

636TH MEETING OF SENATE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH 2021
2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Dr. Darren Bardati, Mr. Branden Bonham, Mr. Julien Collin, Mr. Bruno Courtemanche, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Anthony Di Mascio, Mr. Mauladad Bashar Doost, Dr. Alexandre Drouin, Mr. Mark Gandey, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Sufia Langevin, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Ms. Genny LeClair, Dr. Michele Murray, Ms. Victoria Perak, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Dr. Jessica Riddell, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Jordan Tronsgard, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Ms. Doan Duy Vo, Dr. Yanan Wang, Dr. Brad Willms, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

Regrets: Dr. Gregory Brophy, Dr. Michael Teed

Guest: Dr. Calin Valsan

Secretary: Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 636th meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and welcomed Dr. Jordan Tronsgard, Associate Professor of Modern Languages, and Dr. Alexandre Drouin, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, to Senate.

ITEM 636/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

Motion carried.

ITEM 636/2 MINUTES

The minutes of the 633rd Senate held on May 21st 2021, were approved as presented.

Moved by: Michele Murray

Seconded by: Julien Collin

Motion carried.

The minutes of the 634th Senate held on June 22nd 2021, were approved as presented.

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Brad Willms

Motion carried.

The minutes of the 635th Senate held on September 10th 2021, were approved as presented.

Moved by: Darren Bardati

Seconded by: Alex Drouin

Motion carried.

Registrar Hans Rouleau said that there was an error in the memo that accompanied the documents for the 635th Senate meeting which was conducted by email. He apologized for any confusion that may have resulted from the incorrect dates for the Fall Student Success Week in the memo. The dates for the 2021 Fall Student Success Week should have read October 25 to October 29, 2021.

ITEM 636/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal Michael Goldbloom said that there are many more students on campus this Fall as compared to Fall 2020. Some second-year students are arriving on campus for the first time as they spent last year entirely online due to the pandemic.

The Students' Representative Council in-person Orientation Week activities seemed fun, safe and well attended.

The 2021-2022 season of the Donald Lecture Series began with a lecture from award-winning author and 2019 Bishop's honorary degree recipient Kim Thúy on September 8th. In-person access to the lecture was restricted to first-year students, who had each received a copy of Kim Thúy's book *Ru*, in English or French, as part of their Orientation Week welcome kit.

On September 15th, the University welcomed photographer, writer, artist, lecturer and gardener Patterson Webster to give the second Donald Lecture of 2021-22. Ms. Webster is the creator of the 750-acre Glen Villa Art Garden in North Hatley. As a complement to the lecture, Ms. Webster offered guided tours of Glen Villa Art Garden on the Saturday, September 18th. Some 50 students, faculty, staff and community members enjoyed the morning exploring the garden and its installations, on tours led by student volunteers under Dr. Claire Grogan's supervision.

On September 23rd, the University kicked off an initiative to plant 10,500 trees across nine locations on campus this Fall, as part of the 2020-24 Sustainable Development Plan. Dr. Hugh Scott, DCL '99, former Principal of Bishop's and Chair of the Tree Care and Biodiversity Committee, and his spouse Paule Scott were on hand for the announcement at the Peter Curry Marsh. Bishop's tree consultant, Vincent Lemonde, and Laurence Williams, the University's newly hired Sustainable Development Advisor, led student volunteers in planting the first trees.

Approximately 90% of students attending courses in-person have been vaccinated and more than 98% of the students living in residence have received two doses of vaccine against COVID-19. Students are required to wear a mask in class and must show proof of vaccination via a vaccine passport to attend non-essential events on campus.

ITEM 636/4 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

ITEM 636/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 2021-22 SENATE HANDBOOK, AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON SENATE BY-LAWS AND POLICIES

The Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on Senate By-laws and Policies, Secretary General and Vice-Principal Government Relations & Planning Trygve Ugland, presented the 2021-22 Senate Handbook to Senate. Dr. Ugland said that the Senate Handbook would be updated each year and presented to Senate at its first meeting each Fall.

The Senate Handbook recommends that each Senate Committee review its mandate at least every three years and Dr. Ugland encouraged the chairs of each committee to review its mandate and to update Senate this Fall.

Dean of Science Kerry Hull suggested that a useful addition to the Senate Handbook would be a policy to guide Senators on consulting their constituents prior to Senate meetings and reporting decisions following Senate meetings.

Dr. Ugland said that this would be considered for its next addition of the Senate Handbook.

Dr. Ugland reported that with the presentation of the Senate Handbook to Senate, the Ad Hoc Committee on Senate By-laws and Policies was dissolved.

5.2 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Nominating Committee of Senate, Dr. Dawn Wiseman, presented the 2021-22 memberships of the Senate Committees and thanked the Nominating Committee members for

their support in filling the positions.

Motion:

That Senate approve committee changes as brought forward by the Senate Nominating Committee Report on September 24, 2021 (*Document 636/5.2i*).

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Jessica Riddell

Motion carried.

Dr. Miles Turnbull suggested that Senate Committees could be populated in late Spring rather than in the Fall.

Dr. Jessica Riddell said a first call was issued by the Nominating Committee in May 2021. However, the process of receiving confirmation on renewals and receiving feedback from department chairs is time intensive. Dr. Riddell suggested that additional administrative support would be helpful to confirm committee memberships in a timely fashion.

Dr. Wiseman said that the creation of a database which contained the Committee memberships and terms would facilitate the process of populating the committees.

Principal Goldbloom thanked the Nominating Committee and its Chair for their efforts to populate the committees.

5.3 SENATE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Senate Planning Committee, Dr. Miles Turnbull, reported that the 'Circular for Chairs' was shared with deans and chairs on August 31, 2021.

Dr. Turnbull reminded Senators that the deadline for the SPC to receive tenure stream proposals is October 4, 2021 and that before the proposal is submitted to the SPC it should be approved at the departmental or division level.

5.4 RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD AND ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT RESEARCH

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull presented the 2021-22 memberships of the Research Ethics Board and of the Ethics Review Committee for Student Research.

Motion

Moved, that Senate approves the membership of the Research Ethics Board and Ethics Review Committee for Student Research for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Alexandre Drouin

Motion carried.

5.5 ACADEMIC STANDING AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Academic Standing and Admissions Policy Committee, Registrar Hans Rouleau, reported that the Committee met on September 7th 2021 and discussed the 2021-22 University's Admission Guidelines, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, and student appeals relating to academic standing, violation of academic regulations and scholarships.

ITEM 636/6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull reported on preliminary Fall 2021 enrolment results which presage a shortfall in undergraduate enrolment. As the numbers are still fluctuating, Dr. Turnbull said that an enrolment update would be given at the October Senate meeting.

Dr. Turnbull announced that the Annual Research Reception would be held on October 28th and that the Office of Research and Graduate Studies was holding an 'Open House' webinar on October 6th.

The Student Enrolment Management (SEM) team will present a Town Hall this Fall and the University community will be encouraged to provide feedback.

Dr. Turnbull encouraged Senators to consult the Academic Report to learn about the many research initiatives happening on campus.

6.2 TEACHING TOOLS TASK FORCE REPORT

Dean of Science Kerry Hull, Co-Chair of the Teaching Tools Task Force, said that the Task Force was created by the University to consider faculty experiences and requirements regarding online teaching and learning technology.

Dr. Hull reported on the process used to collect information and spoke briefly on the recommendations included in the Task Force's final report.

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull said that the Senate E-Learning Committee was best placed to carry on the Task Force's work as detailed in Recommendation 1 of the Teaching Tools Task Force Report (rather than creating a new Senate committee):

Mandate the Senate E-Learning Committee to develop and implement a procedure for evaluating requests for fully supported software. This committee should also develop, communicate, and implement a policy outlining levels of IT support offered for different teaching tools, so that instructors and students know who to

consult when they have issues with a specific product. See the Appendix for our preliminary scheme. In order to take on this additional mandate, the composition of the Senate E-Learning Committee should be revised to include the Manager of Student Accessibility and Accommodations Services (or their delegate).

Motion

That the Senate E-learning Committee assume the mandate outlined in Recommendation 1 of the Teaching Tools Task Force report (Document 636/6.2).

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried. (21 Approved, None opposed, 5 abstentions)

Several student Senators said that they were unsure the effect of the revised mandate would have on the workload of E-Learning Committee, but that they were pleased the motion had passed.

Motion

That a representative of the Student Accessibility and Accommodations Services, named by the Manager of Counselling, Career and Accessibility Services, be added to the composition of the Senate E-Learning Committee.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Julien Collin

Motion carried.

ITEM 636/7 MEMORIAL MINUTE

Dr. Calin Valsan read a memorial minute in honour of Professor Sylvie Béquet.

Sylvie Béquet is certainly one of the best colleagues I ever had. I am still in disbelief, and I find it unreal that I am here today, delivering this eulogy. I am still grappling with acceptance, still not capable of rationalizing her disappearance.

She was one of the main pillars of the Williams School of Business. She was the bedrock of the Finance Area for decades, and it is thanks to her we were able to deliver a full-fledged concentration stream – one of the more popular among business students – with only two faculty members. And this, for many years in a row. I had rarely come across anyone with her work capacity and resilience. She was extremely dependable: you knew you could rely on her. Together we kept the finance area in excellent health.

Our students knew they could depend on her. Our students learned a lot from her. The most touching tribute I witnessed after her passing came from a student who left a bouquet of flowers and an old exam at her door. The exam surely looked like a basket case. I knew very well the student as a very skilled and talented individual. A high achiever who had recently started a very successful career in Finance. But I had no idea his beginning had been so dismal and unremarkable. That's because I only met him in my advanced courses. It was Sylvie who pulled him up during her Intro to Finance class. After long, dedicated office hours she was able to un-confuse (if that is even a word), inspire and motivate the student who went on to become one of the best I ever had. Her actions speak for themselves.

I will not say more, because it is hard to put into words the immensity of the loss we had experienced.

Sylvie always kept a low profile, and avoided the spotlight, to the point of being self-effacing. She was among the very few academics who did not enjoy being in the center of attention. Her modesty was genuine, and her loyalty was unconditional.

I stand here before you today to honor the memory of Sylvie Béquet, Professor of Finance in the Williams School of Business, my colleague, your colleague. My heartfelt condolences to everyone who knew her, and to her children whom she loved so, so much. Sylvie, rest in peace.

I invite you to join me in observing a minute of silence in her memory.

Principal Goldbloom expressed his thanks for Dr. Calin Valsan's moving tribute and expressed his condolences to Professor Sylvie Béquet's friends, family, colleagues and students.

ITEM 636/8 CURRICULUM RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 Williams School of Business - no recommendations
- 8.2 Arts and Science
 - 8.2.1 Division of Humanities - no recommendations
 - 8.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics - no recommendations
 - 8.2.3 Division of Social Sciences - no recommendations
- 8.3 School of Education - no recommendations

ITEM 636/9 INFORMATION ITEMS

Students' Representative Council Vice-President Academic Affairs Sufia Langevin encouraged Faculty to contact SRC President Enzo Evangelisti with their suggestions for activities during Student Success Week.

Principal Goldbloom encouraged Senators to participate in activities and reflections on National Truth and Reconciliation Day, September 30th.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary General