



Senate Council

Minutes of the Friday, September 25, 2020 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, Stephanie Gregoire, Alysia Kolentsis, Kerry Lappin-Fortin, Diana Lobb, Zack MacDonald, David Perrin, Viola Poletes Montgomery, Lorna Rourke, BJ Rye, David Seljak, Toni Serafini, Mark Spielmacher, Anastasia Tataryn, Sylvia Terzian, Bruno Tremblay, Andrew Stumpf, Carter Watkinson, Denise Whitehead, Chad Wriglesworth

Recording Secretary: Katrina Kaczala

Guests/Resources: Christine Schwendinger; Saphron Moule, Director, Finance and Accounting

Absent: Chris Burris, Fred Desroches, Norm Klassen*, Scott Kline, Jane Nicholas, John Rempel, Ryan Touhey, 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

P. Meehan opened the meeting with a reflection.

2. Chair's Remarks

P. Meehan extended congratulations to a number of individuals, including: Norm Klassen on his promotion to the rank of full Professor; Roberta Cauchi-Santoro on her tenure-track appointment; Mark Spielmacher and Sylvia Terzian on their continued appointments as lecturers in the English Department. P. Meehan also acknowledged Joe and Stephanie Mancini, St. Jerome's University alumni, who were recognized by the Dean of Arts for their work at The Working Centre.

P. Meehan thanked everyone involved in coordinating students returning to campus and for everyone's hard work navigating the challenges of working online. He thanked everyone for their resolve and emphasized the importance of community and connecting with one another during this time.

3. Agenda Review, Declare Conflicts, Additions, Changes

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: T. Serafini, **Seconded:** K. Bonner, **Carried.**

Consent Agenda

- 4. Approval of the Minutes of June 19, 2020**
- 5. Committee on Research and Scholarship Report**
- 6. Library Report**
- 7. Governance Committee Report**
 - a. 2020-2021 Committee Membership List**
- 8. Interim Vice President Academic and Dean's Report**
 - a. Appointments**
- 9. Announcements from Academic Departments**

Motion: To approve and receive for information by consent items 4 to 9 above.

Moved: K. Bonner, **Seconded:** S. Bednarski, **Carried.**

In discussion:

It was decided that the list of membership of the Renewal, Tenure and Promotions Committee will be posted on the Senate Council website along with the other Committee membership lists.

Regular Agenda

10. Business Arising from the Minutes of June 19, 2020

A question was raised about the status of the Indigenous-centred Research policy. M. Drysdale, as the Chair of the Committee on Research and Scholarship, stated that the Committee is still in the process of seeking consultation from Jean Becker (UWaterloo Senior Director, Indigenous Initiatives). The policy will come back to Senate Council at a later date.

11. Interim Vice President Academic and Dean Report

C. Vanin provided an overview of the Interim VPAD report. Highlights of the report include:

- C. Vanin thanked S. Brubacher and the Outreach and Recruitment team for their work recruiting virtually.
- Enrollment for courses in the Fall term have been higher than first projected; however, final numbers will not be available until November.
- The University of Waterloo Fall Convocation Ceremonies will be held virtually.
- C. Vanin thanked K. Bonner and A. Stumpf for their work as director and acting director of the Human Sciences program.
- The Arts Strategic Planning consultation survey will be open for further comments until the end of September.

In discussion:

Senate Council members discussed internal program reviews performed for SJU specific programs and departments. It was requested that copies of reports to be sent to the Undergraduate Affairs Group (UGAG) for SJU specific disciplines, as well as Medieval Studies, and Sociology and Legal Studies, be brought before Senate Council for information.

12. President's Report

P. Meehan provided an overview of the President's report. Highlights of the report include:

- Due to the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in Ontario and the provincial government has lowering limits on gathering sizes, the University is slowing down the return to campus program.
- The President's Working Group on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) have been meeting every two weeks and will be including updates on the SJU EDI website.
- P. Meehan provided highlights from the September UW Senate meeting: strong undergraduate enrollment numbers, academic and non-academic hiring at UW is down 50%, overall things are trending in a positive direction

Motion: To move discussion about COVID-19 into Confidential Session.

Moved: M. Drysdale, **Seconded:** L. Rourke, **Carried. (1 abstention)**

13. Updates from departments

- Roberta Cauchi-Santoro was recognized and congratulated for receiving a UW/SSSHRC Explore Grant.
- An announcement was made welcoming a post doctoral fellow in Sexuality, Marriage and Family Studies to St. Jerome's.

14. New Business

There was no new business.

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

Moved: S. Bednarski, **Seconded:** Z. MacDonald, **Carried.**

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