

Present: M. Preece (Vice Chair); M. Lysack (Speaker); M. Khan (Deputy Speaker); S. Shaver (Secretary); P. Vivacqua (Recording Secretary); C. Benak; J. Callaghan; D. Cerri; L. Dalton; A. Flint; K. Forest; M. Frazer; A. Gaston; R. Geddes; C. Gillett; D. Greenwood; K. Hayward; J. Humphreys; J. Irwin; Y. Katz; F. Koch; M. Kukhta; M. Lemon; S. McGinness; I. McNab; S. McNabney; C. Pappas; B. Pham; S. Pirie; A. Plante; T. Rankin; R. Rosenberg; P. Sarkissian; H. Simkins; C. Somerville; M. Spence-Ariemma; M. Stewart; P. Stubbs; J. Sweeney Marsh; E. Sykes; C. Ter-Steege; T. Tracewicz; C. Tuck-Riggs; J. Urowitz; C. Wollen

Guests: A. Abiscott; B. Jervis; M. Saari; A. Stukator

Absent with Regrets: J. Zabudsky (Chair); D. Braggins; L. De Jong; Z. Dirse; C. Dunlop; M. Evans; J. Ginter; J. Goveas; G. Grant; P. Grevstad; S. Lowndes; T. Magbitang; L. Mendez; H. Overhill; L. Piccolo; K. Rankin; S. Saunders; D. Shalimo; C. Tamas; T. Tarantini

Absent: S. Albers; V. Amarnath; L. Biondi; L. Butler; M. Cassidy; M. Enciso; D. Hammond; J. Hardisty; M. Lucido Bezely; M. Melymick; D. Ness; K. Nosek; S. Parfeniuk

1.0 Call to Order 4:05 p.m.

The Speaker acknowledged the Traditional Territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations.

The Deputy Speaker reported that quorum was met and the Speaker called the meeting to order.

The Senate wished to have reflected in the meeting minutes their condolences to Jeff Zabudsky on the passing of his mother.

2.0 Approvals

2.1 Senate Agenda – May 26, 2016

Moved by I. McNab; seconded by C. Tuck-Riggs:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the agenda, as revised, for the May 26, 2016 meeting.
Carried.

2.2 Senate Minutes – April 28, 2016

Moved by C. Somerville; seconded by A. Gaston:
THAT Sheridan Senate approve the April 28, 2016 meeting minutes.
Carried.

3.0 Business Arising

3.1 Senate Draft Terms of Reference – Mary Preece and Ross Geddes

Mary Preece introduced Ross Geddes and the revised draft Senate Terms of Reference (ToR) agenda item. Ross Geddes spoke to the changes in the revised draft Senate ToR that had been distributed to all Senators by email on May 25th, 2016. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

A question was asked regarding section 8.2 and whether, in a particular Senate Standing Committee meeting that happens to have less than 50%+1 voting Faculty Senators attend, quorum would not be met. Ross advised that the Senate ToR procedure document (yet to be created) will need to outline this using Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline.

Discussion ensued regarding the Speaker and Deputy Speaker roles now being elected by the Senate at large in the draft Senate ToR.

A question was asked as to what happens in the event of a tied vote with a Senate Executive Committee that has an even amount of members. Ross advised that normally the Chair is non-voting unless there is a tie.

Discussion ensued regarding section 5 of the draft Senate ToR titled Officers and Responsibilities, specifically with regards to subsection 5.3.3 (c) titled Speaker of Senate Responsibilities which states that the Speaker of Senate "shall normally be non-voting during a senate meeting".

The following motion was proposed.

Moved by K. Forest; seconded by P. Stubbs:

THAT Senate amend the Senate draft Terms of Reference by striking article 5.3.3 (c) which states "shall normally be non-voting during a senate meeting".

Carried.

Discussion ensued regarding section 6 titled Senate Executive Committee and Responsibilities, specifically with regards to subsection 6.1 (iii) titled Membership which states that the membership of the Senate Executive Committee shall be comprised of: "Four (4) Faculty Senators who shall be elected from the Faculty Senators".

Further discussion ensued regarding subsection 6.4 (v) titled Responsibilities of the Executive Committee which states that "the Executive Committee shall, from time to time, review, revise and approve the Senate Procedures".

Due to the Senate reaching the end of the allotted meeting time for agenda item 3.1 Draft Senate Terms of Reference, the following motion was put forward.

Moved by M. Kukhta; seconded by M. Frazer:

THAT Senate extend the time for agenda item 3.1 for 20 minutes.

Carried.

The following motion was proposed.

Moved by K. Forest; seconded by C. Tuck-Riggs:
 THAT Senate amend section 6.1 (iii) – Senate Executive Committee and Responsibilities Membership – of the draft Senate Terms of Reference by changing four Faculty Senators to ten Faculty Senators.

Defeated.

An additional motion was proposed.

Moved by I. McNab; seconded by K. Forest:
 THAT the draft Senate Terms of Reference section 6.4 (v) – Senate Executive Committee and Responsibilities – strike out the words “and approve” and add the words “and recommend for approval to the Senate” to read: “the Executive Committee shall, from time to time, review, revise and recommend the Senate Procedures for approval to the Senate”

Carried.

The following motion was put forward.

Moved by M. Kukhta; seconded by K. Forest:
 THAT Senate extend the current debate by 10 minutes.

Carried.

After hearing one comment, the Senate Speaker checked for any further comments or discussion and then proceeded to call the question.

Moved by P. Stubbs; seconded by J. Urowitz:
 THAT the May 25, 2016 Draft Senate Terms of Reference be recommended for approval to the Board of Governors, as amended.

Carried.

3.2 Graduation Policy – Maija Saari and Angela Stukator

Maija Saari and Angela Stukator presented the draft Graduation Policy. The presentation is available on the Senate website.

Moved by A. Plante; seconded by M. Kukhta:
 THAT Senate recommends for approval to the Board of Governors the proposed Graduation Policy.

Carried.

Suggestions on changes to the Procedure were made. Maija and Angela will review the Procedure to ensure it is clear concerning including consultation with Program Coordinators and relevant faculty members in the decision to waive any requirements regarding interrupted, reduced and part-time studies (section 4.6). Maija and Angela will also review the Procedure to ensure the language surrounding academic appeals and academic decisions is clear and not conflicting.

3.3 Academic Calendar Dates 2017-2018 – Linda Dalton

Linda Dalton presented the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar Dates which are available on the Senate website.

Discussion ensued regarding the loss of Mondays due to statutory holidays during the summer. It was determined that scheduling related items will be discussed offline.

The following motion was proposed:

Moved by F. Koch; seconded by K. Forest:
THAT Senate extend the Spring/Summer term for the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar Dates to the Monday.

After some debate regarding the possible contradiction with the Collective Agreement, the Senate Speaker ruled the above motion out of order. The motion was not voted on.

The following amendments to the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar Dates were proposed: a) change "e.g." to "i.e." to read "Deadline to submit an Academic Appeal (i.e. Academic Decision)", b) change "Deadline to submit a Grade Appeal" to read "Deadline to discuss an issue/grade with the faculty member", and c) change convocation ceremonies to take place only during June 4th - 7th, 2018.

The following motion was proposed:

Moved by M. Frazer; seconded by J. Callaghan:
THAT Senate approve the proposed amendments to the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar Dates.
Carried.

The original motion was then voted on.

Moved by J. Urowitz; seconded by J. Sweeney-Marsh:
THAT Senate approve the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar Dates as amended.
Carried.

4.0 President's Report

There was no report as the President was absent with regrets.

5.0 New Business

There was no new business.

6.0 Question Period

Due to lack of time, there was no question period.

7.0 Adjournment

Moved by H. Simkins; seconded by J. Urowitz:
THAT the May 26, 2016 meeting of Sheridan Senate adjourn at 6:00p.m.
Carried.