

**MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION
OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

Held on Friday, December 9, 2016, at 2 p.m.
in the Norman D. Hébert, LLD Meeting Room
(Room EV 2.260) on the SGW Campus

PRESENT

Voting members: Amir Aghdam (*acting on behalf of Paula Wood-Adams*); Ali Akgunduz; Amir Asif; Guylaine Beaudry; Patrick Blair; Patrice Blais; Stéphane Brutus; Philippe Caignon; Ian Campbell; Graham Carr; Daniel Cross; Christine DeWolf; Effrosyni Diamantoudi; Jill Didur; Charles Draimin; Rebecca Duclos; Mariana Frank; Vince Graziano; Rudy Grow; Brigitte Jaumard; Danica Jojich; Alexander Milton; David Morris; Monica Mulrennan; Lorraine Oades; Virginia Penhune; Justin Powlowski; Harald Proppe; André Roy; Sophia Sahrane; Daniel Salée; Francesca Scala; Yousef Shayan; Robert Soroka; Ted Stathopoulos; Steven Tutino

Non-voting members: Joanne Beaudoin; Philippe Beauregard; Denis Cossette; Roger Côté; Frederica Jacobs; Rachel Marion; Lisa Ostiguy; Daniel Therrien

ABSENT

Voting members: Alan Shepard (*Chair*); Mudasser Akbar; Frank Crooks; Marcie Frank; Jana Ghalayini; Nader Kfoury; Rahul Kumar; Esmael Kariminezhad; Lea Katsanis; Armani Martel; Shahbaz Masood; Johanne Sloan; Sofiene Tahar; Jean-Philippe Warren

Non-voting members: Isabel Dunnigan; Bram Freedman

1. **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Dr. Carr who was chairing the meeting in the absence of the President. Referring to the letter which was included in the Senate mailing, Dr. Carr urged Senators to give to the Student Emergency and Food Fund.

1.1 **Approval of Agenda**

R-2016-9-1 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Agenda of the Open Session be approved.*

1.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of November 4, 2016

R-2016-9-2 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that the Minutes of the Open Session meeting of November 4, 2016 be approved.*

2. Business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda

There was no business arising from the Minutes not included on the Agenda.

3. Report of Standing Committees

3.1 Academic Planning and Priorities (Document US-2016-9-D1)

Senators had no questions in connection with this report which is provided for information.

4. Academic update (Document US-2016-9-D2)

No questions were asked in relation to this report.

CONSENT

5. Committee appointments (Document US-2016-9-D3)

R-2016-9-3 *The committee appointments, outlined in Document US-2016-9-D3, were approved.*

6. Eligibility requirements to serve on Senate Standing Committees (Document US-2016-9-D4)

R-2016-9-4 *That Senate approve revisions to the eligibility requirements in the document entitled "Membership and Functions of Senate Standing Committees", as set out in Document US-2016-9-D4.*

7. Academic Programs Committee: Report and recommendations (Document US-2016-9-D5)

7.1 Undergraduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

7.1.1 Department of Building, Civil and Environmental Engineering (Document US-2016-9-D6)

7.1.2 Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering (Document US-2016-9-D7)

R-2016-9-5 *That the undergraduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Documents US-2016-9-D6 and D7, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2016-9-D5.*

7.2 Graduate curriculum changes - Faculty of Arts and Science – Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (Document US-2016-9-D8)

R-2016-9-6 *That the graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Arts and Science, outlined in Document US-2016-9-D8, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2016-9-D5.*

7.3 Graduate curriculum changes – Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science

7.3.1 Centre for Engineering in Society (Document US-2016-9-D9)

7.3.2 Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (Document US-2016-9-D10)

R-2016-9-7 *That the graduate curriculum changes in the Faculty of Engineering and Computer Science, outlined in Documents US-2016-9-D9 and D10, be approved, as recommended by the Academic Programs Committee in Document US-2016-9-D5.*

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8. Proposed name changes of academic units

8.1 Name change of Department of Religion to Department of Religions and Cultures (Document US-2016-9-D11)

Dean Roy and Department Chair Lynda Clarke outlined the rationale for this name change.

R-2016-9-8 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Arts and Science Faculty Council, Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the name change of Department of Religion to Department of Religions and Cultures.*

8.2 Name change of School of Canadian Irish Studies to School of Irish Studies (Document US-2016-9-D12)

Dean Roy and School Principal Michael Kenneally outlined the rationale for this name change.

R-2016-9-9 *Upon motion duly moved and seconded, it was unanimously resolved that, on recommendation of the Arts and Science Faculty Council, Senate recommend to the Board of Governors the approval of the name change of School of Canadian Irish Studies to School of Irish Studies.*

9. Guidelines for the supervision of Masters' students and guidelines for the supervision of PhD students (Document US-2016-9-D13)

Amir Aghdam, Associate Dean, School of Graduate Studies, summarized the process which led to the update of the guidelines for the supervision of Masters' and those for PhD students which had not been revised since their original adoption in 1996.

It was suggested that although provided for information purposes, in the future providing a copy of the previous version would be useful for comparison purposes.

Following a request to specifically mention part-time faculty members as individuals who can supervise students under section 1.1 of both guidelines, Dr. Aghdam noted that he was willing to look into this issue.

10. Question period

Questions and statements arose on cohort pricing, but the Chair explained that tuition matters are under the purview of the Board and repeated requests were therefore ruled out of order.

11. Other business

There was no other business to bring before the Open Session.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Danielle Tessier
Secretary of Senate