

The 508th Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Minutes

Present were: Senators Suzanne Bailey, Rita Bode, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Gary Burness, Michael Chan-Reynolds, James Connelly, Noah Edwards, Scott Henderson, Holger Hintelmann, Nancie Im-Bolter, Michael Khan (Chair), Lawrence Lam, Hugo Lehmann, Sanela Martic, Claire Mooney, Dennis Murray, Mark Neufeld, Van, Nguyen-Marshall, Kathryn Norlock, Fergal O'Hagan, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Marco Pollanen, Raul Ponce-Hernandez, Annalise Smart, Paul Szpak and Kelly Young. Official Visitors Heather Crowley, David Hollands, Moira Howes and Ian Thompson. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

Regrets: Senators Peri Ballantyne, Sam Barry, Ann Celestini, Saud Choudhry, Aiden Cooke, Cyndi Gilmer, Leo Groarke, Hugh Hodges, Richard Hurley, William Kim, Whitney Lackenbauer, Lily Lalonde, Paul Manning, Phuong Nguyen, Heather Nicol, Viviana Pinheiro, Steven Rafferty, Mark Skinner and Shay Surujnarain,

Welcome and adoption of the Agenda

The meeting opened with a welcome to the traditional territory:

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on 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.

Chair's Remarks and Announcements.

The Chair provided notice of two motions that were to be brought forward to Senate in May:

- A motion proposing the creation of a new Department of Child and Youth Studies at the Trent University Durham GTA campus.
- A motion to alter the distribution of the ex-officio seats on Senate Executive Committee.

Regarding the search processes currently underway, the Chair noted that the search for a Dean of the Trent/Fleming School of nursing was on-going and that we expected to be able to announce appointments for both the Dean of Education and University Librarian positions shortly.

Minutes and Business arising Meeting of March 21, 2023. The minutes were approved as presented.

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Mooney presented the report, which included the following recommendations for approval:

Communications- Introduce a new joint-major, introduce a new minor, modify the existing single-major Honours and General programs, specializations and option.

School of the Environment and Communications- New Option in Climate Communication.

Business- Regularize and make minor changes to ADMN-ECON 4890Y.

Forensic Science-Modify joint-major program requirements.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

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

Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Social Research—Change to degree regulations. Remove requirement for students to present a 20-minute talk during second year and a 50-minute talk during fourth year. Replace with a 30-minute talk within two months prior to dissertation defence.

M.Sc. Nursing—New courses NURS 5096D and NURS 5097Y.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee. Senator Henderson withdrew the policy in order to allow the committee to consider and respond to points raised at Faculty Board.

Approval of Convocation Lists. The Chair presented two motions approving the names of qualified students for convocation during the period April 2023 until March 2024 and allowing the Dean of Graduate Studies to grant degrees to qualified candidates outside the University's convocations in special circumstances. Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

2023-24 Schedule of Meetings. The schedule of meetings was approved as presented.

2023-24 Committee Assignments. Senator Hintelmann presented the list of faculty committee assignments noting that effort had been made to ensure that faculty who had previously been assigned to committees with heavy workloads were rotated off. He also noted that there were a few seats on Senate and committees still to be filled.

Senate approved the list as presented.

Cyclical Program Review Committee Report. Senator Hintelmann reported that four programs, Physics BSc and Chemical Physics BSc and History BA and MA, had completed the review cycle. The report also included the Final Assessment Report (FAR) for the BA Child and Youth Studies. Senate received the report as information.

COU Academic Colleague Report. Senator Pendleton-Jiménez provided highlights of the recent COU academic colleague meetings. She noted that the prevailing view was that colleges and universities needed to come together to provide a cohesive response to private institutions and the government's response to them. She also reported that Dr. Isabel Pedersen, Professor, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities, Ontario Tech University, and Founding Director, Digital Life Institutethe colleagues had presented on artificial intelligence (AI). Senators discuss many of the implications of AI on the academy.

Any Other Business. Prof. Howes raised objections to Memorandum of Understanding that Trent had recently signed with Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine (CCNM). The Chair noted that the MOU was simply a framework to explore potential new collaborations.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Dr. M. Khan, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary