



ST. JEROME'S UNIVERSITY

Senate Council Minutes of the Friday, April 24, 2020 Meeting

Present: Scott Kline (Chair), Cristina Vanin (Vice Chair), Carol Acton, John Arnou, Veronica Austen, Kieran Bonner, Honor Brabazon, Sue Brubacher, Roberta Cauchi-Santoro, Tristanne Connolly, Andrew Deman, Carm De Santis, Maureen Drysdale, Mike Gourlay, Stephanie Gregoire, Kerry Lappin-Fortin, Shanelle Leo, Diana Lobb, David Perrin, Viola Poletes Montgomery, Lorna Rourke, BJ Rye, David Seljak, Toni Serafini, Mark Spielmacher, Anastasia Tataryn, Sylvia Terzian, Denise Whitehead, Chad Wriglesworth

Recording Secretary: Katrina Kaczala

Guests/Resources: Christine Schwendinger

Absent: Steven Bednarski*, Chris Burris, Fred Desroches, Norm Klassen, Jolanta Komornicka, Zack MacDonald, Jane Nicholas, John Rempel, Andrew Stumpf*, Ryan Touhey, David Williams, Nikolaj Zunic
**regrets*

On Sabbatical/Leave: Susan Brophy, Alysia Kolentsis, Bruno Tremblay

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

Open Session

1. Prayer/Refection

C. Acton opened the meeting with a reflection.

2. Chair's Remark's

The Chair thanked everyone for the work they have been conducting in preparation for the end of the Winter term and Spring term. The Chair also thanked everyone for their patience through the uncertainty as information came from the University of Waterloo, the Region of Waterloo, and public health.

3. Agenda Review, Declare Conflicts, Additions, Changes

Motion: To approve the agenda with additions.

Moved: K. Bonner, **Seconded:** M. Spielmacher, **Carried.**

Consent Agenda

4. **Approval of the Minutes of February 28, 2020**
5. **Governance Committee Report**
 - **Call for Nominations: Committee Membership**
6. **Library Report**
7. **Experiential Learning and Advisory Committee Report**

Motion: To approve and receive for information by consent items 4 to 7.

Moved: L. Rourke, **Seconded:** C. Wriglesworth, **Carried.**

Regular Agenda

8. Business Arising from the Minutes of February 28, 2020

The Board of Governors sent a memo in response to the motions Senate Council sent to the Board [February 28, 2020 and March 13, 2020]. The Board was not able to address the motions at its April meeting due to the COVID-19 situation and the circumstances of the meeting. The Board intends to address these motions at a future meeting.

9. Academic Committee Report

C. Wriglesworth provided an overview of the proposed course additions and changes made by the UWaterloo Department of English.

K. Bonner provided an overview of the proposed course addition, changes, and inactivations from the Department of Sociology and Legal Studies. It was noted that “New Course #1 – Policing and Surveillance” presented in the Senate Council meeting materials was removed from approval. “New Course #2 – Security and Governance” is the only new course coming before Senate Council for approval at this time.

Motion: To approve the Legal Studies new course, course changes, and course inactivation, to be effective September 1, 2021.

Moved: C. Vanin, **Seconded:** K. Bonner, **Carried.**

10. Interim Vice President Academic and Dean’s Report

C. Vanin provided a brief overview of the Interim Vice President Academic and Dean’s report along with the Associate Dean’s report, contained within the aforementioned report.

C. Vanin expressed gratitude to V. Austen and the UW Associate Deans, Undergraduate for their work on transitioning to remote learning and supporting faculty during this time.

11. Interim President’s Report

S. Kline provided the Interim President’s report orally.

S. Kline expressed his gratefulness for everyone’s resiliency and creativity during this time.

COVID-19 Planning:

S. Kline relayed that there is a desire by Universities Canada for Canadian universities to make a unified decision about whether the Fall 2020 term will proceed with in person or remote classes. Meetings with the heads of the Affiliated and Federated Institutions of Waterloo (AFIW) and the University of Waterloo President have also been taking place to discuss how to proceed.

Budget Update:

The budget that was meant to be presented to the Board in April was held back and is currently being re-examined. As there are a number of factors that are uncertain (i.e., will residence be open in the Fall, will classes be remote in the Fall, etc.), scenario models are being developed to take into account and prepare for different outcomes. Department heads have also been asked to re-examine their budgets and make adjustments. It is expected that a deficit budget will be presented. The uncertainty of the situation makes budgeting difficult, but administration is committed to presenting a budget to the Board at the June meeting.

In discussion: V. Austen noted that faculties are planning for student deferrals, examining the effect those could have on next year, and deciding on how to proceed; C. Vanin stated that an effort is being made to identify faculty supports for remote teaching in the Fall term; UWaterloo is planning on hiring 320 co-op students to be distributed across the faculties to support remote teaching in the Spring term, the AFIW are working with the Faculty of Arts to determine what support will be available for them; the St. Jerome's University Emergency Relief Fund has been launched on the SJU website, donations made to this fund will go directly to students, each student who applies can receive \$500, faculty are encouraged to donate to this fund, a "Global Giving Day" will occur on May 5, 2020 and proceeds will go to this fund; Student Affairs is working on supporting students using online platforms and working on ensuring that students feel connected and supported.

12. Updates from Academic Departments

- Roberta Cauchi-Santoro is welcomed as the successful candidate of the Italian Studies Assistant Professor tenure-track position.
- The search for the Sexuality, Marriage, and Family Studies Assistant Professor position has been postponed until further notice.

13. New Business

There was no new business.

Motion: To adjourn the Open Session and move into Confidential Session.

Moved: D. Seljak, **Seconded:** D. Lobb, **Carried.**

C. Schwendinger left the meeting.

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