



SPECIAL SENATE MEETING MINUTES

Date of Meeting:	Monday, December 14, 2020
Time:	8:30am – 10:00am
Location:	Online Meeting

In attendance

Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair	Dr. Jula Hughes	Dr. Robert Petrunia
Dr. David Barnett, Vice Chair	Nehikhare Patrick Igbinijesu	Dr. Thomas Potter
Barbara Eccles, Secretary	Sreshth Jain	Dr. Todd Randall
Denise Baxter	Dr. Douglas Ivison	Dr. David Richards
Dr. Michel Bédard	Dr. Jennifer Jarman	Dr. Robert Robson
Matthew Benoit	Dr. Sandra Jeppesen	Yvonne Roussel, Recorder
Dr. Elizabeth Birmingham	Dr. Dean Jobin-Bevans	Dr. Ulf Runesson
Dr. Michael Campbell	Dr. Don Kerr	Dr. Chris Sanders
Robin Canuel	Dr. Sreekumari Kurissery	Gisella Scalese
Dr. Lori Chambers	Dr. Judith Leggatt	David Scherbarth
Dr. Salimur Choudhury	Dr. Mathew Leitch	Dr. Chander Shahi
Dr. Carlos Christoffersen	Dr. Isabelle Lemée	Dr. Rebecca Schiff
Dr. Gautam Das	Dr. Charles Levkoe	Dr. Mirella Stroink
Dr. Andrew P. Dean	Dr. Baoqiang Liao	Andrea Tarsitano
Dr. Amanda Diochon	Dr. Meridith Lovell-Johnston	Dr. Matthew Tocheri
Daniel Dylan	Dr. Craig MacKinnon	Dr. Béatrice Vernier
Dr. Mark Gallagher	Dr. Richard Maundrell	Dr. Jo-Ann Vis

Rudy Grewal	Dr. Brian McLaren	Dr. Beth Visser
Dr. Anna Guttman	Dr. Karen McQueen	Dr. Wing Him Yeung
Dr. Scott Hamilton	Dr. Wayne Melville	Dr. Carlos Zerpa
Dr. Timothy Hardie	Dr. Lense Meyer	
Dr. Michael Hoeschsmann	Dr. Tianxuan Miao	
Dr. Peter Hollings	Dr. Hassan Naser	

Regrets

Dr. Paul Cormier	Dr. Azim Mallik	Cathy Tuckwell
Dr. Christine Gottardo	Lahama Naeem	
Dr. Basel Ismail	Dr. Ian Newhouse	

Official Observers

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

The meeting was called to order at 8:31am.

1.	<p>Approval of Agenda</p> <p>MOVED (R. Maundrell) that the agenda be approved. CARRIED</p>
2.	<p>Senate Academic Committee Report</p> <p>The Senate Academic Committee report was circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>

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MOVED (I. Lemée):

- (A) To delay the first day of classes in the Winter 2021 term to Monday, January 11, 2021 and to extend the last day of classes to Tuesday, April 13, 2021 for all programs, with the exception that the First Day of Classes and the Last Day of Classes of the Faculty of Law and the professional years in the Faculty of Education remain unchanged; and
- (B) that any Dean has the discretion to choose to commence activities other than regularly scheduled academic classes, such as placements, practica, and field activities, on January 4, 2020 as previously planned, and
- (C) to modify the following dates on the academic schedule of dates, from the currently approved dates in Column 2, to the proposed revised set of dates in Column 3 below:

Description	Current Date	Proposed Revised Date
First Day of Classes	Monday, January 4, 2021	Monday, January 11, 2021*
Class Add Date (W)	Friday, January 15, 2021	Friday, January 22, 2021
Class Drop Date (F & W)	Friday, March 5, 2021 (W) Friday, February 12, 2021 (F)	Friday, March 12, 2021 (W), Monday, February 22, 2021 (F)
Last Day of Classes (F & W)	Tuesday, April 6, 2021	Tuesday, April 13, 2021*
Study Days	April 7-8	April 14-15

Exam Period	Friday, April 9 - Sunday, April 18, 2021	Friday, April 16 -Sunday, April 25, 2021
Contingency Date	Monday, April 19, 2021	Monday, April 26, 2021
Marks Due	Thursday, April 22, 2021	Thursday, April 29, 2021

*First Day of Classes: Monday, January 11, 2021 except for Faculty of Law and the professional years of the Faculty of Education, where the first day of classes will be January 4, 2021

*Last Day of Classes: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 except for Faculty of Law and the professional years of the Faculty of Education, where the last day of classes will be Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Discussion ensued regarding the following topics:

- rationale for proposed date changes
- recent OSAP funding exception announcement and associated amendments to the motion initially recommended by the Senate Academic Committee
- make up days and associated communication strategies
- pandemic considerations
- spring/summer term considerations

CARRIED as amended

The President noted that the Secretariat will work on rescheduling the May Senate meeting to allow enough time for grade submission and graduate assessments, and that a recommendation will come forward to a future Senate meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the associated communication timelines and strategies with respect to the adopted motion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:19am.

Dr. Moira McPherson, Chair

Ms. Barbara H. Eccles, Secretary