



Senate Council

Minutes of the Monday, October 5, 2020 Special Meeting

Present: Peter Meehan (Chair), Cristina Vanin (Vice Chair), Carol Acton, John Arnou, Veronica Austen, Steven Bednarski, Kieran Bonner, Honor Brabazon, Susan Brophy, Sue Brubacher, Roberta Cauchi-Santoro, Tristanne Connolly, Andrew Deman, Maureen Drysdale, Mike Gourlay, Norm Klassen, Alysia Kolentsis, Kerry Lappin-Fortin, Diana Lobb, Zack MacDonald, Viola Poletes Montgomery, Jane Nicholas, Lorna Rourke, BJ Rye, David Seljak, Toni Serafini, Anastasia Tataryn, Sylvia Terzian, Bruno Tremblay, Andrew Stumpf, Denise Whitehead, Chad Wriglesworth

Recording Secretary: Katrina Kaczala

Guests/Resources: Christine Schwendinger

Absent: Chris Burris, Fred Desroches, Stephanie Gregoire, Scott Kline, Mark Spielmacher, David Perrin, John Rempel, Ryan Touhey, Carter Watkinson, David Williams, Nikolaj Zunic
**regrets*

On Sabbatical/Leave: Carm De Santis

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

Open Session

1. Prayer/Refection

D. Seljak opened the meeting with a reflection.

P. Meehan asked that Senate Council members only use the chat function to indicate that they would like to speak.

2. Vice President Academic and Dean Senate Council Election

As the Chair of the Governance Committee, C. Acton introduced the topic of discussion to Senate Council and provided an explanation for the emergency meeting and the motions that were sent to Senate Council members in advance of the meeting. [Secretarial Note: the Governance Committee exercised its authority under the Senate Council Terms of Reference to call a special meeting].

The Governance Committee held a meeting to discuss irregularities that were identified with the most current election for the faculty representatives on the Vice President Academic and Dean Appointment Committee. C. Acton noted the following irregularities:

- one nomination was not sent to the Chair of the Governance Committee, only to the recording secretary;
- due to technological errors, one member of Senate Council submitted their votes via email and the recording secretary accepted the votes outside of the voting time without consulting the Governance Committee, and
- there was a question about which members of Senate Council were eligible to vote in the election.

Senate Council members discussed the first motion brought forth by the Governance Committee: "Motion 1: That the three faculty representatives on the VPAD Appointment Committee be elected by those members of Senate Council whom they represent: full-time faculty (excluding the current VPAD)." The topic of eligible Senate Council voters and constituency based elections was discussed in a broader context of voting for individuals to sit on committees. Senate Council members also deliberated the validity of the recent election results. As a result of the discussions, Senate Council members drafted the following three motions:

Motion 1: To table the motion brought forward by the Governance Committee: "That the three faculty representatives on the VPAD Appointment Committee be elected by those members of Senate Council whom they represent: full-time faculty (excluding the current VPAD)"

Moved: S. Brophy, **Seconded:** A. Tataryn, **TABLED.**

Motion 2: To move that Senate Council uphold the election results announced on Friday 25 September 2020 that installed three faculty representatives as members of the VPAD Appointment Committee.

Moved: D. Lobb, **Seconded:** S. Brophy, **Carried. (4 Opposed, 5 Abstentions)**

Motion 3: That Governance Committee undertake a holistic review of all committees' composition and then present options for how elections should occur to populate those committees.

Moved: S. Bednarski, **Seconded:** D. Seljak, **Carried. (1 Opposed)**

Motion: To adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned.

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