



SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, March 30, 2021
Time:	4:00pm – 6:00pm
Location:	Online Meeting

In attendance

Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair	Dr. Jula Hughes	Dr. Ian Newhouse
Dr. David Barnett, Vice Chair	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Derek Patterson
Barbara Eccles, Secretary	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Dr. Robert Petrunia
Dr. Asad Aman	Dr. Sandra Jeppesen	Dr. Leigh Potvin
Denise Baxter	Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans	Dr. Todd Randall
Dr. Michel Bédard	Dr. Don Kerr	Dr. David Richards
Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham	Dr. Janusz Koziński	Dr. Robert Robson
Robin Canuel	Dr. Judith Leggatt	Yvonne Roussel, Recorder
Dr. Aristocles Carastathis	Dr. Mathew Leitch	Dr. Ulf Runesson
Brittany Carlisle	Dr. Isabelle Lemée	Dr. Chris Sanders
Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Charles Levkoe	Amla Sandur
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Baoqiang Liao	Gisella Scalese
Dr. Gautam Das	Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston	David Scherbarth
Dr. Isaam Dawood	Dr. Craig MacKinnon	Dr. Rebecca Schiff
Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Dr. Azim Mallik	Dr. Chander Shahi
Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Richard Maundrell	Dr. Mirella Stroink

Dr. Mark Gallagher	Dr. William McCreedy	Andrea Tarsitano
Dr. Christine Gottardo	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Matthew Tocheri
Rudy Grewal	Dr. Karen McQueen	Cathy Tuckwell
Dr. Anna Guttman	Dr. Wayne Melville	Dr. Jo-Ann Vis
Dr. Scott Hamilton	Dr. Eltayeb Mohamedelhassan	Dr. Beth Visser
Dr. Timothy Hardie	Lahama Naeem	Dr. Carlos Zerpa
Dr. Peter Hollings	Dr. Hassan Naser	

Regrets

Matthew Benoit	Dr. Vijay Mago	Dr. Basel Ismail
Dr. Michael Hoechsmann	Dr. Rhonda Koster	

Official Observers

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

Invited Guests

Marcie Morrison		
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In Memoriam - Dr. Sabah Mansour

Dr. Carlos Christoffersen, Chair of Electrical Engineering, spoke in memory of Dr. Sabah Mansour.

In Memoriam - Dr. Diarmuid (Dermot) McLoughlin

Dr. Bill McCreedy, Senior Associate Dean of NOSM, spoke in memory of Dr. Diarmuid (Dermot) McLoughlin.

In Memoriam - Linda Phillips

Dr. Moira McPherson, President and Vice-Chancellor, spoke in memory of Linda Phillips.

In Memoriam - Dr. Joseph David Stewart

Dr. Hamilton, Chair of Anthropology, spoke in memory of Dr. Joseph David Stewart.

The Senate held a moment of silence in honour of Dr. Mansour, Dr. McLoughlin, Dr. Stewart, and Linda Phillips.

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 PM EDT.	
1.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>MOVED (R. Maundrell) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED as amended.</p>
2.	<p>March 1, 2021 Senate Minutes</p> <p>The March 1, 2021 Senate minutes were approved, as circulated.</p>
3.	<p>Calendar Change Reviews</p> <p>MOVED (R. Maundrell) that the appropriate committees continue reviewing the proposed Academic Calendar changes. CARRIED</p>
4.	<p>Reports of Senate Standing Committees</p> <p>Senators were provided the opportunity to ask questions or discuss any items in each report.</p>
4.1	<p>Senate Academic Committee (SAC) Report</p> <p>The SAC reports were circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>a. MOVED (R. Maundrell) that the attached amendments to the Late Withdrawal Regulation be approved. Dr. Maundrell provided an overview of the proposed amendments, and Andrea Tarsitano provided the rationale and a summary of the practices at other universities. Discussion ensued regarding associated processes, potential impacts, communication to students, and exceptions.</p>

		<p>CARRIED</p> <p>b. MOVED (R. Maundrell) that the attached Temporary Grading Scheme option for 2020Y and 2021W courses be approved. Discussion ensued regarding the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● potential student impacts ● accreditation considerations ● specific Faculty concerns ● clarification on the deadline of May 3, 2021 <p>CARRIED as amended</p>
4.2	<p>Senate Budget Committee (SBC) Report</p> <p>The SBC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>a. 2021/22 Budget Development Update</p> <p>The Vice President, Administration and Finance and the Provost and Vice President, Academic provided a 2021/22 Budget Development Update presentation that included the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Integrating our Planning and Budgeting ● Revenue Considerations (tuition, enrolment, Provincial grant funding) ● 2021/22 Preliminary Budget Planning <p>Following the presentation discussion ensued regarding the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education Recovery funding cancellation ● Northern Sustainability funding ● Financial Services Regulatory Authority of Ontario (FSRA) resolution 	
4.3	<p>Faculty of Graduate Studies Council (FGSC) Report</p> <p>The FGSC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>	
4.4	<p>Senate Nominations Committee (SNC) Report</p>	

		<p>The SNC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>a. MOVED (A. Diochon) that the proposed amendments to the Senate Nominations Committee Terms of Reference be referred to the Senate Organization Committee. CARRIED</p>
	4.5	<p>Senate Honorary Degrees Committee (SHDC) Report</p> <p>The SHDC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>A Senator noted their appreciation for the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) considerations mentioned in the report.</p>
	4.6	<p>Senate Organization Committee (SOC) Report</p> <p>The SOC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
	4.7	<p>Senate Research Committee Report</p> <p>The SRC report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Discussion ensued regarding EDI considerations with respect to award recipients.</p>
	5.	Calendar Change Approvals
	5.1	<p>Approval of Undergraduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>MOVED (C. Sanders) that the following undergraduate Academic Calendar changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-SCI-7498 - Discontinue Minor ● 2021-SCI-7623 - Major-Modification-UG-Biology-new college transfer program Georgian College to HBSc APLS

		<p>Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-SOC-7517 - Honours Bachelor of Arts and Sciences (Criminology Major) - Transfer -Georgian College Pathways <p>CARRIED</p>
5.2	<p>Approval of Graduate Calendar Changes</p> <p>MOVED (C. Shahi) that the following graduate Academic Calendar changes be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Business Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-BUS-7544 - MSc course title changes <p>Faculty of Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-EDU-7512-B - New Education Course Foundations of Graduate Studies in Education ● 2020-EDU-7516 - Women's Studies Graduate Education Programs Major Modification <p>Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-HBS-7522 - New courses for Course-based MSc <p>Faculty of Science and Environmental Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-SCI-7542 - Two new non-credit Biotechnology PhD Program courses ● 2020-SCI-7543 - Biotechnology PhD program changes <p>CARRIED as amended</p>	
5.3	<p>Approval of Graduate Admission Change</p> <p>MOVED (C. Shahi) that the following graduate admission change be approved:</p> <p>Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2020-HBS-7489 - Admission-Modifications-GR-Psychology-coursenumber <p>CARRIED</p>	

6.	Informational Items	
6.1	Northern Ontario School of Medicine Report	<p>The following NOSM links were posted advance of the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Northern Routes_by Dr. Sarita Verma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Philanthropy for Social Accountability ○ Demonstrating impact and leading for change ● NOSM'S Dean Named in Top 30 Physician Power List ● Donor Supports Transformation of Physician Workforce Planning in Northern Ontario ● NOSM's Response to COVID-19 ● More News and Information about NOSM
6.2	Board of Governors (Board) Report	<p>The Board report was posted in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.3	President's Report	<p>The President's report was posted in advance of the meeting.</p>
6.4	Provost and Vice-President, Academic Report	<p>The Provost's report was posted in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>In addition to the written report, Dr. Barnett noted that a message was sent to faculty members regarding the changes to academic dates and planning for the fall term. The importance of focusing on Strategic Enrolment Management (SEM) was emphasized.</p>
7.	<p>Laurentian CCAA</p> <p>Dr. McCreedy declared a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Dr. Das provided the rationale for the proposed motion.</p>	

Discussion ensued regarding the intent of the motion and support for the motion.

MOVED (G. Das) that:

Whereas An Act to Incorporate Laurentian University of Sudbury ("Act") states that the university's object and purpose are:

- a) the advancement of learning and the dissemination of knowledge; and
- b) the intellectual, social, moral and physical development of its members and the betterment of society;

Whereas the Act affirms the bicameral character of university governance by identifying the respective powers of a Board, responsible for the financial management of the university, and a Senate, responsible for the educational policy of the university which includes receiving recommendations from its Academic Planning Committee "on the academic restructuring of faculties or units within faculties or as well as the termination of programs" (Senate By-Laws, Chapter X. 2. (2) e.)

Whereas, in keeping with its bicameral role, any recommendation before Senate to terminate a program is to be assessed on academic grounds and not for reasons of financial expediency;

Be it resolved that this Senate affirm its own support for the Senate of Laurentian University's avowal of its power and responsibility to pronounce on the academic integrity of the proposals that come before it.

CARRIED as amended

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 PM EDT.

Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair

Ms. Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary