

The 517th Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, May 14, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Minutes

Present were: Senators Michale Khan (Chair), Iyiola Alade, Joel Baetz, Peri Ballantyne, Stefan Bilaniuk, Craig Brunetti, Ann Celestini, Michael Chan-Reynolds, Kirk Collins, Noah Edwards, Nancie Im-Bolter, William Kim, Jean-François Koprivnjak, Lawrence Lam, Hugo Lehmann, Paul Manning, Kelly McGuire, Liam Mitchell, Suresh Narine, Heather Nicol, Kathryn Norlock, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Paula Sherman, Mark Skinner, Emily Tufts, Beth Wallace, Shaun Watmough and Sarah West. Official Visitors Heather Crowley, Connor Koch, Alma Barranco-Mendoza and Geoff Navara. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

Regrets: Senators Jodi Ambrose, Cathy Bruce, Shutao Cao, Bruce Cater, Anthony Coulter, Finis Dunaway, Leo Groarke, Scott Henderson, Holger Hintelmann, Richard Hurley, Dennis Murray, Brandon Rempelgas, Catalina Sagarra, David Tough, Sarah Twomey, Rylin Wormington, Robert Wright, and Asaf Zohar.

Guest: Ms. Cheryl Turk, Associate Vice President Finance

Welcome and adoption of the Agenda

The meeting opened with a welcome to the traditional territory:

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the 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.

Senator Khan chaired the meeting. He noted that it had been a great year and thanked Senators for all of their hard work. He referenced the on-going conflict in Gaza expressing the hope that there would soon be a ceasefire. Senator Pendleton Jiménez's term as Academic Colleague to the Council of Ontario Universities was ending in June. Senator Khan reminded Senate that Senator Pendleton Jiménez had agreed to several extensions of her term and thanked her for her contributions in that role. He noted that incoming Senator Michele McIntosh would be the next Colleague.

Minutes and Business arising Meeting of March 12, 2024. The minutes were approved as presented.

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

Bachelor of Science, Honours—Two new articulation agreements with Centennial College that would allow qualified graduates of Centennial’s Biotechnology diploma program and Biotechnology Advanced Diploma programs to enter Trent’s Bachelor of Science program (any major) with advanced standing.

Business--Five new articulation agreements with Centennial College that would allow qualified graduates of Centennials Human Resources diploma, Marketing diploma, Human Resources Advanced diploma, Leadership and Management Advanced diploma and Marketing Advanced diploma programs to enter Trent’s BBA program with advanced standing.

Bachelor of Arts, Honour—A new articulation agreement that would allow qualified graduates of Georgian College’s General Arts and Science diploma/certificate program to enter Trent’s BAH program with advanced standing.

Child & Youth Studies—A new articulation agreement that would allow qualified graduates of Sault College’s Child & Youth Care advanced diploma program to enter Trent’s Child & Youth Studies Honours program with advanced standing.

Social Work-- A new articulation agreement that would allow qualified graduates of Sault College’s Social Service Worker diploma program to enter Trent’s Social Work program with advanced standing.

Communications—Three new regular courses-COMM 2005H, COMM 4800Y and COMM 4801H.

Criminology—With the department of Sociology, proposed to modify program requirements.

Education—Modify program requirements for the Teacher Education Stream.

Gender & Social Justice--New regular course GESO 2183H.

During discussion it was suggested that two of the EDUC courses (EDUC 1050H: Understanding Teaching and Learning through Social Justice Lenses and EDUC 2950h: Conceptions and Dispositions in Teaching and Learning) be revised to include “Eco”-Social Justice and a reference to Indigenous Knowledge. It was agreed that the recommendations for program modifications would be approved as presented but that the department would be consulted regarding name changes. It was anticipated that the department would approve the recommendations made by Senate.

Senate approved the proposals.

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

Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Aging Studies--New course AGNG 5003H.

Ph.D. in Psychology--New course- PSYC 6640H.

Graduate Special Student Policy—Update language and fees to reflect new professional programs and differential fee costs.

Graduate Transfer Credit Policy-- Revise language to clarify university regulations regarding how many non-Trent credits can be applied to degree requirements and what transfer credits may be considered.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Research Policy Committee- Annual Report-- The report provided highlights of the committee's activities, Research Awards, Internal Grants and Research Activity and External Grants. It was received for information.

Research Policy Committee- -Proposal for the Trent Research Farm Centre. Senator Brunetti presented the proposal noting that, if approved by Senate, the proposal would go forward to the Board of Governors for final approval.

The proposal was approved for submission to the Board of Governors.

Academic Planning and Policy Committee Report. Senator Khan presented the report which included proposed revisions to the Posthumous Degree Policy. He noted that the policy had last been revised in 2008. The revisions were primarily housekeeping. Senate approved the revised policy.

Cyclical Program Review Committee Report. Senator West presented the report which included the Final Assessment Report (FAR) for Canadian Studies as well as the implementation reports for Computer Science, Ancient Greek and Roman Studies, Social Work and Child and Youth Studies.

Overview of the 2024-25 Budget. Associate Vice-President Finance, Ms. C. Turk, presented a brief overview of the 2024-25 budget. She reported that Trent was in a better financial position than many universities as a result of enrolment growth in recent years and the fact that we had developed other sources of revenue. Implementation of the University Pension Plan (UPP) was expected to relieve some pressure. Trent expected to recruit 16.5 new faculty in the coming year and a total of 50 new faculty over a three-year period.

Any Other Business.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58.

Dr. M. Khan, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary