



## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SENATE**

**January 21, 2022**

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The meeting was held at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.

### SENATORS:

K. Arora	V. Jaremek	P. Peddle
G. Balfour	T. Jenkyn	S. Powell
P. Barmby	T. Joy	S. Prichard
A. Barnfield	S. Kadish	D. Purcell
A. Baxter	S. Karky	A. Pyati
J. Baxter	G. Kelly	G. Read
I. Berry	M. Kim	L. Rigg
E. Boussoulas	D. Kotsopoulos	A. Robin
D. Brou	D. Laird	S. Roland
C. Burucua	J. Langille	G. Santos
E. Chamberlain	M. Lebo	E. Sapuridis
J. Chazi	D. Lee	J. Schermer
M. Cleveland	L. Wolfgang	A. Schuurman
K. Coley	J. Li	A. Shami
J. Compton	L. Logan	Z. Sinel
S. Constas	M. Longtin	V. Smye
J. Corrigan	D. Malloy	B. Sriharan
J. Cuciurean	M. McMurran	L. Stephenson
S. Datars Bere	M. Milde	L. Stoyles
M. Davison	L. Miller	G. Tigert
G. De Viveiros	J. Minac	J. Watson
R. Dekoter	K. Mooney	G. West
M. Fahmida	S. Morrison	K. Whitehead
L. Frederking	I. Namukasa	K. Yeung
C. Gallant	A. Nelson	J. Yoo
K. Gibbons	J. Nord	S. Zivkovic
R. Gros	J. O'Hagan	
N. Harney	A. Pahargarh	
L. Henderson	M. Patel	
R. Heydon	T. Peace	
S. Hodgson		

Observers: C. Bressette, R. Chelladurai, J. Doerksen, M. McGlynn, N. Narin,  
O. Oloya, k. seanor

**Land Acknowledgement**

M. Cleveland offered a Land Acknowledgement.

S.22-01 **Minutes of Prior Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2021, were approved as circulated.

S.22-02 **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

The Report of S. Prichard (Acting President), distributed with the agenda, contained information on the following topics: COVID-19 update, accolades, and leadership updates.

The Acting President additionally commented on the following items:

- President Alan Shepard on a temporary medical leave.
- Honoured the passing of Dr. Martin Hollenberg, Dean of Medicine 1978-1985; Rock Basacco, head coach of the Mustang's soccer team for 21 years; Darwin Semotiuk, former professor, athletics director and Mustang's football coach; Mustafa Dawoud, a graduate from the faculty of Engineering and current student at the faculty of Science.
- Second suspect in death of Gabriel Neil arrested.
- Return to in-person classes on January 31 for all second, third and fourth-year undergraduate students and graduate-level students.
- First-year undergraduate level courses will resume in-person on February 28.
- Delay in return to residences to prepare a safe environment and adequate isolation facilities and support for students.
- Anticipate 1000 students to be in residence before the return deadline.
- Acknowledged two ongoing petitions, one requesting an earlier return of first year students and to residences, and another requesting to continue classes online.
- Medical grade masks required in classroom settings.
- Strategic Fund: 37 proposals received, 16 chosen to receive a total of \$11.8 million in funding allocated. The list of approved projects is available on the Provost's webpage.
- Proposals submissions for newly acquired downtown building on 450 Talbot Street due February 7<sup>th</sup>.

S. Prichard concluded her report by advising that all the faculty complement requests that fit within the base budget have been approved. She also noted that the preliminary recommendations on budget will be shared with Deans and units in the coming weeks.

**REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE**

S.22-03 **ITEM 5.1 – Nominating Committee Membership**

Mary Helen McMurrin was acclaimed to the Nominating Committee for a term to June 30, 2022.

S.22-04 **ITEM 5.2 – Revised Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University – Vice-Provost (Students)**

L. Miller, Vice-Provost (Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies), inquired if consideration was given to dedicating a seat to an Associate Dean, Graduate, given that graduate students are part of the portfolio.

J. Doerksen, Acting Provost & Vice-President (Academic), advised that the revisions to the structure of the selection committee aim to bring it in line with other Vice-Provost selection committees' size and composition.

A Senator noted that graduate students are at times underrepresented on committees and requested that consideration be given to graduate representation when composing selection committees.

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That Senate approve, and recommend to the Board of Governors, that the Appointment Procedures for Senior Academic and Administrative Officers of the University be amended to retitle the Associate Vice-President (Student Experience) as the Vice-Provost (Students).

CARRIED

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

S.22-05 **ITEM 6.1 – University Research Board (URB)**

No nominations were received.

S.22-06 **ITEM 6.2 – Senate Review Board Academic (SRBA)**

Ruth Ann Strickland (SS) was acclaimed to the Senate Review Board Academic for a term to June 30, 2022.

S.22-07 **ITEM 10.0 - Report of the Academic Colleague**

Senate received the Report of the Academic Colleague for the December 2021 meeting for information.

S.22-08 **UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That the items listed in the Consent Agenda, be approved or received for information by the Senate by unanimous consent.

CARRIED

S.22-09 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**REPORT FROM THE OPERATIONS/AGENDA COMMITTEE**

S.22-10 **Information Items Reported by the Operations/Agenda Committee on Unanimous Consent**

- ITEM 11.1(a) – Senate Membership – Vacancies Filled by Appointment Information
- ITEM 11.1(b) – Senate Meeting Schedule 2022-23 Information
- ITEM 11.1(c) – Officers of Convocation

**REPORT FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC POLICY AND AWARDS**

S.22-11 **ITEM 11.2(a)(i) – Don Wright Faculty of Music, Department of Music Performance Studies: Withdrawal of the Music Performance Diploma (Three-Year Program)**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, admission to the Music Performance Diploma (Three-Year Program) be discontinued, and students currently enrolled in the program be permitted to graduate upon fulfillment of the program requirements by August 31, 2023, and that effective September 1, 2023 the program be withdrawn.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-12 **ITEM 11.2(a)(ii) – Don Wright Faculty of Music, Department of Music Performance Studies: Introduction of a Minor in Music Performance Studies**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, a Minor in Music Performance Studies be introduced in the Don Wright Faculty of Music, as shown in Item 11.2(a)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-13 **ITEM 11.2(b)(i) – Faculty of Science, Department of Earth Sciences: Revisions to the Honours Specialization and Specialization in Geophysics – For Professional Registration**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Honours Specialization and Specialization in Geophysics – For Professional Registration be revised as shown in Item 11.2(b)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-14 **ITEM 11.2(b)(ii) – Faculty of Science, Department of Physics and Astronomy: Withdrawal of the Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in Materials Science**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, admission to the Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in Materials Science be discontinued, and that students currently enrolled in the modules be permitted to graduate upon fulfillment of the module requirements by August 21, 2026, and that effective September 1, 2026, the modules be withdrawn.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-15 **ITEM 11.2(c) – Faculty of Social Science, Department of Sociology: Withdrawal of the Honours Specialization in Criminology**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, admission to the Honours Specialization in Criminology be discontinued, and that students currently enrolled in the module be permitted to graduate upon fulfillment of the module requirements by August 31, 2024, and that effective September 1, 2024, the module be withdrawn.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-16 **ITEM 11.2(d)(i) – King’s University College: Introduction of a Minor in Writing and Social Change and Introduction of Writing 2230F/G**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, a Minor in Writing and Social Change be introduced at King’s University College as shown in Item 11.2(d)(i), and that effective March 1, 2022, Writing 2230F/G be introduced at King’s University College as shown in Item 11.2(d)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-17 **ITEM 11.2(d)(ii) – King’s University College: Introduction of a Subject Area in “American Sign Language” and Introduction of American Sign Language 1030A/B**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, a subject area in “American Sign Language” be introduced by King’s University College and included in Category B for Breadth Requirements for Graduation and that effective September 1, 2022, American Sign Language 1030A/B be introduced at King’s University College as shown in Item 11.2(d)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-18 **ITEM 11.2(e)(i) – King’s University College: Renaming of the “Childhood and Social Institutions” Subject Area**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, the “Childhood and Social Institutions” subject area be renamed as the “Childhood and Youth Studies” subject area.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-19 **ITEM 11.2(e)(ii) – King’s University College: Renaming of the Honours Specialization and Major in Childhood and Social Institutions and Revisions to the Module Requirements**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Honours Specialization and Major in Childhood and Social Institutions be renamed as the Honours Specialization and Major in Childhood and Youth Studies and that the module requirements be revised as shown in Item 11.2(e)(ii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-20 **ITEM 11.2(e)(iii) – King’s University College: Introduction of a Minor in Childhood and Youth Studies**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, a Minor in Childhood and Youth Studies be introduced at King’s University College as shown in Item 11.2(e)(iii).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-21 **ITEM 11.2(e)(iv) – King’s University College: Revisions to the Certificate in Childhood and Advocacy and the Certificate in Childhood and the Legal System**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, the Certificate in Childhood and Advocacy and the Certificate in Childhood and the Legal System be revised as shown in Item 11.2(e)(iv).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-22 **ITEM 11.2(e)(v) – King’s University College: Introduction of New Courses in Childhood and Youth Studies**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, the following courses be introduced by King’s University College:

Childhood and Youth Studies 2216F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 2232A/B  
Childhood and Youth Studies 2254F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3312F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3313F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3314F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3354F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3355F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3366F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3367F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3368F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 3371F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 4413F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 4414F/G  
Childhood and Youth Studies 4420F/G/Z  
Childhood and Youth Studies 4421F/G/Z

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-23 **ITEM 11.2(e)(vi) – King’s University College: Revisions to Childhood and Youth Studies Courses**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, courses in Childhood and Youth Studies at King’s University college be revised as shown in Item 11.2(e)(vi).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-24 **ITEM 11.2(e)(vii) – King’s University College: Withdrawal of Childhood and Social Institutions Courses**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective September 1, 2022, the following courses be withdrawn from the course offerings at King’s University College:

Childhood and Social Institutions 2213F/G: Childhood Systems and Lifeworlds  
Childhood and Social Institutions 3300F/G: Childhood, Citizenship, and Participation  
Childhood and Social Institutions 3310F/G: Representing Childhood Empirically  
Childhood and Social Institutions 3335F/G: Human Rights and Child Advocacy  
Childhood and Social Institutions 3353F/G: Advocacy with Children – International  
Childhood and Social Institutions 3364F/G: Childhood and Governmentality  
Interdisciplinary Studies 2252F/G: Introduction to Interdisciplinary Qualitative  
Research Methods

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.22-25 **ITEM 11.2(f) – Revisions to the Dean’s Honour List and Graduation “With Distinction” Policy**

It was moved by M. Milde, seconded by S. Roland,

That effective January 1, 2022, the Dean’s Honour List and Graduation “With Distinction” policy be revised as shown in Item 11.2(f)

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

**Information Items Reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards**

S.22-26 The following items reported by the Senate Committee on Academic Policy and Awards were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 11.2(g) – Report of the Subcommittee on Program Review – Graduate (SUPR-G): Cyclical Review of the Professional Programs in Education
- ITEM 11.2(h) – Faculty-Specific Undergraduate Sessional Dates

**REPORT OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY PLANNING**

S.22-27 The following items reported by the Senate Committee on University Planning were received for information by unanimous consent:

- ITEM 11.3(a) – Western Office of the Ombudsperson Annual Report 2020/21
- ITEM 11.3(b) – Designated Chairs, Professorships and Faculty Fellowships approved on behalf of the Senate in 2021 by the Senate Committee on University Planning

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

S.22-28 **Information Items Reported through Announcements and Communications on Unanimous Consent**

The following items were reported through Announcements and Communications and were received for information by unanimous consent:



- ITEM 11.4(a) – Election Results - Senate Committee on University Planning
- ITEM 11.4(b) – Academic Administrative Appointments

S.22-29 **ITEM 11.5 – Senate E-Vote (Time Sensitive): Policy Amendment: Structure of the Academic Year**

Senate received for information the results of the E-Vote for the Notice of Motion on Policy Amendment: Structure of the Academic Year. The Motion received sufficient votes and passed on December 16, 2022.

S.22-30 **DISCUSSION AND QUESTION PERIOD**

The full text of questions submitted in advance of the meeting were posted in the Agenda at Item 13.0 prior to the meeting. The questions and responses are summarized below.

1. **Official Communications**

A Senator noted that important announcements are released on social media prior to e-mail.

A. Blackburn-Evans (Chief Communications Officer) informed Senators that announcements are sent through e-mail prior to social media. Due to the nature of mass e-mail, the e-mails may land in recipients' inboxes immediately or may take hours. Once the e-mails are in the system, the announcements are posted on social media to communicate decisions in a timely manner. Announcements are posted immediately to social media to avoid potential unofficial posts once the e-mails are received, to ensure that the information on social comes from Western channels. A. Blackburn-Evans noted advance notice is provided to a number of stakeholder groups prior to the release of a new communication.

2. **AVP-International Update**

A Senator requested an update on the AVP International search and international student recruitment.

J. Doerksen responded that the Nominating committee will bring forward nominations for members of the selection committee at the upcoming Senate meeting. The search for the AVP International will begin once the selection committee is established.

International student recruitment is approaching 10,000 applications, 4% lower than applicants received last year during this timeframe. Applications will continue to be received, as there is no specific deadline, to the extent that there is capacity in the programs. J. Doerksen advised that the Registrar's office made significant operational changes, resulting in 70% more offers made at this point in time compared to last year.

3. **Returning to Campus**

A Senator inquired if the return to campus decision will be reconsidered if COVID-19 continues to overwhelm hospitals.

S. Prichard advised that the province of Ontario, based on public health modeling and guidance, signaled that January 31 is an appropriate date for structured settings, such as classrooms, to return to in-person. Changes to the plan would be implemented based on the guidance of public health officials, if there is an indication that the safety of the campus is at risk.

4. **Independent Reviewer**

A Senator inquired if the independent reviewers will be available for members of the Western community to share information and provide feedback directly.

S. Prichard advised that the Gender-Based & Sexual Violence Action Committee, co-chaired by Terry McQuaid and Nadine Wathen, will be starting listening sessions and will provide members of the community opportunities to communicate with the committee.

The independent reviewers, Nathalie Des Rosiers and Sonya Nigam, will lead the investigation into the allegations of sexual violence. The reviewers will soon announce the plan on how members of the community can share information and provide feedback directly to them.

5. **Provost Search Update**

S. Prichard advised that the search committee continues to diligently do its work, and a report will be provided when an update is available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

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S. Prichard  
Chair

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A. Bryson  
University Secretary