agenda Review, Declare Conflicts, Additions, Changes

No conflicts, additions, or changes to the agenda were declared.

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as presented.

**Moved:** T. Serafini, **Seconded:** D. Hutter, **Carried.**

### Consent Agenda

#### 4. Approval of the Minutes of October 22, 2021

**Motion:** To approve by consent item 4 above.

**Moved:** V. Austen, **Seconded:** T. Serafini, **Carried.**

### Regular Agenda

#### 5. Business Arising from the Minutes of the October 22, 2021 Meeting

There was no business arising from the minutes.

#### 6. Governance Committee Report

T. Connolly, chair, followed up on Senate Council's voting procedure. As discussed previously, substantial motions will be held through an online poll, with numbers recorded in the minutes. This includes any such motions that come from the floor. Members recommending the motion are asked to type the motion into the chat, to be copied into the poll. The Virtual Meeting Etiquette and Tips sheet, provided at each meeting for reference, has been updated with this information.

UWaterloo Senate will continue to meet virtually next term. How Senate Council meetings will be handled will be discussed at a future Governance Committee meeting.

#### 7. Academic Committee Report

Sociology and Legal Studies is one of the SJU departments that brings curricular items forward for approval.

**Motion:** To approve the new course LS/SOC 4xx: *Criminology of Mobility*, to be effective September 1, 2022.

**Moved:** C.A. MacGregor, **Seconded:** S. Brophy, **Carried.** (23 Votes: 23 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain)

#### 8. Vice President Academic and Dean's Report

L. Rourke, Associate Librarian, will be retiring in May 2022. A search is being launched for the next academic librarian, at the rank of assistant or associate. Following the Collective Agreement (full-time unit), the search committee, chaired by the librarian, will engage the community in the process. A comment was heard that it is odd to have the outgoing person chair their own search and have such a determining voice on the selection of their replacement; the Vice President Academic and Dean (VPAD) confirmed this is following the Collective Agreement, but it is something to think about moving forward.

The VPAD reported on some items from the recent UWaterloo Senate meeting. C. Dean, Vice-President, Research and International, gave a presentation outlining UWaterloo's research successes and noting that UWaterloo has been ranked #1 in the comprehensive university category for SSHRC funding; this is a point of pride for SJU as well since many of our SJU faculty are part of that number. Health technology is an area that UWaterloo is interested in expanding for future research successes and this emphasis positions our forthcoming Health Humanities initiative very well to contribute to UWaterloo's larger strategic goals as well as our own. J. Rush, Provost, gave a presentation on the metrics and objectives in UWaterloo's strategic mandate agreement (SMA3) with the Ontario Ministry of Colleges and Universities and that UWaterloo has met or exceeded all of these metrics; SJU is part of UWaterloo's SMA3 and this also reflects well on us and the other university colleges.

#### 9. President's Report

The President's Advisory Group on Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Indigeneity (EDI and I) has completed its official deliberations and is now writing their recommendation report, which the President expects in the new year. The advisory group members were thanked for all they have done as well as the students who participated. It is very important work. The recommendations will be discussed with the community.

The strategic plan was presented to a variety of different bodies, including an alumni group, and feedback on the plan is welcome (due November 22, 2021). Senate Council members were encouraged to provide feedback.

The next meeting of the SJU Assembly will take place on December 3, 2021. Members are welcome to submit agenda items.

**10. Indigenization and Decolonization**

Once the EDI and I recommendations have been received, Senate Council will have more to discuss under this standing agenda item.

At the last meeting, Senate Council discussed the desire to compose a land or territorial acknowledgement and to form a university-wide working group to do the work with also Indigenous participation. The President will be establishing this working group shortly. A member who recently attended a land acknowledgement workshop shared that the facilitator invited them to unpack what “acknowledgement” means and invited the idea of referring to a territorial honouring instead (honouring the land in which we live and work, history of the land, etc.).

**11. Updates from Academic Departments**

Congratulations to R.A. Hoskin, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies/UWaterloo Department of Sociology and Legal Studies, on her successful SSHRC IDG grant. Not only was this her first solo SSHRC grant application, but she also scored first in her category.

The SJU and UWaterloo departments of Sociology and Legal Studies are cohosting a Legal Studies seminar speaker series. The Fall 2021 seminar will feature Dr. Ariadna Estévez, “The Rule of Law Necropower,” November 22, 2021, 1:00 pm, via Zoom. All are welcome to join (please register).

**12. New Business**

There was no new business.

**Motion:** To adjourn the open session of the meeting and move into confidential session.

**Moved:** V. Austen, **Seconded:** T. Serafini, **Carried.**

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