

The 514th Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Minutes

Present were: Senators Riley Ambrose, Joel Baetz, Suzanne Bailey, Peri Ballantyne, Stefan Bilaniuk, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Shutao Cao, Bruce Cater, Ann Celestini, Michael Chan-Reynolds, Anthony Coulter, Kirk Collins, Noah Edwards, Wenying Feng, Scott Henderson, Holger Hintelmann, Nancie Im-Bolter, Michael Khan (Chair), William Kim, Lawrence Lam, Hugo Lehmann, Paul Manning, Kelly McGuire, Liam Mitchell, Dennis Murray, Heather Nicol, Kathryn Norlock, Fergal O'Hagan, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Rovel Rehman, Paula Sherman, Mark Skinner, Sarah Twomey, Beth Wallace, Shaun Watmough Sarah West, Rylin Wormington, Robert Wright, Juman Zanzoul and Asaf Zohar. Official Visitors Alma Barranco-Mendoza, Heather Crowley, Connor Koch, Geoff Navara, Brandon Remmelgas and David Tough. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

Regrets: Senators Finis Dunaway, Leo Groarke, Richard Hurley, Jean-François Koprivnjak, Suresh Narine, Catalina Sagarra, and Emily Tufts.

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 recognized president designate Dr. Cathy Bruce, congratulating her on her appointment as Trent's next president.

Notice of Motion-Senate was informed that, if the Nominating and Governance Subcommittee recommendation to change the composition of Senate was approved, a motion would come forward to the next meeting of Senate to change the bylaws to reflect the changed composition.

Regarding the recently announced two-year cap on the number of student visas to be approved, the Chair noted that this could have a negative impact on enrolment including enrolment in our post-graduate certificate programs. He went on to say that once the details were known we would be in a better position to develop contingency plans but that, in any event, Trent was still in a healthy financial position.

Minutes and Business arising Meeting of January 16, 2024. The minutes were approved with one correction to the list of those present.

Nominating and Governance Subcommittee Report. The Nominating and Governance Subcommittee had recommended reducing the number of ex-officio positions on Senate. This was intended to address the fact that the recent increase in the number of Associate Deans (all of whom sit on Senate) had resulted in there being fifty-three voting Senators –the bylaws stipulate that the maximum number was fifty-one. The recommendation was to remove from Senate all Associate Deans who were not chairing one of the major Senate committees (Academic Planning and Policy, Cyclical Program Review, Graduate Studies and Undergraduate Studies). The move to reduce the number of administrators on Senate was generally viewed favourably. Senate approved the recommendation as presented.

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Norlock presented the report which included the following recommendations:

Languages & Linguistics—New undergraduate certificate-Certificate in American Sign Language.

Media Studies—New articulation agreement with Durham College that would allow qualified graduates of Durham’s Journalism-Mass Media diploma program to enter Trent’s Media Studies program with advanced standing.

Arts & Science—A new articulation agreement that would allow qualified graduates of Fanshawe’s General Arts and Science Certificate/Diploma program to enter Trent’s Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science program (multiple majors) with advanced standing.

Child & Youth Studies—Renew articulation agreement with Durham College that enables qualified graduates of Durham’s Early Childhood Education program to enter Trent’s Child & Youth Studies program with advanced standing.

Biology/Chemistry/Forensic Science—Modify joint-major program requirements to allow the same course to satisfy program requirements of both programs in a joint-degree in some circumstances.

Business--Modify requirements for Postgraduate Certificate in Finance.

Canadian Studies—Regularize two trial courses-CAST 2090H and CAST-COMM 3094H.

Financial Science—Modify program requirements.

Forensic Science—Introduce three new regular courses FRSC 3730H, FRSC 4100H and FRSC 4730H.

Indigenous Environmental Studies & Sciences—Two new regular courses—IESS-INDG-ERSC/ERST-SAFS 3635H and IES-INDG-ERSC-ERST-SAFS 3636H.

Languages and Linguistics—Three new regular courses-ASLA 2002H, CHIN 2111H and LING 3010H. LING 3010H would be added to the Option in Linguistics.

Nursing—New regular course—NURS 2022H. This course would be added to the BScN program requirements.

Philosophy—New regular course-PHIL 3280H/4280H.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

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

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies-New reading course-AGNG-5900H.

Ph.D. in Canadian Studies-New special topics course-CAST-6902H.

Terminate partnership with Carleton University for joint Ph. D. in Canadian Studies.

Master of Arts in Canadian Studies & Indigenous Studies—New course- CSID-5702H/CAST-6702H.

New special topics course-CSID-5902H.

Ph.D. in Psychology-Policy and procedures for the Ph.D. Comprehensive Examination.

Master of Science and Ph, D, in Environmental & Life Sciences-Permanent deletion of ENLS- 5009H.

ENLS-5012H, ENLS-5029H, ENLS-5031H, ENLS-5041H and ENLS-5380H.

Change cross listing with other programs-AMOD-5240H/ENLS-5015H.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Cyclical Program Review Committee Report. Senator West presented the report which included the Final Assessment Report (FAR) for the BBA Business Administration and BA/BSc Business Administration Joint Major programs. The report also included the implementation report submitted by the MA Canadian Studies and Indigenous Studies program.

Senate received the report as information.

Any Other Business. In response to comments made in the chat, and to ensure that Senators understood the implications the recommendation made by the Nominating and Governance Subcommittee, the Chair re-opened discussion of that item. Following deliberation, the Chair put the question to the Senate again for reconsideration. The motion to approve the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Subcommittee was approved again. A motion to change the bylaws accordingly was to be brought forward next month.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Dr. M. Khan, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary