

*University of Waterloo
SENATE*

Minutes of the Monday, November 15, 2004 Meeting

Present: David Johnston (Chair), Lois Claxton (Secretary), Tanveer Ali, Jean Andrey, Ranjana Bird, Kieran Bonner, Graham Brown, Steve Brown, Nadir Budhwani, Amit Chakma, Hsiao D'Ailly, Roydon Fraser, Alan George, Jill Tomasson Goodwin, Paul Guild, Simon Guthrie, Mark Haslett, Conrad Hewitt, Michael Higgins, Dennis Huber, Amy Jack, Ed Jernigan, Katherine Johnston, Bob Kerton, George Labahn, Ken Lavigne, Robert Le Roy, Ellsworth LeDrew, Wing-Ki Liu, Harriet Lyons, Liam McHugh-Russell, Heather Murray, Joseph Novak, Albert O'Connor, Henry Paetkau, Bill Power, Steve Prentice, Paul Schellenberg, Adel Sedra, Thomas Seebohm, Mike Sharratt, James Skidmore, Craig Sloss, Donna Strickland, Giuseppe Tenti, Ed Vrscay, Paul Wesson, Ross Willard, Ian Williams, Becky Wroe, Frank Zorzitto

Graeme Baer, Tom Carey, Phil Graham, Bruce Lumsden, Laura Mooney, Flora Ng, Catharine Scott, Rajat Suri, Laura Talbot-Allan, Bob Truman, Bud Walker

Absent: Emma Bardon*, Rebecca Baxter*, Christopher Burris, John Crossley, Antero Da Silva*, Ray Digby*, George Dixon, Christian Dufournaud, Marlene Epp*, James Gollnick*, Mariela Gutiérrez, Bob Harding*, Keith Hipel*, Janice Husted*, Mike Lazaridis*, Paul Lehmann*, Robert Mann, David Matthews, Bruce Mitchell*, Arokia Nathan, Manoj Sachdev*, Gerry Schneider*, Ralph Smith*, Tony Vannelli

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OPEN SESSION

Consent Agenda

Senate heard an omnibus motion to approve or receive for information by consent items 1-3 [below].

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 18, 2004 meeting were approved as distributed.

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Recognition & Commendation. Senate received this report for information.

3. REPORTS FROM THE FACULTIES

Senate received these reports for information.

Regular Agenda

4. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/COUNCILS (A)

University Appointments Review Committee. The Chair of the Committee spoke to the report, noting in particular the level of activity and increased numbers of female and international faculty who have been recruited. The Provost added his satisfaction with UW's recruitment efforts noting that both trends indicate that UW is proactive in recruitment.

Scholarships & Student Aid Committee. The report was received for information.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Report of the Provost's Task Force on Undergraduate Student Financial Support. In discussion, Senators heard: the intent is that a web-based interface will allow applicants to disclose concerning finances at a very early stage so UW can respond with respect to available aid long before students apply to OSAP, and include available aid with offers of admission (both systems and data will actively identify upper-year students with financial needs); scholarship grids will be based on a set of principles currently under discussion and implemented by the Provost working together with the Deans; concerns expressed by graduate students about the redistribution of tuition set-aside and that the recommendation will significantly decrease the largest source of needs-based support for graduate students.

Senate heard a motion to endorse the Report of the Provost's Task Force on Undergraduate Student Financial Support.

Chakma and Lavigne.

Senate heard a motion to amend the main motion by striking recommendation B2 for reconsideration.

Guthrie and Power. Carried.

Senate heard the main motion carry.

It was understood that the B2 recommendation would be brought forward for discussion at the next meeting of Senate.

