

SPECIAL MEETING OF SENATE

AGENDA

Tuesday, July 21, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ZOOM Conference:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85273937685?pwd=TjZ4REhRU2lvdlhWdFdtM3hEV3NnQT09>

Meeting ID: **852 7393 7685**

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1. Confirmation of Quorum
2. The Report of the Senate Executive Committee dated July 14, 2020 be received
3. Annual Academic Action Plan 2020-2021
4. Winter 2021 Term
5. Financial Update
6. Adjournment

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REPORT OF THE SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

July 14, 2020

There was a meeting of the Senate Executive on July 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting took place by Zoom conference.

The following members participated:

C. Sutton (Interim Chair), A. Vainio-Mattila, P. Maher, J. McAuliffe, P. Radia, C. Richardson, D. Iafrate, N. Colborne, J. Allison, M. Litalien, T. McParland, T. Sibbald, H. Mackie, S. Landriault (Recording Secretary, n-v)

The purpose of the meeting was to set the agenda for the July 21, 2020 Special Senate meeting.

The Interim President, Cheryl Sutton, thanked members for their attendance and spoke of the importance of maintaining communication while respecting the roles of the Senate and the Board. Following the very well attended Virtual Town Hall meeting, it was felt that further internal communication and input by way of Senate meetings over the summer months would be beneficial. The Chair of the By-Laws and Elections Subcommittee advised that By-Laws Article 6.0 (b) states that there shall be no regular meetings of Senate in July or August. However, By-Laws Article 6.1 (a) states that a special meeting of Senate may be called at the discretion of either the Chair of Senate or the Senate Executive Committee.

It was noted that there is reason for the Academic Curriculum Committee, Academic Quality Assurance and Planning Committee and the Teaching and Learning Committee to meet over the summer months as the university is a 12 month operation. Following discussion, members agreed that a great deal of work takes place over the summer months and it is important for the business of the university to continue. It was agreed that two special meetings of Senate would be called in July and August this year. The Chair of the By-Laws and Elections Committee advised that the scheduling of regular Senate meetings over 12 months of the year will be added to the agenda for discussion at the first By-Laws and Elections Committee meeting.

A discussion took place regarding how future Senate meetings will be held this academic year. It was noted that in-person Senate meetings will not be possible for some time, and that all scheduled Senate meetings will be held virtually. Members agreed that the following motion be voted on and communicated to Senate:

MOTION 1: Moved by A. Vainio-Mattila, seconded by T. McParland that the Senate Executive approves that all scheduled meetings of the Academic Senate for 2020-2021 will be held by Zoom conferencing.
CARRIED

It was agreed that the August Special Senate meeting agenda include a question period and agenda items will be requested in advance. Senate meeting minutes will be approved at the regularly scheduled September 11, 2020 Senate meeting.

MOTION 1: Moved by C. Sutton, seconded by A. Vainio-Mattila that the Senate Executive approves the July 21, 2020 Special Senate Agenda.
CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



C. Sutton
Interim Chair
Senate Executive Committee

MOTION 1: That Senate receive the Report of the Senate Executive dated July 14, 2020.