



MINUTES

Thursday, October 18, 2018 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Senate and Board Chambers, Waterloo Campus

SCJ210, SC Johnson, Brantford Campus (videoconference)

Present: H. Ahonen, R. Ame, R. Basso, A. Beggar, P. Blasi, M.L. Byrne, S. Cameron, K. Carter, J. Casey, D. Deutschman, S. Doherty, D. Dubenofsky, L. Eisler, S. Gallimore, A. Goodrum, R. Gordon, M. Harris, T. Hazell, C. Hiebert, S. Isotupa, K. Jackson, M. Kalimipalli, M. Kelly, G. Kim, L. King, V. Kitaev, H. Leblanc, S. Lyons, S. MacKinnon, D. MacLatchy, K. Maly, D. Monod, J. Mueller, C. Neill, R. Nemesvari, H. Northwood, S. Palmaro, R. Slawson, D. Smith, M. Wartak, C. Willard-Holt, W. Wu, K. Yri, S. Shah

Regrets: G. Ashoughian, K. Cameron, G. Carruthers, E. Carson, L. Chu, A. Edgar, S. Ensign, K. Feuerherm, S. Matthews, D. McMurray, E. Mercier, K. Pinto, J. Schwieter, J. Swartz

Absent: B. Arai, D. Buzza, C. Donnelly, K. Dowler, K. Fritz, M. Hussain, M. Kelly, D. Maoz, B. McKay, K. Monteiro, L. Read, K. Rice, K. Sarathy, K. Shankardass,

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order. No items were brought forward from the consent agenda.

2. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was no business arising.

3. Leadership Update

A. Report of the President, D. MacLatchy

D. MacLatchy welcomed everyone to the second Senate meeting of the year and made note of: the get involved fairs that were held at both campuses in the first weeks of September; Dr. MacLatchy participated in, as well as attending a Waterloo campus chat with first year students about the transition to university; Balsillie School of International Affairs hosted a reception for their 10th anniversary, Dr. MacLatchy delivered remarks at the event; the strategic planning process was announced to the Laurier community, program updates will be made available to the community on wlu.ca; in September Ontario



Universities received an email from the Deputy Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities on the Ontario government's plan to ensure all colleges and universities have implemented a free speech policy by January 1, 2019, further instructions on the implementation process will be forthcoming from the government; Laurier kicked off its annual United Way Campaign with the Umbrella March, Dr. MacLatchy participated along with Laurier staff, there was also a BBQ with remarks from United Way CEO, Joan Fisk and Dr. MacLatchy; with the recent legalization of recreational cannabis Laurier has put in place an interim policy on usage on campus which reflects what other universities are doing; September 22nd Brantford campus celebrated homecoming, several events were held including an alumni tour of the new Laurier-Brantford YMCA, in December the Laurier Brantford YMCA will have its grand opening; the university's community campaign 'Our Laurier' kicked off on September 26th to raise money for student success; Laurier's Employee Achievement Awards took place on September 26th, recognizing the outstanding work of staff and faculty, and long-service employees; in late September Dr. MacLatchy attended the COU Executive Heads Retreat in Toronto, discussions centered around how to position the post-secondary sector with the new provincial government and the development of a four-year advocacy approach; Dr. MacLatchy attended the Ontario Universities Fair to meet with Laurier recruiters, faculty and staff, as well she visited the Laurier Toronto office which participated in the Nuit Blanche art exhibits; Laurier celebrated Homecoming on the Waterloo campus on the weekend of September 29, multiple events were held, the Homecoming events were very well attended; unsanctioned street gatherings are an ongoing issue and the university, in cooperation with the Waterloo Regional Police Service, continues to participate in proactive communications strategies to discourage such gatherings, a Public Gatherings Task Force has been established with community partners; Office of the President and Student Affairs also met with WLUSU and GSA leaders to discuss priorities and issues for the upcoming year; Milton planning continues with activities on the academic and student affairs, municipal and campus planning, and fundraising fronts; on October 2nd Dr. MacLatchy shared remarks at a gift announcement to celebrate RBC's donation of \$450,000 in support of entrepreneurial education at Laurier; on October 16th Dr. MacLatchy shared remarks at the KPMG \$250,000 gift announcement in support of the accounting program; on October 4, Dr. MacLatchy travelled to Winnipeg to participate in a panel at a conference for Women in Academic Leadership offered by the Centre for Higher Education Research and Development; October 11th was International Day of the Girl, Plan International Canada sent 19 young female ambassadors out across the country to work in roles in which women are traditionally under-represented; in



advance of International Day of the Girl, THEMUSEUM hosted the Bridging The Gap to Her forum on October 10th , Dr. MacLatchy participated in a panel discussion on the impact of technological advances in the workforce; this month, Laurier alumnus Peter Boehm was appointed to the Canadian Senate; Dr. MacLatchy visited the maker space at the Library and learned how to make a 3D sign, staff, students and faculty can drop by every Monday afternoon from 1-4:30 p.m. to learn how to use the tools, which range from the modern 3D printer to age-old arts such as sewing and knitting.

B. Report of the Provost, R. Gordon

Dr. Gordon provided an update on the provincial government expectations for Freedom of Expression policies; the provinces expectations are clear that each university have a public facing website on Freedom of Expression, over the next few months the working group will meet with internal stakeholders to look at existing policies; Dr. Gordon is a member on the recently formed Freedom of Expression working group at COU, there will be COU events in the new year; Laurier is currently planning to bring expert on freedom on campuses, Dr. Ben-Porath to speak at Laurier November 19th at the Brantford campus and November 20th at the Waterloo campus; currently underway is the search for the Director of the Balsillie School of International Affairs, Dr. Gordon is the chair of the committee; also underway are the Dean of Science and VP Research search committees, upcoming there will be a search committed for the Dean of Education.

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

There were no questions on the Senior Executives Report

D. Verbal Update from Board of Governors, S. Lyons

Scott Lyons provided a verbal update to Senate on the September 13th Board of Governors Meeting, at the meeting the Board approved the Audited Financial Statements for 2017-2018, Laurier received a clean audit report from external auditors KPMG; the Statements and reports are available on Connect; the Board approved a revamped policy on Gendered & Sexual Violence – following extensive consultation, the policy was reformulated to be more streamlined and easier to navigate, the revised policy is available on the Laurier website; the University has renewed its partnership agreement with the undergraduate's Student Union, as well as an agreement which lays out the services which Student Affairs will provide to undergraduate and graduate students.



4. Report/Recommendations from Standing Committees

A. Senate Nominating Committee, R. Slawson

R. Slawson presented the Nominating Committee report and highlighted an outstanding vacancy; the report was amended based on a nomination from the floor, J. Mueller was a self-nomination for the Vice President: Advancement and External Relations search committee.

MOTION (R. Slawson/D. Deutschman) on the recommendation of the Senate Nominating Committee, that Senate approve the slate of nominations.

CARRIED

B. Senate Finance Committee, M. L. Byrne

M.L. Byrne provided an update on the Senate Finance Committee; on September 27th members of the Senate Finance Committee participated in a joint Finance Orientation session with the Finance and Investments Committee of the Board of Governors; on October 9th the Senate Finance Committee met, the committee discussed the appointment of a chair for the committee, report of the Vice President: Finance and Administration; the Management Report and Audited Financial Statements as of April 30, 2018, it was noted there were no red flags identified and performance has remained consistent; the committee received a tuition fee approval request for the Master of Computer Science, the Master of Computer Science program will start in January of 2019, a financial analysis of the program has now been conducted and a tuition rate of \$3,000 was requested, and is being recommended to the Senate by the Senate Finance Committee; D. Deutschman responded to several questions on the cost of tuition and how it compared to other comparable online programs.

MOTION (M. L. Byrne/D. Deutschman) on the recommendation of the Senate Finance Committee that Senate approve the tuition rate for the Master of Computer Science at \$3,000 per course, effective January 2019.

CARRIED

(30 in favour; 4 opposed; 6 abstained)

C. Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, K. Carter



The Senate Teaching and Learning Committee (SCTL) met on September 26; at the meeting, it was discussed what matters the committee will be reviewing over the coming year including Syllabi Update; Medical Documentation and the Withdraw policy; recommendations from the committee will be coming forward this year.

5. Reports/Recommendations from Divisional Councils

A. Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, D. Deutschman

D. Deutschman presented a major modification for Religion Culture and Global Justice; D. Deutschman replied to questions regarding the administration of the internships; the status of students while participating on the internship; issues of liability; D. Deutschman withdraw the motion to have further consultation with the department so that clarity on questions raised could be provided.

B. Faculty of Education, C. Willard-Holt

C. Willard-Holt will present the substantive minor change for the Faculty of Education, there was an editorial edit to the wording on one portion of the calendar description; the Faculty of Education consulted with the Community Music program on proposed changes.

MOTION (C. Willard-Holt/J. Mueller) **on the recommendation of Senate Academic Planning that Senate approve the modifications of the Bachelor of Education Junior/Intermediate Music prerequisites as presented.**

CARRIED

6. Matters from the Consent Section of the Agenda

D. Smith noted that there were two minor errors in the September Senate meeting minutes, an incorrect date and title; Secretariat representative confirmed that the corrections would be made.

7. Other Business

M. L. Byrne asked if in future the Emergency Notification System could be scheduled at a time that would not interrupt class, as the test locks down all university computers, it was recommended that having the test at 9:50am as opposed to 10am would limit class disruptions.

8. Question Period

There were no questions.

9. Adjournment

Adjourn by consensus.



Consent

The following items will be approved or accepted by consent unless brought forward for discussion during item 1 of the agenda.

10. Agenda

11. Report of the COU Academic Colleague

12. Report of the Senior Executives

13. Report of the Board of Governors – Sept. 12, 2018 meeting

14. Draft Minutes of the September 12, 2018 Senate meeting

Signed:

Deborah MacLatchy, President and Chair of Senate

John Schwieter, Secretary of Senate