

## **The 472<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Trent University Senate**

Tuesday, October 30, 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, Jim Buttle, Caleb Button, Antonio Cazorla Sanchez, Saud Choudry, Robert Clarke, James Conolly, Paul Elliott, Neil Emery, James Fenno, Garae Goodman, Helen Haines, Holger Hintelmann, Hugh Hodges, Carolyn Kay, Markus King, Byron Lew, Elizabeth Lindsay, Lewis MacLeod, Kelly McGuire, Jaime Morales, Shaelyn Mortensen, Jacqueline Muldoon, David Newhouse, Van Nguyen-Marshall, Colleen O'Manique, James Parker, Karleen Pendleton Jimenez, Raul Ponce-Hernandez, Nona Robinson, Robert Robinson, Sonia Sanders, Mark Skinner, Aaron Slepko, Kasandra Tancorre, Jada Wahabu, Shaun Watmough, Kirsten Woodend and Asaf Zohar. Official Visitors: Tracy Al-idrissi, Karen Foster, Danen Oberon, Vivian Parkes, Dirk Wallschlaeger and Kelly Zatorski. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington

**Regrets:** Senators Gytha Chapman and Marco Pollanen

### **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**

**Academic Planning and Budget Committee Report.** Senator Muldoon presented the report which included proposals for two new programs.

Senate approved the program proposals as presented.

### **Open Session**

#### **Minutes and Business Arising—Meeting of September 25, 2018**

Senate approved the minutes as presented.

#### **Chair's Remarks and Announcements**

The Chair reported that Trent was attracting increasing numbers of students from Mexico. He had recently attended a meeting with representatives of the government of

the Mexican state of Pueblo where opportunities for exchange programs, that would see Trent students and faculty study and work in Mexico, had been discussed.

Following up on discussion at the September meeting, the Chair noted that he was still receiving input on the draft policy on free speech. He noted that the policy needed to be approved by the end of term.

### **Free Speech—Exercise and Discussion**

Senators Cathy Bruce and Nona Robinson led a session on handling conflict in the classroom. Senators broke into small groups and, using scenarios developed in advance, discussed ways that faculty could manage conflicts arising from individuals expressing viewpoints that were unacceptable to others in the class.

**Senate Executive Committee Report.** The Chair reminded Senate that the university would be undertaking a search for a new Chancellor in the current academic year. The Nominating and Governance Subcommittee had posted a draft position profile for the Chancellor to allow the community opportunity for input. The final profile had been submitted to Senate Executive and was now before Senate for approval.

Senate approved the position profile for the Chancellor as presented.

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

- **M.BEMA, Bioenvironmental Monitoring & Assessment:** BEMA 5001H, BEMA 5004H, BEMA 5006H, BEMA 5007H, BEMA 5008H, BEMA 5010H, BEMA 5011H and BEMA 5012H.
- **M. Sc.F.S., Forensic Science:** FRSC 5003H.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

**Cyclical Program Review Committee.** Senator Woodend presented the report. She noted that the Gender & Women's Studies BA had completed the cyclical review process and the next review of the program would take place in 2024-2025.

She also noted that the report included the Final Assessment Report (FAR) of the Economics BA/BSc & Mathematical Economics BSc.

Senate received the report as information.

### **Any Other Business.**

The schedule for the 2018-19 Distinguished Visiting Teaching Scholars had been posted on the Centre for Teaching and Learning (CTL) site.

Senator Newhouse reported that registration in INDG 1001 had increased from 200 to 600 students.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Dr. L. Groarke, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary