



Senate Council
Minutes of the Friday, June 19, 2020 Meeting

Present: Scott Kline (Chair), Cristina Vanin (Vice Chair), Carol Acton, John Arnou, Veronica Austen, Steven Bednarski, Kieran Bonner, Honor Brabazon, Sue Brubacher, Roberta Cauchi-Santoro, Tristanne Connolly, Andrew Deman, Carm De Santis, Maureen Drysdale, Mike Gourlay, Norm Klassen, Jolanta Komornicka, Kerry Lappin-Fortin, Diana Lobb, Zack MacDonald, David Perrin, Viola Poletes Montgomery, Lorna Rourke, David Seljak, Toni Serafini, Mark Spielmacher, Anastasia Tataryn, Sylvia Terzian, Andrew Stumpf, Carter Watkinson, Denise Whitehead, Chad Wriglesworth

Recording Secretary: Katrina Kaczala

Guests/Resources: Christine Schwendinger; Peter Meehan

Absent: Chris Burris, Fred Desroches, Stephanie Gregoire*, Jane Nicholas, John Rempel, BJ Rye, 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. Wriglesworth opened the meeting with a reflection.

2. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's remarks.

3. Welcome to Dr. Peter Meehan

S. Kline introduced Dr. Peter Meehan as the incoming President and Vice Chancellor of St. Jerome's University.

Dr. Meehan provided introductory remarks to Senate Council.

4. Agenda Review, Declare Conflicts, Additions, Changes

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: C. Acton, **Seconded:** T. Serafini, **Carried.**

Consent Agenda

5. **Approval of the Minutes of May 22, 2020**
6. **Approval of the Minutes of May 29, 2020**
7. **Library Report**
8. **Experiential Learning Advisory Committee Report**

Motion: To approve and receive for information by consent items 5 to 8 above.

Moved: D. Perrin, **Seconded:** C. Acton, **Carried.**

In discussion:

A friendly amendment was made to the minutes of Friday, May 29, 2020.

Regular Agenda

9. **Business Arising from the Minutes of May 22, 2020**

There was no business arising.

10. **Business Arising from the Minutes of May 29, 2020**

Senate Council members revisited the motion that was sent to the Board regarding funding to support teaching and research during the 2020-2021 academic year. Questions were raised regarding plans and support for Contract Academic Staff (CAS) members while the University is teaching remotely.

It was noted that a report regarding the supports for remote teaching that are currently accessible is attached to the meeting package [June 19, 2020]. There are additional funds for support, and an effort is being made to gather more information about what further supports are required. Additional support will be allocated once there is understanding of the needs of faculty and CAS. There will be further discussion and conversations regarding next steps.

11. **Committee on Research and Scholarship Report**

M. Drysdale stated that the Committee on Research and Scholarship (CRS) has developed progress and final report templates to assist faculty members in the writing of these reports.

Motion 1: That SJU Senate Council approve the FRG progress and final report templates as appendices of the Faculty Research Grant policy in the SJU Academic Operations Manual.

Moved: M. Drysdale, **Seconded:** S. Bednarski, **Carried.**

M. Drysdale stated that the CRS recommends that the second reading and final approval of the Indigenous-centred Research policy be tabled until the fall. The Committee would like to seek feedback on the policy from Jean Becker, UWaterloo Senior Director, Indigenous Initiatives.

Motion 2: That SJU Senate Council give the Indigenous-centred Research policy a second reading and that SJU Senate Council approve the Indigenous-centred Research policy for the SJU Academic Operations Manual.

Moved: M. Drysdale, **Seconded:** D. Perrin, **TABLED.**

12. Governance Committee Report

The results of the recent poll issued to Senate Council members regarding the time slot of meetings indicated that the majority of members who voted would like the meeting to remain from 1:00-3:00pm.

It was stated that one additional call for nominations for committees will be released for a vacancy on the Committee on Research and Scholarship. Nominations will be open until June 30, 2020.

13. Academic Committee Report

Based on the Religious Studies undergraduate program review that was conducted at UWaterloo, the SJU Department of Religious Studies has proposed a number of course changes and inactivations.

It was noted that the inactivation of RS 245/HIST 234 The Catholic Church in Canada may need to be revisited, as the course could be seen as critical to St. Jerome's mission. It was noted that this would be brought back for discussion with the St. Jerome's and UWaterloo History Departments.

Motion: To approve the Religious Studies course changes and course inactivations, to be effective September 1, 2022.

Moved: N. Klassen, **Seconded:** D. Seljak, **Carried.**

14. Interim Vice President Academic and Dean Report

C. Vanin provided Senate Council an overview of the VPAD report.

C. Vanin thanked V. Austen for her work on the remote teaching support report. The report included all the current supports and resources available to faculty members to assist them in remote teaching. Senate Council members also discussed whether the supports document was sufficient or if a Learn site might be helpful in collecting, and sharing materials, as well as holding and archiving discussions.

As part of the Associate Dean's report, V. Austen noted that the Arts Strategic Planning Task Force has restarted their work and will be releasing a consultation survey.

15. Interim President's Report

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

S. Kline thanked all the faculty, staff, and students he has worked with over the past year.

S. Kline reviewed and provided an updates regarding the goals and objectives that were set out in his mandate for his term as Interim President:

- Staffing Study: S. Kline emphasized the importance of moving forward and advancing the discussion further, and that P. Meehan will work with staff and faculty to continue this work in a positive way.
- Library: S. Kline thanked L. Rourke, Z. MacDonald, and D. Adesso for their work during the library renewal, and highlighted the success of the renovation.
- Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative: S. Kline stressed the need to listen to the lived experiences of people who have felt unwelcomed at St. Jerome's, and to examine every aspect of how the University functions in order to identify where there are gaps that need to be addressed.

Senate Council members thanks S. Kline for his work as Interim President.

16. Updates from departments

No updates from departments were provided.

17. New Business

Senate Council reviewed and discussed the newly updated Board Appointment and Reappointment of the Vice President Academic and Dean Policy.

Announcement: Congratulations to M. Drysdale who has been awarded an honorary doctorate at University West in Trollhättan, Sweden.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned.

[Secretarial Note: There was no confidential session on June 19, 2020 as there were no confidential items requiring appearance before Senate Council]

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