



DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, September 12, 2017, 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Senate and Board Chambers, Waterloo Campus
Orientation Immediately Before Senate at 3:30 p.m. in Paul Martin Centre
Governance Dinner Immediately Following Senate at 6:00 p.m.

Present: H. Ahonen, G. Ashoughian, R. Basso, P. Blasi, D. Buzza, M. Byrne, S. Cameron, K. Cameron, G. Carruthers, E. Carson, K. Carter, J. Casey, L. Chu, S. Doherty, D. Dubenofsky, A. Edgar, L. Eisler, S. Ensign, K. Fritz, S. Gallimore, A. Goodrum, R. Gordon, T. Hazell, C. Hiebert, S. Isotupa, M. Kalimipalli, Ma. Kelly, Mi. Kelly, G. Kim, L. King, V. Kitaev, H. LeBlanc, S. Lyons, S. Mackinnon, D. MacLatchy (Chair), K. Maly, D. Maoz, B. Mckay, D. McMurray, D. Monod, K. Montero, J. Mueller, C. Neill, R. Nemesvari, H. Northwood, S. Palmaro, K. Sarathy, J. Schwieter, R. Slawson, D. Smith, C. Willard-Holt, W. Wu, K. Yri

Regrets: E. Mercier, S. Matthews. J. Swartz

Absent: R. Ame, B. Arai, A. Beggar, D. Deutschman, C. Donnelly, K. Dowler, K. Feuerherm, M. Harris, M. Hussain, K. Jackson, M. Mfoafo-M'Carthy, K. Pinto, L. Read, K. Rice, K. Shankardass

University Secretariat: Ms. A. Kornobis, Ms. S. McLellan.

Introduction

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. D. MacLatchy delivered the land acknowledgment and welcomed new senators and invited Senators to the reception and governance dinner immediately following the Senate meeting.

2. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was no business arising.

3. Leadership Update

a. Report of the President, D. MacLatchy

D. MacLatchy provided updates on spring convocation; leadership retreat that took place in June; Annual Ride for students took place in July and raised over \$1000; meetings took place over the summer and are ongoing with new MPPs; Council of Universities developing strategies for working with new provincial government; President's Op-Ed appeared in the



July 31 Globe and Mail; President will be working on strategic planning this year and will provide updates to the Senate, Board and University community throughout the year.

b. Report from the Board of Governors

K. Montero provided a verbal update from the June 2018 Board of Governors meeting; the Board endorsed the Statement on Freedom of Expression, acknowledging that work on Freedom of Expression is very much within the purview of Senate, however the Board also wanted to lend its strong support to the Statement and the work of the Task Force; the Board approved a revised procedure for performance planning and assessment for the Executive Leadership Team, replacing Policy 8.9.; the Board hears updates from each of the Deans about trends, opportunities and challenges within their Faculties, to educate the Board about the areas of scholarship at the University; in June, they heard from Colleen Willard-Holt about the Faculty of Education, celebrating their 10th anniversary at Laurier

c. Q&A on Written Reports from the Senior Executives

There were no questions on the written reports from the senior executives.

Discussion

4. Strategic Planning Update, D. MacLatchy

D. MacLatchy provided an update on strategic planning; this year we will begin to put in place for the institution an over arching strategic plan; we will use other existing plans to build up into a institution strategic plan, in the future it will be the reverse, that we will have a institutional plan that all other plans will flow from; university strategic plan will provide clarity on strategic priorities and will enhance Laurier's opportunities to tell its story externally and grow its relationships and partnerships; the plan will be approved by both BOG and Senate since it is an institutional plan; the project structure has the executive team providing oversight and planning; President to chair the steering committee; the steering committee will lead research, communications and strategy; steering committee will be about 25 people, this is still in progress and if people want to provide input we are open to feedback; consultation from divisional councils will also be important; information on strategic planning will go live on the website on Monday (being provided to Senate and BoG this week); D. MacLatchy responded to questions on the make



up of the steering committee and faculty representation; email will be sent to the university that will contain a summary of the presentation.

5. Progress Report on Milton, D. Dubenofsky

D. Dubenofsky provided an update on Milton; ELT making deliberate and thoughtful decision, taking a functional approach and will have a coordinating committee that will meet regularly; considering broad range of ancillary services, how we scale up; advancement and external relations working on fundraising, alumni and donor relationships; some academic programs that have been approved; Laurier is partnering with Conestoga College, they will have their own stand alone programs and will have some partnership programs with Laurier; there are also some business partnerships to help with experiential learning; projection for enrolment in 2019 85 – 100 FTE; taking a two phase approach, courses will be held in the innovation Center in Milton, renovations on the 2nd floor will be starting soon; phase 2 – will be at the new flagship building in 2021-2022, will bring our partners from the innovation center; D. Dubenofsky responded to questions regarding the upcoming municipal elections; D, Dubenofsky and H. Northwood responded to questions regarding partnership with Conestoga College.

6. Freedom of Expression Implementation Update, R. Gordon

R. Gordon provided an update on the Freedom of Expression Implementation; our Freedom of Expression policy received an endorsement from the Board in June 2018; province has made statement that each university must have a policy on Freedom of Expression; our Task Force created our statement and provided short and long term recommendations, supporting initiatives that are inclusive of other strategies; we are looking at considerations that the task force recommended; task force felt they greatly benefited from external people, hoping to bring in a speaker in November; we will deliver on provincial requirement for January 2019 as well as other longer term projects; we will be establishing a working group that will lead to a provost advisory committee in the long term; as well as establishing how we will report on the Freedom of Expression Implementation.



7. Reports/Recommendations from Standing Committees

a. Senate Nominating Committee, S. McLellan

i. Senate Committee Nominations for 2018-19

S. McLellan presented the slate of nominations, noting a number of vacancies. The report was amended based on one nomination from the floor.

MOTION (K. Montero/S. Isotupa) **that the Senate Nominating Committee recommend that Senate approve the Nominating Committee report, as amended. CARRIED**

8. Report from the Assistance Vice-President: Enrolment Services and Registrar, J. Casey

a. 2019-2020 Academic Dates

J. Casey presented the proposed undergraduate academic dates for 2019-20; J. Casey responded to questions regarding alignment of dates with UW and consultation.

MOTION (J. Casey/K.Maly) **that Senate approve the 2019-20 academic dates and related guidelines. CARRIED**

b. 2019-2020 Academic Dates – Faculty of Education

J. Casey presented the Faculty of Education academic dates; dates were decided after consultation with school boards.

MOTION (J. Casey/C. Willard-Holt) **that Senate approve the 2019-20 Faculty of Education dates and related guidelines. CARRIED**

9. Matters from the Consent Section of the Agenda

There were no matters from the consent section of the agenda.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Question Period

There were no questions.

12. Adjournment



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The meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:10 p.m.

Consent

13. Agenda

14. Draft Minutes of the May 29, 2018 Meeting

15. Report of the Senior Executives

16. Report of the Board of Governors

Signed:

Deborah MacLatchy, President and Chair of Senate

Jason Neelis, Secretary of Senate