

The 475th Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, February 12, 2019, 2:00 p.m.
A.J.M. Smith Room

Minutes

Present were: Senators Leo Groarke (Chair) Ingrid Brenner, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Antonio Cazorla Sanchez, Gytha Chapman, Robert Clarke, Neil Emery, James Fenno, Holger Hintelmann, Carolyn Kay, Shaelyn Mortensen, Jacqueline Muldoon, David Newhouse, Colleen O'Manique, Nona Robinson, Robert Robinson, Sonia Sanders, Mark Skinner, Shaun Watmough, Kirsten Woodend and Asaf Zohar. Official Visitors: Vivian Parkes, Dirk Wallschlaeger and Kelly Zatorski. University Secretary Karen Spearing, Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington

Regrets: Senators Gillian Balfour, Jim Buttle, Saud Choudhry, James Conolly, Garae Goodman, Helen Haines, Hugh Hodges, Markus King, Byron Lew, Elizabeth Lindsay, Lewis MacLeod, Kelly McGuire, Janet Miron, Jaime Morales, Van Nguyen-Marshall, Erica Nol, James Parker, Karleen Pendleton Jimenez, Andreas Pickel, Marco Pollanen, Raul Ponce-Hernandez, Aaron Slepko, Kasandra Tancorre, Jada Wahabu and Asaf Zohar

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.

Closed Session

Executive Committee Report. The Chair updated Senate on the status of the Chancellor search.

Academic Planning and Budget Committee Report. Senator Muldoon presented a proposal for a new program. The program would be a 2-year degree with an emphasis on applied training and job preparation.

Senate approved the program for submission to the Ontario University Council on Quality Assurance and to the Ministry for funding approval.

Open Session

Minutes and Business Arising—Meeting of January 15, 2019

Senate approved the minutes as presented.

Chair's Remarks and Announcements

The Chair reported on the recent changes announced by the provincial government regarding tuition and ancillary fees. As a result of the 10% cut to tuition fees, budget managers within the institution had been asked to model a 5% cut to their budgets.

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report. Senator O'Manique presented the report which included three major modifications:

- A dual degree with Swansea University that would see students graduating with a BSc Chemistry from Trent University and a BEng Chemical Engineering from Swansea University.
- Two articulation agreements with Fleming College.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented. The report also included a number of minor modifications:

- **Business** – revise the requirements of the Specialization in Marketing & Consumer Culture; Revise the requirements for the Postgraduate Certificates in Human Resource Management and in Marketing & Entrepreneurship;
- **Environment/Geography** – revise program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Program in Geography, the joint-major Honours program, the Bachelor of Science Program in Geography and the joint-major Honours program;
- **Environment/Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems** – introduce two new courses SAFS 4010Y/4020D and SAFS 4840H;
- **Gender & Women's Studies** – introduce a new regularized course-WMST 2161H
Regularize a trial course WMST 3122H/4122H
Revise program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts Program in Gender & Women's Studies, the joint-major Honours program, the single-major General program, the joint-major General program and the minor in Gender & Women's Studies;
- **Psychology** – revise the program requirements for the BSc programs in Psychology.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Graduate Studies Committee Report. The report, which Senator Brunetti presented, included recommendations for the following:

- **M.A. ENGLISH (Public Texts)** – new course ENGL 5107H
- **M. Sc.F.S., Forensic Science** – new course FRSC 5006H
- **M.A. Cultural Studies** – cross-list CUST 5510H with ENGL 5307H and change course description for CUST 5504H

In addition, the report included an update to the Special Student Policy a calendar update regarding final submission of Theses for Masters and PhD students, the cross-listing of a course (and a change to a course description).

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee Report. Senator Bruce presented the report which included a recommendation that the University requirement that the last 5 of 7 credits of a Trent degree be completed at Trent University be waived for students in the proposed dual degree with Swansea University (see Undergraduate Studies Committee Report).

Senate approved the recommendation as presented.

Senate Executive Committee Report. The Chair presented a recommendation from Senate Executive Committee that the University continue with the practice adopted in 2015 of passing two motions annually approving qualified students for convocation and allowing the Dean of Graduate Studies to grant degrees to qualified candidates outside the University's convocations in special circumstances.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Dr. L. Groarke, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary