



SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:	Monday, March 1, 2021
Time:	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location:	Online Meeting

In attendance

Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair	Dr. Peter Hollings	Dr. Hassan Naser
Dr. David Barnett, Vice Chair	Dr. Kristy Holmes	Dr. Ian Newhouse
Barbara Eccles, Secretary	Dr. Jula Hughes	Derek Patterson
Dr. Asad Aman	Nehikhare Patrick Igbinijesu	Dr. Robert Petrunia
Denise Baxter	Dr. Basel Ismail	Dr. Leigh Potvin
Dr. Michel Bédard	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Dr. Antony J. Puddephatt
Matthew Benoit	Sreshth Jain	Dr. Todd Randall
Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Dr. David Richards
Dr. Patrick Cain	Dr. Sandra Jeppesen	Dr. Robert Robson
Dr. Michael Campbell	Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans	Yvonne Roussel, Recorder
Robin Canuel	Dr. Don Kerr	Dr. Ulf Runesson
Dr. Aristocles Carastathis	Dr. Janusz Koziński	Dr. Chris Sanders
Brittany Carlisle	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	Amla Sandur
Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Judith Leggatt	Gisella Scalese
Dr. Salimur Choudhury	Dr. Mathew Leitch	David Scherbarth
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Isabelle Lemée	Dr. Rebecca Schiff
Dr. Gautam Das	Dr. Charles Levkoe	Dr. Chander Shahi

Dr. Isaam Dawood	Dr. Baoqiang Liao	Dr. Mirella Stroink
Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston	Andrea Tarsitano
Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Craig MacKinnon	Dr. Matthew Tocheri
Daniel Dylan	Dr. Vijay Mago	Cathy Tuckwell
Dr. Mark Gallagher	Dr. Azim Mallik	Dr. Sarita Verma
Dr. Christine Gottardo	Dr. Richard Maundrell	Dr. Béatrice Vernier
Dr. Anna Guttman	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Jo-Ann Vis
Dr. Scott Hamilton	Dr. Karen McQueen	Dr. Beth Visser
Dr. Timothy Hardie	Dr. Wayne Melville	Dr. Carlos Zerpa
Dr. Michael Hoeschsmann	Dr. Eltayeb Mohamedelhassan	

Regrets

Rudy Grewal	Lahama Naeem	Dr. Lense Meyer
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Official Observers

James Aldridge	Dr. Rhonda Koster	Dr. Cynthia Wesley-Esquimaux
Toby Goodfellow	Dr. Heather Murchison	
Dr. Mary Louise Hill	Kathy Pozihun	

Invited Guests

Andrew Brigham	Marcie Morrison	
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The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM EDT.

1.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>MOVED (A. Guttman) that the agenda be approved. It was clarified that an update on the cybersecurity event will be provided within the information reports section of the agenda. CARRIED</p>
2.	<p>January 25, 2021 Senate Minutes</p> <p>The January 25, 2021 Senate minutes were approved, as circulated.</p> <p>The President and Vice-Chancellor updated the Senate with respect to the question raised at the January 25 Senate meeting regarding incorporating gender neutral language into Lakehead University's forms and policies. Dr. McPherson noted that this is being done during all policy reviews, and through the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Action plan.</p>
3.	<p>Reports of Senate Standing Committees</p> <p>Senators were provided the opportunity to ask questions or discuss any items in each report.</p>
3.1	<p>Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Reports</p> <p>The SAC reports were circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The SAC Chair, Dr. Maundrell provided a summary of the reports. It was clarified that the Student Code of Conduct - Academic Integrity policy does allow for exceptions for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Proposed Changes to the 2020/21 Academic Schedule of Dates</p> <p>a. MOVED (R. Maundrell) that March 19, 2021 be the final date for withdrawal from both winter term half-courses and full-year</p>

courses with the exception of the Faculty of Law.*

CARRIED

Prior to the above motion being adopted discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- potential of extending the withdrawal date to April 26 in support of student mental health
- implications of a later withdrawal date
- current provisions in place for appealing grades based on a extenuating circumstances, including health issues
- student consultations
- pass/fail option
- late withdrawal options

Dr. Maundrell noted that SAC will discuss the late withdrawal and pass/fail option at a future meeting.

b. MOVED that the following adjustments be made to the 2020/21 academic schedule of dates with the exception of the Faculty of Law dates, except where specifically indicated:

(i) the last day of classes for the winter term be moved to April 15 from April 13; that April 16 be an exam study day (reducing study days from 2 to 1); and

(ii) that the exam period be April 17-26 (from April 16-25 with April 26 as the previous contingency date); and that the exam period for the Faculty of Law will be April 16, 2021 to April 25, 2021. The exam contingency date for the Faculty of Law will be April 26, 2021.

