

## The 511<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, October 31, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

### Minutes

**Present were:** Senators Riley Ambrose, Joel Baetz, Suzanne Bailey, Peri Ballantyne, Stephen Brown, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Kristy Bucciari, Shutao Cao, Bruce Cater, Ann Celestini, Michael Chan-Reynolds, Kirk Collins, Finis Dunaway, Noah Edwards, Wenying Feng, Scott Henderson, Holger Hintelmann, Thomas Hossie, Richard Hurley, Michael Khan (Chair), William Kim, Jean-François Koprivnjak, Lawrence Lam, Hugo Lehmann, Paul Manning, Kelly McGuire, Liam Mitchell, Suresh Narine, Heather Nicol, Kathryn Norlock, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Paula Sherman, Mark Skinner, Emily tufts, Sarah Twomey, Beth Wallace, Shaun Watmough, Sarah West, Rylin Wormington, and Juman Zanzoul Official Visitors Heather Crowley, Connor Koch, and Geoff Navara. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

**Regrets:** Senators Leo Groarke, Stefan Bilaniuk, Anthony Coulter, Nancie Im-Bolter, Catalina Sagarra, Juman Zanzoul and Asaf Zohar.

### 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.

### Closed Session

**Academic Planning and Policy Committee Report.** Senator Hintelmann presented a proposal for a new academic program—BSc Software Engineering Co-op. He indicated that there was strong demand for programs such as this. The program had started as a Specialization. It was noted that this is a co-op program and there is no non-co-op program being contemplated at this time. The proposal had received favourable comments from the external reviewers. If approved by Senate the next step would be submission to the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance. Senate approved the proposal for submission to the Council.

### Open Session

**Chair's Remarks and Announcements.** Senator Khan noted that the Blue-Ribbon Panel, struck by the provincial government and charged with looking at sustainable financial models for post-secondary institutions, had submitted its report to the government. The government had not responded yet.

The Ontario Universities Fair was very successful. Trent saw an increase of 4.2% in unique contacts (over the comparable figure for 2022). The Provost thanked all faculty and staff who had participated.

**Minutes and Business arising Meeting of September 19, 2023.** The minutes were approved as presented.

Senator Buccieri had provided a copy of the Artificial Intelligence Guidelines developed by the working group. She noted that in developing the guidelines the group took a thematic approach which differs from the approach taken by many institutions.

**Undergraduate Studies Committee Report.** Senator Norlock presented the report which included the following recommendations:

Three new articulation agreements-

An agreement with Centennial College that would allow qualified graduates of Centennial's Music Industry and Performing Arts advanced diploma to enter the Cultural Studies program with advanced standing.

An agreement with Fleming College that would allow qualified graduates of Fleming's Community and Justice Services, Law Clerk, Paralegal and Police Foundations diploma programs to enter the Criminology program with advanced standing.

An articulation agreement with Niagara College that would allow qualified graduates of Niagara's Community and Justice Services diploma program to enter the Criminology program with advanced standing.

Policing & Community Well-being—new Postgraduate Certificate in Conflict and Crisis Management.

Computer Science-renewal of existing articulation agreement with Centennial College.

Ancient Greek & Roman Studies—Change course codes from AHCL to AGRS.

Canadian Studies-Regularize CAST-HIST 2236H and CAST-HIST 4975H.

Child & Youth Studies-Regularize CHYS 3010H.

Policing & Community Well-Being-Seven new courses-PLCW 2010H, PLCW 2011H, PLCW 2100H, PLCW 3010H, PLCW 3011H, PLCW 3012H and PLCW 4100H.

Regularize PLCW-INDG 3008H.

The report also included several items for information including items approved under summer authority.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

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

Ph.D. in Cultural Studies-Change in program requirements—addition of 0.5 credit elective course at the 5000 or 6000 level.

M.Sc. and Ph.D. in Materials Science-New course MTSC 6520H.

MA Interdisciplinary Aging Studies—Change cross-listing of AGNG 5000H. The course is a core course for both the Specialization in Aging Studies and the new MA program.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

**Academic Planning and Policy Committee Report.** Senator Khan presented a proposal for a minor change to the Honorary Appointments Policy (addition of decanal support requirements). Senate approved the recommendation.

**Any Other Business.** The Provost noted that at Faculty Board it was reported that fewer students are attending lectures and a greater number are missing exams and assessment deadline. This seems to be the case across the years and not just for first year students. Senators discussed the issue noting the following:

Transportation and lack of study spaces on campus are challenging for students.

Courses can be designed to encourage attendance—use of in-class exercises, releasing some material during lectures (not available online).

Post-pandemic students may have different expectations of what the experience should be.

Students need to practice self-care and this may be one way of reducing stress

Students focus on outcomes, not experience.

The Provost said that he would meet with senior administrators in student services and retention and they would look into this further.

**Adjournment.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:47.

Dr. M. Khan Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary