



Date: Monday, October 28, 2013
Time: 3:00- 3:30 p.m.
Room: 203 Toldo

PRESENT: Dr. Fazle Baki, Mr. Rob Crawford, Ms. Gwen Ebbett, Dr. Jill Grant, Dr. Leo Groarke (Acting chair), Dr. Ed King, Dr. Dietmar Lage, Dr. Charles Macdonald, Dr. Linda Patrick, Dr. Clayton Smith, Mr. Hussein Zarif.

ABSENT: Dr. Camille Cameron, Dr. Beth Daly (regrets), Ms. Maya Madolyn, Dr. Kevin Milne (regrets), Mitra Mirhassani, Dr. Katherine Quinsey (regrets), Mr. Kaushik Ray, Dr. Alan Wildeman (chair) (regrets).

IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Marlys Koschinsky; Ms. Danielle Handsor and Renee Wintermute (University Secretariat)

1 Approval of the agenda

Although items were not discussed in sequential order, the minutes do reflect the agenda order of business.

MOTION: That the agenda be approved.

Dr. E. King/Dr. L. Patrick
CARRIED

2 Minutes of the meetings of September 25, 2013

MOTION: That the minutes of the meeting of September 25, 2013 be approved.

Ms. G. Ebbett/Dr. C. Macdonald
CARRIED

3 Business arising from the minutes

Nothing to report.

4. Outstanding Business/Action Items

4.1 Program Development Committee

*4.1.1 Program Course Changes

a) Graduate Diploma in Advanced Practice Oncology/Palliative Nursing - Minor Program Change

(See document SSCa131028-4.4.1a for more details.)

MOTION: That the Graduate Diploma in Advanced Practice Oncology/Palliative Nursing - Minor Program Change be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

*CARRIED

*4.1.2 Kinesiology - Request for Waiver of Course Deletion

(See document SSCa131028-4.1.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Kinesiology - Request for Waiver of Course Deletion be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

*CARRIED

*4.1.3 Nursing Degree Designation Change (MScN)

(See document SSCa131028-4.1.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the Nursing Degree Designation Change (MScN) be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

*CARRIED

4.1.4 Joint Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Education Diploma with Lambton (Bed/EDC) Suspension of Admissions as of Fall 2013
(See document SSCa131028-4.1.4 for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Joint Bachelor of Education Early Childhood Education Diploma with Lambton (Bed/EDC) Suspension of Admissions as of Fall 2013* be placed on the Senate agenda for information.

Ms. G. Ebbett/Dr. L. Patrick

Concern was raised that submitted Program Development Committee (PDC) document did not mention the partnering institution, Lambton College and its views on the suspension of the program. It was agreed that such PDC documents should include a section for partnering institutions to confirm their support on major program changes. In response, it was noted that Lambton College understands the need for the discontinuation of the program.

CARRIED

4.2 Academic Policy Committee

***4.2.1 Revision to the Mature Student Policy**
(See document SSCa131028-4.2.1 for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Revision to the Mature Student Policy* be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

*CARRIED

4.2.2 Business Undergraduate Admissions Requirements
(See document SSCa131028-4.2.2 for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Business Undergraduate Admissions Requirements* be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

Dr. F. Baki/ Dr. E. King

It was noted that the proposed increase in admission requirements would lead to incoming students being better prepared, potentially an increase in student enrollment, and an overall enhanced program reputation.

CARRIED

***4.2.3 Report on Student Awards Established During the 2012-2013 Academic Year**
(See document SSCa131028-4.2.3 for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Report on Student Awards Established During the 2012-2013 Academic Year* be placed on the Senate agenda for information.

*CARRIED

4.3 Senate Student Caucus
Nothing to report.

4.4 Committee Membership

4.4.1 Senate Representatives on the Search Committee for the Provost, and Vice-President, Academic
(See document SSCa13128-4.4.1 for more details.)

Ms. Gwen Ebbett served as Acting Chair for this item.

MOTION: That the *Senate Representatives on the Search Committee for the Provost, and Vice-President, Academic* be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

Dr. J. Grant/Dr. D. Lage
Abstention: Dr. L. Groarke
CARRIED

4.5 Strategic Research Plan Implementation

(See document SSCa131028-4.5 for more details.)

MOTION: That the *Strategic Research Plan Implementation* be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

Dr. J. Grant/Dr. C. Macdonald

It was noted that the Strategic Research Plan Implementation was discussed extensively by the Implementation Committee whose membership is representative and at the Dean's Council. Research priorities are not being changed but rather taking thematic areas to the next step.

CARRIED

4.6 Consideration for Improvement: Academic Integrity System (Bylaw 31) – Update

MOTION: That the *Considerations for Improvement: Academic Integrity System (Bylaw 31)* be placed on the Senate agenda for approval.

Dr. C. Smith/ Ms. G. Ebbett

Last year, Dr. Clayton Smith was asked to undertake a review of the Academic Integrity System, which also includes a review of Bylaw 31. Following broad consultation, a conceptual framework will be presented to Senate for discussion.

CARRIED

5 Bylaw Business

Nothing to report.

6 Approval of Senate Agenda

Items 5.7 *Committee Membership* and 5.8 *Bylaw Business* be placed on the Senate agenda in reversed order, that *Consideration for Improvement: Academic Integrity System (Bylaw 31)* be placed on the agenda as item 5.7, and that item 5.6.2 *Business Undergraduate Admissions* be starred.

MOTION: That the Senate agenda be approved, as amended.

Dr. E. King/Dr. C. Macdonald

CARRIED

7 Question Period/Other Business

A discussion ensued on the possibility of phasing out the Senate Steering Committee (SSC). The SSC replaced the Senate Executive Committee back in the late 1990s, which had more authority. Currently, the primary role of the SSC is to ensure items are ready for Senate review and approve the Senate agenda. Other tasks include approving Honorary Degrees/University Professors, and bylaw reviews. If SSC was dismantled, these responsibilities would have to be reallocated to another committee. It was noted that at other institutions the Chair of Senate oversees the setting of the Senate agenda. Concern was raised that if the Committee Chairs reported to the Chair of Senate (President of the University), the President would be responsible for evaluating the work, which may be time consuming. In response, it was noted that there have been very few occasions in the past decade where SSC has referred an item back to Committee. Reports/proposals are generally well-prepared and ready for Senate when they leave the committee charged with their review. This results in time commitments on committee members for meetings that generally are over very quickly. It was noted that more trust needs to be placed on the Committee Chairs who have been elected. The Provost will debrief Dr. Wildeman on the discussion that took place and report back to SSC.

8 Adjournment

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. C. Smith/Dr. J. Grant

CARRIED