



624TH MEETING OF SENATE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020
2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Dr. Darren Bardati, Dr. Jim Benson, Mr. Samy Cauvet, Mr. Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon, Mr. Mark Gandey, Mr. Eric Gendron, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Corinne Haigh, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Dr. Michele Murray, Mr. David Piperno, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Dr. Jessica Riddell, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Ms. Hannah Sommerville, Ms. Emma Story, Dr. Michael Teed, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Dr. Yanan Wang, Dr. David Webster, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

Regrets: Mr. Yotam Baum, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Grace McArthur, Dr. Brad Willms

Secretary: Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 624th meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ITEM 624/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

ITEM 624/2 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

Principal Goldbloom said that the first part of Convocation 2020, a virtual ceremony, was screened on Sunday, August 30, 2020. Despite technical issues which delayed the screening by a day, the result was a celebration which was viewed and shared by many graduates and their

families.

The Principal said the process of creating an online event of this magnitude involved the hard work of over 30 individuals and particularly wanted to thank Mr. Tim Doherty and Ms. Denise Lauzière for their leadership of the project. The pandemic permitting, the second part of Convocation 2020 will be held on campus in June, 2021.

Principal Goldbloom said that Orientation Week was a success. The Students Representative Council designed and hosted in-person activities safely and creatively. For instance, instead of a single large group of students singing the University's song in front of the Principal's residence, there were several smaller groups which serenaded the Principal at half-hour intervals while maintaining physical distancing and observing safety guidelines.

Principal Goldbloom commended the SRC Orientation Week organisers on their dedication and for their efforts. He said that the first few days on campus are important for communicating the University's values from one generation of students to the next. The Principal said that several students expressed their appreciation for the efforts that the University community is making to welcome them, whether on campus or online. He thanked faculty, staff and the SRC for their efforts in welcoming new and returning students.

The University has requested an on-campus COVID-19 testing site. Discussions are ongoing with health authorities to this end and the Principal said he would keep Senate apprised of any new developments.

On August 31, 2020, the Board of Governors approved the appointments of Dr. Claire Grogan as the Associate Vice-Principal Academic and of Dr. Kerry Hull as the Dean of Science. The Principal said that during their three-year provisional terms, both Dr. Grogan and Dr. Kerry will be non-voting members on Senate.

Principal Goldbloom said the Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion had named Dr. Jenn Cianca as its Chair.

ITEM 624/3 MINUTES

The Principal said that due to the late distribution of the Minutes, they would be brought for approval at the next Senate meeting on October 23, 2020. In the interim, he asked that any corrections or modifications be brought to the attention of the Secretary General.

ITEM 624/4 COMMITTEE ITEMS

4.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair of the Nominating Committee of Senate Dawn Wiseman presented the 2020-21 memberships of the Senate Committees.

Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch noted that as Dr. Leo Standing has retired there is a vacancy for the Humanities representative on the English Writing Proficiency Task Force.

Secretary General Trygve Ugland and Principal Goldbloom thanked Dr. Wiseman for her efforts to populate the committees.

Motion:

That Senate approve committee changes as brought forward by the Senate Nominating Committee Report on September 11, 2020 (*Document 624/4.1i*)

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Jessica Riddell

Motion carried.

4.2 SENATE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Chair of the Senate Planning Committee Miles Turnbull said that the Committee planned to bring the 2021-22 tenure-stream position recommendations to Senate on October 23, 2020.

4.3 RESEARCH ETHICS BOARD AND ETHICS REVIEW COMMITTEE FOR STUDENT RESEARCH

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull presented the 2020-21 memberships of the Research Ethics Board and Ethics Review Committee for Student Research for Senate's approval.

Motion:

That Senate approves the memberships of the Research Ethics Board and the Ethics Review Committee for Student Research for the 2020-2021 academic year (*Document 624/4.3*).

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Mike Teed

Motion carried.

ITEM 624/5 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

ITEM 624/6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull invited Senators to the annual Research Reception which will be held on October 22nd 2020.

Dr. Turnbull presented an enrolment progress report for Fall 2020. Dr. Marianne Vigneault asked if the in-person classes were at capacity. Registrar Hans Rouleau said that he would extract the data and circulate it to Senators after the meeting.

Principal Goldbloom invited the Student Senators to share their opinions or their fellow

students' opinions about the hybrid model of course delivery.

SRC Vice-President Academic Georges-Philippe Gadoury-Sansfaçon said that he had received positive feedback for some courses. Mr. Gadoury-Sansfaçon said that the support offered by the Online Learning and Technology Consultants (OTLCs) was greatly appreciated and some students noted that the courses which were supported by the OTLCs were more engaging.

Dr. Turnbull thanked faculty and the OLTCs for their hard work.

ITEM 624/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

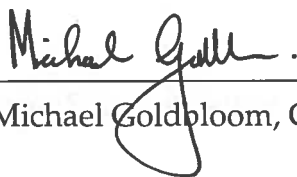
7.1 CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT

Secretary General and Vice-Principal Government Relations & Planning Trygve Ugland said that the University was named, along with 15 other Quebec universities, in a class-action lawsuit concerning a claim for reimbursement of certain fees as a consequence of the closure of certain on-campus activities in the spring of 2020 resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

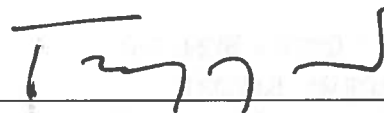
ITEM 624/8 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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
- 8.4 Continuing Education – no recommendations

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:06 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary General