

The 507th Meeting of the Trent University Senate

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 2:00 p.m.

Via Zoom

Minutes

Present were: Senators Suzanne Bailey, Peri Ballantyne, Sam Barry, Rita Bode, Cathy Bruce, Craig Brunetti, Gary Burness, Ann Celestini, Michael Chan-Reynolds, James Connelly, Noah Edwards, Scott Henderson, Holger Hintelmann, Hugh Hodges, Richard Hurley, Nancie Im-Bolter, Michael Khan (Chair), William Kim, Hugo Lehmann, Paul Manning, Sanela Martic, Claire Mooney, Mark Neufeld, Van, Nguyen-Marshall, Phuong Nguyen, Heather Nicol, Kathryn Norlock, Fergal O'Hagan, Marco Pollanen, Raul Ponce-Hernandez, Mark Skinner, Annalise Smart, Shay Surujnarain, Paul Szpak and Kelly Young. Official Visitors Heather Crowley, David Hollands, Moira Howes and Ian Thompson. Associate University Secretary (Senate) Tara Harrington and Coordinator, Board and Senate Support Taylor Edwards.

Regrets: Senators Saud Choudhry, Aiden Cooke, Anthony Coulter, Cyndi Gilmer, Leo Groarke, Whitney Lackenbauer, Lily Lalonde, Lawrence Lam, Dennis Murray, Karleen Pendleton Jiménez, Viviana Pinheiro, Steven Rafferty and Annalise Smart

Guest: Associate Vice-President, Finance Cheryl Turk

Welcome and adoption of the Agenda

The meeting opened with a welcome to the traditional territory:

We respectfully acknowledge that we are on treaty and traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinabeg. We offer our gratitude to First Nations for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and relations. May we honour those teachings.

Closed Session

University Honours Subcommittee Report. The secretary left the meeting for discussion of this agenda item and Taylor Edwards took minutes.

The Chair reviewed the recommendations of the University Honours Subcommittee regarding nominees for the Eminent Service Awards. He explained that these awards are not granted by Senate—they are granted by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of Senate. Senate approved forwarding the recommendations on to the Board of Governors for consideration.

Open Session

Chair's Remarks and Announcements.

The Chair announced that Dr. Holger Hintelmann had been reappointed as Dean, Arts & Science-Science. He also noted that the searches for the Deans of Education and Nursing and the University Librarian were on-going.

Senator O'Hagan announced the winners of the teaching awards:

- Symons Award for Excellence in Teaching--Dr. Elizabeth Russell, an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology and Director of the Trent Centre for Aging and Society
- Award for Educational Leadership and Innovation—being awarded to two faculty-- Dr. Jennifer Newton, an Assistant Professor from the Department of Anthropology and Dr. Kirk Hillsley, a Professor in the Department of Biology.
- Award for Excellence in Online Teaching--Dr. Erick Laming, an Assistant Professor of Criminology in the Department of Sociology.
- Award for Excellence in Teaching Assistance-- William Kim, a PhD candidate in Environmental and Life Science and a Teaching Assistant in Biology.
- CUPE 3908-1 Award for Excellence in Teaching-- Dr. Mary-Claire Buell, a course instructor in Indigenous Environmental Studies and Sciences and an adjunct faculty in Environmental and Life Sciences.

Senator Bruce announced the winners of the research awards:

- Distinguished Research Award—Dr. Hugh Elton
- Early Career Research Awards—Dr. Jen Cole and Dr. Kim Ritchie

Minutes and Business arising Meeting of February 14, 2023. The minutes were approved as presented.

Senator Henderson reported that the question of faculty assigning deadlines during the reading weeks, which had been raised at the February meeting of Senate, was on the agenda for the next meeting of the Undergraduate Academic Policy Committee meeting.

Undergraduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Mooney presented the report, which included the following recommendations for approval:

Gender & Social Justice-- New Specialization--Specialization in Critical Race Studies.

Policing & Community Well-being—New articulation agreement that would allow qualified graduates of Centennial College's Policy Foundations diploma to enter Trent's Policing & Community Well-being with advanced standing.

Ancient Greek & Roman Studies—Two new courses—AHCL-HIST 3155H and AHCL 3355H.

Biology—Modify program requirements for the single-major Honours program, the joint-major Honours program, the single-major General program and the joint-major General program.

Canadian Studies—Three new regular courses—CAST-ERST-GEOG 3042H, CAST 3043H and CAST-ERST-GEOG 4043H.

Conservation Biology—Modify program requirements for the single-major Honours program.

Criminology—Modify program requirements for the single-major Honours program.

Forensic Biology—Modify program requirements for the single-major Honours program.

History—Modify program requirements for single-major Honours program, the joint-major Honours program, the single-major General program and the joint-major General program and the minor.

Indigenous Studies—New course INDG 2560H.

Political Studies—New regular course—POST-CAST 3422H.

It was observed that INDG 2560H, The Forgotten People: Métis History and Culture, is the first course at Trent to focus on Métis history. This course would fulfill the Indigenous course requirement. Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Graduate Studies Committee Report. Senator Brunetti presented the report which included the following proposals:

Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Social Research—Two new courses-IDSR 6030H and IDS R 6040H.

Master of Sustainability Studies—Cross-list BEMA 5004H with SUST 5004H.

Master of Instrumental Chemical Analysis—Shorten title from ICAN 5003H-A Accreditation and Quality Management Systems in Chemical Testing Laboratory to ICAN 5003H-A Accreditation and Quality Management Systems.

Course title change from ICAN 5004H-A Quality Control and Data Processing to ICAN 5004H-A Statistical Analysis and Data Processing.

Academic Regulations—Remove language around the 10-Hour Rule (which restricts students with OGS to 10 hours per week of on-campus work), refine the definition of full-time student and update the language regarding employment for international graduate students.

Senate approved the recommendations as presented.

Draft Strategic Research Plan. Senator Bruce presented the draft plan indicating that during the consultation phase six priority areas had been identified. These included:

- Student engagement with Research
- Enhanced Communication of Research
- Faculty Support & Mentorship
- Research Funding & Partnerships
- Research Leadership, and
- Research Collaboration.

Action steps associated with each of these areas had also been identified. Senator Bruce was asked if the action steps were in alignment with the criteria used to assess tenure, promotion and merit. She indicated that she would check. A Senator noted that the numbering of the action steps suggested a hierarchy which was not the intention. Senator Bruce observed that there are three spaces that can, or will, engender research (the experimental farm, the Cleantech Commons and the planned LTC facility) and she wondered if those should be referenced in the plan. Senator Bruce thanked Senators for their suggestions and comments and asked that additional feedback be sent directly to her or to Jamie Elcombe in the research office. The final version of the plan will be presented at the May meeting of Senate.

Cyclical Program Review Committee Report. Senator Hintelmann reported that two programs, the BSc Mathematics and the BSc Mathematical Physics had completed the review cycle. The report also included the Final Assessment Report (FAR) for the Bachelor of Social Work. Senate received the report as information.

Budget Presentation. Ms. Cheryl Turk presented information about the draft 2023-24 budget. She reminded Senators that the operating grant received from provincial government and domestic tuition rates had been frozen for a number of years. She noted that, despite this, Trent is in a relatively healthy situation with regard to our budget. The 2023-24 draft budget includes provisions for fifteen net new faculty and new investments in experiential learning, enhanced student supports and enhanced academic supports. The budget was to be presented to the Board of Governors for approval on March 24th.

Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Dr. M. Khan, Chair

T. Harrington, Secretary