

## The 515<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

### Minutes

**Present were:** Senators Leo Groarke (Chair), Riley Ambrose, Joel Baetz, Suzanne Bailey, Peri Ballantyne, Stefan Bilaniuk, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Shutao Cao, Ann Celestini, Michael Chan-Reynolds, Kirk Collins, Noah Edwards, Wenying Feng, Holger Hintelmann, Nancie Im-Bolter, Michael Khan, William Kim, Jean-François Koprivnjak, Hugo Lehmann, Paul Manning, Kelly McGuire, Liam Mitchell, Dennis Murray, Kathryn Norlock, Fergal O'Hagan, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, 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 and Brendon Remmelgas. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

**Regrets:** Senators Bruce Cater, Anthony Coulter, Finis Dunaway, Scott Henderson, Richard Hurley, Lawrence Lam, Suresh Narine, Heather Nicol, Rovel Rehman, Catalina Sagarra, and Emily Tufts. David Tough

### 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 announced that the BSC Software Engineering program had received provincial approval. Trent, like all universities and colleges, continues to wait to see what the impact of the recently announced cap on undergraduate student visas would be.

Senator Fergal O'Hagan announced the 2024 teaching award winners.

- **Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching** is being awarded to **Dr. Laura Summerfeldt**, a Professor in the Department of Psychology.
- **Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation** is being awarded to Dr. Dan Longboat an Associate Professor in the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies and Director of the Indigenous Environmental Studies and Sciences program

- **Award for Excellence in Online Teaching** is being awarded to Dr. Else Marie Knudsen, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work.
- **CUPE 3908-1 Award for Excellence in Teaching** is being awarded to Sarah Ibaid, a course instructor in Child and Youth Studies.
- **Award for Excellence in Teaching Assistance** is being awarded to Connor Leshner, a PhD student and Teaching Assistant in Psychology.

Senator Bruce announced the 2024 Early Career Research Awards

- **Dr. Carlo Bradac**, An assistant professor in Physics & Astronomy.
- **Dr. Jackson Pind**, an assistant professor in the Chanie Wenjack School of Indigenous Studies.
- **Dr. Raheleh Saryazdi**, assistant professor of Psychology at Trent's Durham GTA Campus.

**Minutes and Business arising Meeting of February 13, 2024.** The minutes were approved with one correction to the list of those present.

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

**Business**-New Specialization in Logistics and Supply Chain Management.

**Mathematics**-The department proposed changing its name to Department of Mathematics & Statistics.

**Policing & Community Well-Being**-Articulation agreement with Niagara College that would allow qualified graduates of Niagara's Protection, Security & Investigation (Customs Border Services) program enter Trent's Policing & Community Well-Being program with advanced standing.

**Social Work**-Articulation agreement with Sault College that would allow qualified graduates of Sault's Social Service Worker-Indigenous Specialization to enter Trent's Social Work program with advanced standing.

**Business**-New course ADMN 4610H.

**Chemistry**-Two new courses to replace CHEM 2400H—CHEM 2410H and CHEM 2420H.

Modify program requirements for the Honours and General programs and the dual-degree program in Chemical Engineering to reflect new courses.

**Chemistry/Biology**-Modify program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology and Specialization in Health Sciences to reflect new CHEM courses (CHEM 2410H and CHEM 2420H).

**Chemistry/Environment**- Modify program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Chemistry (single-major Honours and single-major General) to reflect new CHEM courses (CHEM 2410H and CHEM 2420H).

**Environmental Geoscience**—Modify program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geoscience (single-major Honours program) to reflect new CHEM course CHEM 2410H.

**Water Sciences**- Modify program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Water Sciences (single-major Honours program) to reflect new CHEM courses (CHEM 2410H and CHEM 2420H).

**Chemistry/Forensic Science**-Modify program requirements for the Bachelor of Science Forensic Chemistry single-major Honours program.

**Computer Science**-Modify admission requirements for the BSC Computer Science Honours program to remove the requirement for a 4U Math.

Modify program requirements for the single-major General program.

New course-COIS 3430H.

**Forensic Science**- Modify program requirements for the single-major Honours program.

**Gender & Social Justice**-New course-GESO 3965H. Add GESO 3965H as an elective for the single-major Honours program, the joint-major Honours program and the Specialization in Feminist Studies.

**International Development Studies**-Compress IDST-ANTH 3890Y to a half-course IDST-ANTH 3891H.

**Political Studies**-New regular course POST-CAST 4452H.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

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

**MSc and Ph.D. in Environmental & Life Sciences**-New course ENLS-5050H.

Change course description of ENLS 5090H.

**MA in History**-Change to composition of Thesis Committee to remove requirement for an external examiner and stipulate that the committee would be comprised of three faculty (Supervisory, Supervisory Committee member and Examiner).

**Master of Management**-New course MSMG 5240H.

Regarding the second recommendation, it was noted that this is common at other universities as well as other programs at Trent.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

**Research Policy Committee Report.** Senator Bruce presented the report which included three items:

- A revised draft **Indirect Costs Policy** (previously Policy on Overhead Charges for Research).
- A revised **Policy for Research Involving Human Participants**-including revised Ethics Procedures for Reviewing Research Involving Human Participants. She noted that this policy had last undergone a full review in 2004 and that there had been an update to one section in 2021. The current draft proposed that the composition of the Research Ethics Board (REB) be expanded to include two faculty members from the Chanie Wenjack School for Indigenous Studies. The change would allow for a more streamlined process for Indigenous Ethics Review—currently these proposals go through two processes and the change would allow this to be reduced to one approval process.
- A proposal for a new research centre-**Trent Centre for Molecules, Cells & Systems Research**. Senator Bruce reported that the members of the proposed Centre had operated as a research group since 2019.

Senator Bruce reported that there had not been any significant changes to the Indirect Costs Policy. She also noted that, going forward, both of the policies would be reviewed on a five year cycle. The

Indirect Costs Policy and the proposal for the new research centre would both be going forward to the Board of Governor following approval at Senate.

Senate approved all three items as presented.

**Bylaw Revision.** The Chair reminded Senators that in March Senate had approved a recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Subcommittee to revise the composition of Senate—specifically to remove of Associate Deans not chairing major Senate committees. The current motion was to revise the bylaws to reflect that change.

Senate approved the motion as presented.

**Approval of Convocation Lists.** The report included two motions approving the names of qualified students for convocation during the period April 2024 until March 2025 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.

**Cyclical Program Review Committee Report.** Senator West presented the report which included the Final Assessment Report (FAR) and Implementation Plan Executive Summary for the BA/Bac Anthropology, BA/BAC Archaeology and MA/MSc Anthropology.

Senate received the report as information.

**Any Other Business.** Senator Khan thanked all faculty who had participated in the open house at Durham and reminded Senators that the Peterborough open house was to take place on Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Senator Skinner reported that the Social Work program had received its second accreditation. Senator Bruce announced that Trent would celebrate its first Research Week March 25<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 3:13.

Dr. L. Groarke, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary