

The 471st Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 2:00 p.m.
Science Complex Room 208

Minutes

Present were: President Leo Groarke (Chair); Senators Gillian Balfour, Ingrid Brenner, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Caleb Button, Antonio Cazorla Sanchez, Robert Clarke, James Conolly, Neil Emery, Garae Goodman, Helen Haines, Holger Hintelmann, Markus King, Byron Lew, Lewis MacLeod, Shaelyn Mortensen, Jacqueline Muldoon, David Newhouse, Van Nguyen-Marshall, Colleen O'Manique, James Parker, Karleen Pendleton Jimenez, Marco Pollanen, Raul Ponce-Hernandez, Nona Robinson, Sonia Sanders, Mark Skinner, Aaron Slepko, Kasandra Tancorre, Kirsten Woodend and Asaf Zohar. Official Visitors: Tracy Al-idrissi, Danen Oberon and Kelly Zatorski. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington

Regrets: Senators Saud Choudry, Laure Dubreil, Paul Elliott, Jason Fenno, Hugh Hodges, Carolyn Kay, Kelly McGuire, Jaime Morales, Jada Wahabu and Shaun Watmough

Welcome and Adoption of the Agenda

The Chair opened the meeting with a welcome to the traditional territory:

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on treaty and traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinabeg. We offer our gratitude to First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and relations. May we honour those teachings.

Open Session

Minutes and Business Arising—Meeting of May 8, 2018

The minutes were approved with one correction to the list of those present.

A report had been received from Senate Executive Committee reporting on actions taken on behalf of Senate during the summer.

Chair's Remarks and Announcements

The Chair reported that the renovation of the Bata Library was 95% complete. The Chair also noted that the new provincial government had hinted at budget cuts for the post-secondary education sector but that details about potential cuts were not available.

The provincial government had also mandated that all universities would be required to develop policies on free speech on campus. Institutions were to have the policies in place by January. The Chair noted that a draft policy had been developed and posted.

This item would come back to Senate for discussion once the consultation period had expired.

The Chair reminded Senators that a search was underway for the next Chancellor. A draft position profile had been developed and posted for consultation. A final draft was to be brought to Senate in October for approval.

Senators were provided with notice that proposals for two new academic programs would be presented for approval at the October 30th meeting:

BA Policing and Community Well-being (degree to be offered on Durham campus)
MScN Professional Practice Leadership (joint program with UOIT)

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Graduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Brunetti reviewed the report that included recommendations for the following new courses:

Graduate Diploma – Educational & Community Leadership--EDIC 5011H and EDUC 5031H.

Environmental & Life Sciences- ENLS 5091H

English (Public Texts) – ENGL 5121H, ENGL 5240H and ENGL 5310H

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. L. Groarke, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary

NOTE: Following the adjournment of the regular meeting, there was an orientation session for new Senators.