Rae Review. Following an introduction by the Chair, the Vice-President, University Relations reviewed the document at Senators' places, described the process in preparing it and noted the encouragement to participate given to Senators in previous meetings of Senate [PowerPoint presentation available at: <http://www.adm.uwaterloo.ca/infosec/PostsecondaryEducation.pdf>]. In discussion, Senators heard that the sequence of the recommendations was predicated on the context and flow of text and does not reflect a change in priority; and concerns expressed about whether the recommendations will actually increase or reduce the level of student debt. Senators were reminded of the Town Hall Meeting to take place on November 25 at Conestoga College, and informed that copies of the COU Report are available at the back of the room.

School of Architecture Vote. The Provost reported that the Faculty of Environmental Studies is having discussions on next steps and he expects to bring forward a recommendation on the matter, probably at the January meeting of Senate.

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Environmental Scan

- **Maclean's.** The Chair spoke to Waterloo's rankings in the various categories and expressed his intent that at the next and subsequent meetings of Senate, Senate would look at a number of theme areas (Maclean's and beyond) which lie within UW's power to enhance and improve. That said, now is a time for celebration and congratulations.

- ***Kuwait.*** The Chair spoke to his and Sedra's visit to Kuwait to explore the possibility of establishing a private College of Engineering. He stressed that consideration is in the "very early" stages and that he will report further to Senate if plans materialize.
- ***Winter 2005 Co-op Placements.*** Placement is at 60% after first-round interviews; similar placement results as last year are anticipated.

7. REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, ACADEMIC & PROVOST

The Vice-President did not report.

8. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/COUNCILS (B)

Graduate & Research Council. The Vice-President, University Research introduced the report, highlighting the request for approval of the Canadian Centre for Cultural Innovation, following which Senate heard a motion to approve it.

Guild and Kerton. Carried.

The remaining items in the report were received for information.

Undergraduate Council/Proposed Amendment to the Academic Calendar Dates 2005-06. The Provost introduced the report, suggesting that consideration of the academic calendar dates be left until the end.

Senate heard a motion to approve the three new specializations in Accounting & Financial Management identified on page A23.

Chakma and Kerton.

In discussion, one Senator expressed concern about the plethora of financial options and asked that Undergraduate Council give consideration to more selective use of the term.

The motion carried.

Senate heard separate motions to approve the changes identified on page A24 for the Faculty of Mathematics. With respect to Computational Mathematics students being restricted from taking a Computer Science Minor, Senators heard that this is due to the similarity of the two programs.

Chakma and George. Carried.

Senate heard separate motions to approve the changes identified on pages A24 through A26 for the Faculty of Science.

Chakma and Le Roy. Carried.

Senate heard a motion to approve the academic calendar dates as outlined on page A27.

Chakma and Lavigne.

Senators heard that following discussion of the Zorzitto motion at the Executive Committee, it was taken to Deans' Council. While the Deans of Mathematics and Engineering were agreeable to the motion, they wanted time to consult with students. Senate understood and was agreeable: that due consultation would occur as quickly as possible; that a recommendation would come back to Senate before the end of June 2005; and that implementation would be targeted for winter 2007. In considering the reading week matter, it was also agreed that the ramifications of starting winter term classes a week later should also be reviewed.

Having heard from the Registrar that the DE exam day for Spring 2006 (August 12 in the proposed calendar dates) may have to be shifted to July 29, Senate agreed to give discretion to the Registrar and Provost to do so if necessary.

The motion carried.

The remaining item in the report was received for information.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Report of the University Librarian. Haslett commented on the Library's role in the broad context, the marked increase in the number of e-journals available, and how the Library's activities coalesce with the theme highlighted in Bob Rae's introduction to the Postsecondary Review "Discussion Paper." Mentioned specifically were: the recently purchased complete backfile for the Elsevier electronic journals; the availability of all e-journals on scholars' portal; and the role played by several UW librarians in the Ontario university library system. In response to questions, Senate heard that on-line access to Canadian graduate theses turns on resolution of the copyright issue and is a matter of ongoing discussion among the Library, the Graduate Studies Office and The Archives.

Senate convened in confidential session.

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November 24, 2004

Lois Claxton
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