(iii) that the due date for final marks remain April 29; and

1. that the schedule for Wednesday, April 14, 2021 will follow the existing schedule of classes scheduled for Wednesdays; and
2. that the schedule for Thursday, April 15, 2021 will follow the existing schedule of classes scheduled for Thursdays; and

		<p>that the implementation of the changes to the academic schedule set out in (i) and (ii) should allow for reasonable flexibility at the Faculty level, while ensuring course-level learning outcomes are met to support student progression. These provisions pertain to timetabled classes; excepted are placements and other practical components where end dates will remain at the discretion of the relevant academic units.*</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>*The changes to the Academic Calendar resulting from the extension of the Winter 2021 study break do not apply to the Faculty of Law, unless specifically indicated.</p> <p>Prior to the above motion being adopted discussion ensued regarding the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Faculty of Law dates ● rationale for proposal ● alternative options ● flexibility clause in motion <p>c. MOVED (R. Maundrell) that the last day of classes for the Faculty of Law be moved to April 9, 2021.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>It was noted that communication regarding these changes will commence tomorrow.</p>
3.2		<p>Senate Budget Committee (SAC) Report</p> <p>The SBC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
3.3		<p>Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (FGSC) Report</p> <p>The FGSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
3.4		<p>Senate Research Committee (SRC) Report</p> <p>The SRC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
3.5		<p>Senate Undergraduate Studies Committee (SUSC) Report</p>

		The SUSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.
	3.6	Senate Executive Committee Recommendation MOVED (D. Barnett) that the May 10, 2021 Senate meeting be rescheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 from 9:00am-11:00am. CARRIED
4.	Informational Items	
	4.1	Northern Ontario School of Medicine Report The following NOSM documents were posted in advance of the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Northern Routes Latest Issues ● NOSM News NOSM receives unprecedented \$1.2 million donation to invest in social accountability ● In the Spotlight A student in NOSM's new Master of Medical Studies program works to improve pain management for Northern trauma patients transported by air ● Events: Northern Constellations 2021 on April 30 & May 1, 2021 ● NOSM Board of Directors Advertisement
	4.2	Council of Ontario Universities (COU) Academic Colleagues Report The COU Academic Colleagues report was posted in advance of the meeting. Discussion ensued regarding micro-credentials.
	4.3	Ogimaawin Indigenous Education Council (OIEC) Report The OIEC report was posted in advance of the meeting. Denise Baxter provided a summary of the OIEC report and an update on the work of the Provost's Task Force for Indigenous Content Requirement.

4.4	<p>Board of Governors (Board) Report</p> <p>The Board report was posted in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Cathy Tuckwell shared positive feedback the Board received from the student member regarding the Senate's decision to delay the start of the winter term.</p>
4.5	<p>President's Report</p> <p>The President's report was posted in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>In addition to the written report, Dr. McPherson asked the Vice-President, Administration and Finance to provide Senators with an overview of Lakehead University's financial practices.</p> <p>Following the overview, discussion ensued regarding MCU oversight, COU advocacy, and financial statements.</p>
4.6	<p>Provost and Vice-President, Academic Report</p> <p>The Provost report was posted in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Barnett provided the Senate with a cybersecurity event update.</p> <p>In addition to the written report, the Provost provided an update on fall term planning. Dr. Barnett noted that it is hoped that a return to primarily in person classes will resume in the fall, however, the state of the pandemic and future health guidelines are unknown at this time. Faculty are being asked to plan with flexibility in mind. It was emphasized that the focus will be on keeping the University community as safe as possible and that recommendations from health officials will be followed.</p>
<p>The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM EDT.</p>	

Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair

Ms. Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary