

## The 506<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, February 14, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

### Minutes

**Present were:** Senators Suzanne Bailey, Peri Ballantyne, Sam Barry, Rita Bode, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Gary Burness, Michael Chan-Reynolds, James Connelly, Aiden Cooke, Noah Edwards, Rodney Fitzsimons, Cyndi Gilmer, Holger Hintelmann, Hugh Hodges, Nancie Im-Bolter, Michael Khan (Chair), Lawrence Lam, Hugo Lehmann, Paul Manning, Claire Mooney, Van, Nguyen-Marshall, Phuong Nguyen, Kathryn Norlock, Fergal O'Hagan, Marco Pollanen, Mark Skinner, Shay Surujnarain and Kelly Young. Official Visitors Heather Crowley and Robyn Quantick. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

**Regrets:** Senators Ann Celestini, Saud Choudhry, Anthony Coulter, Leo Groarke, Scott Henderson, Richard Hurley, William Kim, Whitney Lackenbauer, Lily Lalonde, Sanela Martic, Dennis Murray, Heather Nicol, Karleen Pendleton Jimenez, Viviana Pinheiro, Raul Ponce-Hernandez and Annalise Smart.

### Welcome and adoption of the Agenda

The meeting opened with a welcome to the traditional territory:

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig 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

#### Chair's Remarks and Announcements.

The Chair noted that there were a number of searches underway, among them the searches for a University Librarian, Deans of Education and Nursing and an Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning and a Director of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

**Minutes and Business arising Meeting of January 17, 2023.** The minutes were approved as presented.

**Undergraduate Studies Committee Report.** Senator Mooney presented the report, which included the following recommendations for approval:

**Business**-New Postgraduate Certificate in Finance.

**International Development Studies**—New specialization—Specialization in Latin American Studies.

**Policing & Community Well-Being**—Introduce a joint-major program.

**Psychology**—Two new specializations—Specialization in Behavioural and Cognitive Neuroscience and Specialization in Psychological Research Methods and Data Analysis.

**Bachelor of Science** (any program)—Renew articulation agreement with Humber College to allow qualified graduates of Humber's Computer Engineering Technology advanced diploma to enter Trent's Bachelor of Science (any major) with advanced standing.

**Anthropology**—Five new regular courses—ANTH-AHCL 3255H, ANTH 3744H, ANTH 3811H, ANTH 3821H and ANTH 4720H.

**Computer Science**—Two new regular courses—COIS 2400H and COIS 2430H.

**Environment/Environmental Geoscience**—Modify program requirements for the Bachelor of Science Program in Environmental Geoscience single-major Honours program.

**History**—New regular course—HIST-CAST 4221H.

**International Development Studies**—Two new regular courses—IDST 3760Y and IDST 3830H.

**Political Studies**—Two regular courses—POST 2282H and POST 3285H.

**Psychology**—Split PSYC 3015Y into two half-courses-PSYC 3016H and PSYC 3017H and modify program requirements to reflect this.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

**Graduate Studies Committee Report.** Senator Brunetti presented the report which included the following proposals:

**Graduate Diploma in Mental Health & Addictions Nursing**—Change program requirements to remove NURS 5004H as a requirement and replace it with a new course—NURS 5009H. Some of the curriculum from NURS 5004H would be distributed among the remaining courses.

**Master of Management**-Expand the program to the Peterborough campus.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

**Academic Planning and Budget Committee Report.** Senator Khan presented the report which included two recommendations:

A merger of the Department of French and Francophone Studies with the School for the Study of Canada. The new combined unit would be named School for the Study of Canada / École d'études canadiennes.

The consultation process outlined in the *Policy on Creating, Merging or Closing Academic Departments* had been followed. There were benefits to both units—the School for the Study of Canada would see a broadening of their offerings and the Department of French and Francophone Studies would gain profile. If approved at Senate the proposal would go forward to the Board of Governors for information.

Senate approved the recommendation.

Monitoring reports for three new programs had been submitted for information. These included the BA Criminology, the BSc Financial Science and the PhD Interdisciplinary Social Research. The reports indicated that all three programs had been successfully launched and had been added to the Cyclical Review Schedule.

**Cyclical Program Review Committee Report.** Senator Hintelmann reviewed the report noting that the BSc Chemistry, the BSc Environmental Chemistry and the BSc Biochemistry and Molecular Biology programs has all complete the cyclical review process. The report also included the Executive Summaries of the Final Assessment Reports (FARs) for the following programs:

BSc Computer Science

BA Computing Systems

BA/BSc Information Systems Joint Major

BSc Computer Science & Physics

BA/BSc Geography, and,

the BSc Environmental Geoscience.

The report was accepted as information.

**Review of the Presidency.** Senator Hodges, one of the three Senate representatives on the Committee to Review the Presidency, was present to provide an update to Senate on the status of the review. He reported that several common themes had emerged during the consultation sessions. Senators provided additional feedback on the mandate of the next presidency.

**Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Dr. M. Khan, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary