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SENATE

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606TH MEETING OF SENATE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019
2:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Chair: Principal Michael Goldbloom

Present: Dr. Hafid Agourram, Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, Ms. Aunika Braun, Dr. Gregory Brophy, Dr. Mary Ellen Donnan, Ms. Norah Exume, Mr. Philippe Gravel, Dr. Claire Grogan, Dr. Corinne Haigh, Dr. Kerry Hull, Ms. Isabella Janušonis, Ms. Cassandra Johnson-Desnoyer, Ms. Melina Krallis, Ms. Catherine Lavallée-Welch, Dr. Elizabeth Prusak, Dr. Jessica Riddell, Mr. Bill Robson, Mr. Hans Rouleau, Dr. Miles Turnbull, Dr. Marianne Vigneault, Dr. David Webster, Dr. Brad Willms, Dr. Dawn Wiseman

Regrets: Mr. Yotam Baum, Dr. Jim Benson, Dr. Mark Gandey, Dr. Michael Teed

Guest: Dr. Nicole Riley

Secretary: Dr. Trygve Ugland

The Chair called the 606th meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

ITEM 606/1 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Miles Turnbull requested that the Academic Report be presented immediately after the Chair's Communications. Approval of the modified agenda was proposed.

Moved by: Cassandra Johnson-Desnoyer

Seconded by: Isabella Janušonis

Motion carried.

ITEM 606/2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 605TH MEETING OF SENATE

No corrections or modifications were requested. Approval of the minutes of the 605th meeting of Senate was proposed.

Moved by: Kassandra Johnson-Desnoyer

Seconded by: Isabella Janušonis

Motion carried.

ITEM 606/3 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

The Principal welcomed Dr. Bill Robson back to Senate and spoke to some events that occurred since the last Senate meeting.

The Principal noted that although on November 1, 2019 the water had risen to the same level as in the 2014 flood, there had been less damage due to changes made in the intervening period and to the effort of the Buildings and Grounds team.

The Principal congratulated Senator Philippe Gravel for winning the cross-country running race organized on the golf course ski trails on November 9, 2019.

ITEM 606/6 OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 ACADEMIC REPORT

Vice-Principal Academic and Research Miles Turnbull presented the Academic Report. He announced that Dr. Amy Svolteis had been hired as the Director of Research and Graduate Studies to start on January 6, 2020.

Registrar Hans Rouleau and Associate Registrar Student Records Nicole Riley presented the enrolment report, including an updated Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) assessment. While the Fall 2019 target for undergraduate enrolment was not met, the target for graduate enrolment was exceeded. However, the additional graduate enrolment did not make up the difference in the shortfall of undergraduate enrolment. The results were broken down by country of citizenship and specific program enrolment rates were discussed. Senators discussed the need to update the Enrolment Prediction model.

Dr. Turnbull said that the Strategic Framework, approved by the Board on November 8, 2019, includes an objective to develop a Strategic Enrolment Plan.

ITEM 606/4 BUSINESS ARISING

4.1 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Dawn Wiseman, Interim Chair of the Senate Nominating Committee proposed changes to the composition of the Senate Committee on Student Accessibility to reflect changes in the Office of the Dean of Student Affairs.

Dr. Wiseman proposed approval of the revised composition of the Senate Committee on Student Accessibility and Accommodations Services as indicated in Document 606/4.1.

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Jessica Riddell

Motion carried.

Dr. Wiseman proposed approval of the appointments or reappointments to Senate Committees as indicated in Document 606/4.2i.

Moved by: Dawn Wiseman

Seconded by: Corinne Haigh

Motion carried.

ITEM 606/5 COMMITTEE ITEMS

5.1 ACADEMIC STANDING AND ADMISSIONS POLICY COMMITTEE

The Chair of the committee, Mr. Hans Rouleau, said that the University policy to 'Withdraw with Permission' was in need of revision. The last time the policy was updated was in 1995. He presented the following motion as indicated in Document 606/5.2:

To move the last day to withdraw from a course from the 7th week to the 10th week of classes. Students would be required only to get the signature from their Departmental Chairpersons. Students would still be responsible for paying for the course but it would be denoted with the WP notation and be excluded from the calculation of their GPA. Once the student is withdrawn from course – the faculty / instructor of the course will be notified by e-mail.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Kerry Hull

Motion carried.

Senators discussed the importance of students receiving timely information on grades. Dr. Turnbull proposed a motion to strongly encourage professors to communicate at least 20% of the grade to students before the 'Withdraw with Permission' deadline.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

Mr. Rouleau presented the 2020-21 Sessional Dates. Dr. Turnbull presented a motion for Senate to approve the dates as listed in Document 606/5.1.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Dawn Wiseman

Motion carried.

Mr. Rouleau presented changes to the English language proficiency requirements for undergraduate admissions. Dr. Turnbull proposed the approval of the changes detailed in Document 606/5.3.

Moved by: Miles Turnbull

Seconded by: Philippe Gravel

Motion carried.

ITEM 606/7 INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

ITEM 606/8 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Williams School of Business

The Dean of the Williams School of Business, Ms. Reena Atanasiadis, moved the approval of 8.1.1 to 8.1.3.

Moved by: Reena Atanasiadis

Seconded by: Hafid Agourram

Motion carried.

8.2 Arts and Science

8.2.1 Division of Humanities – no recommendations

8.2.2 Division of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

The Interim Dean of Arts and Science for Natural Science and Mathematics and Social Science, Dr. Kerry Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Biology, moved the approval of 8.2.2.1 and 8.2.2.2.

Moved by: Kerry Hull

Seconded by: Isabella Janušonis

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Chemistry, moved the approval of the name change to the Department of Chemistry and Brewing Sciences as indicated in 8.2.2.5.

Moved by: Kerry Hull

Seconded by: Hafid Agourram

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull withdrew the modifications proposed to the Chemistry and Brewing Sciences Department indicated in Document 8.2.2.4 upon further consultations with the English Department.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Chemistry and Brewing Science, moved the approval of 8.2.2.6.

Moved by: Kerry Hull
Seconded by: Hafid Agourram

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science, moved the approval of 8.2.2.7 to 8.2.2.15.

Moved by: Kerry Hull
Seconded by: Norah Exume

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science, moved the approval of 8.2.2.16 to 8.2.2.17.

Moved by: Kerry Hull
Seconded by: Kassandra Johnson-Desnoyer

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science, moved the approval of 8.2.2.18.

Moved by: Kerry Hull
Seconded by: Aunika Braun

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Computer Science, moved the approval of 8.2.2.19.

Moved by: Kerry Hull
Seconded by: Elisabeth Prusak

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Mathematics, moved the approval of 8.2.2.20 to 8.2.2.31.

Moved by: Kerry Hull
Seconded by: Isabella Janušonis

Motion carried.

Dr. Hull, on the recommendation of the Department of Physics, moved the approval of 8.2.2.32 and 8.2.2.33.

Moved by: Kerry Hull

Seconded by: Isabella Janušonis

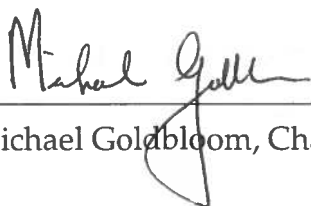
Motion carried.

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 4:01 p.m.



Michael Goldbloom, Chair



Trygve Ugland, Secretary General