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**Carleton University Senate  
Meeting of October 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.  
Senate Room, 608 Robertson Hall  
MINUTES**

**Present:** S. Ajila, F. Alhattab, A. Arya, A. Bellerive, S. Blanchard, A. Bowker, D. Buss, M. Butler, L. Callaghan, C. Carruthers, A. Christianson, W. Clement, J. Debanné, D. Deugo, C. Duff, M. Esponda, K. Evans, C. Feres, A. Forth, R. Goubran, N. Grasse, J. Hayes, R. Hoey, W. Horn, D. Howe, B. Hughes, W. Jones, E. Kwan, E. Lai, A. Loiselle, D. Long, A. Maheshwari, C. Miller (proxy sent), H. Nemiroff, M. Neufang, D. Owusu-Akyeeah, J. Paulson, P. Ricketts, R. Runte, D. Russell, J. Shepherd, E. Sloan, C. Smelser, M. Sucharov, N. Tait, S. Taylor, P. Thompson, J. Tomberlin, P. Watzlawik-Li, F. Webster, J. Wolfart, P. Wolff

**Regrets:** F. Afagh, K. Bashir, A. Chandler, C. Chi, C. Cruickshank, J. Dalphy, A. Diptee, A. Dodge, M. El-Tanany, W. Felepchuk, S. Field, C. Fong, T. Garvey, P. Gentile, R. Gorelick, F. Hosseinian, O. Javanpour, K. Karim, M. Martinov, J. Miller, K. O'Meara, B. Örmeci, C. Parrott, M. Pelletier, M. Piché, A. Plourde, N. Rajapakse, J. Smith, J. Stoner, S. Sur, L. Watson, C. Wong.

**Open Session:**

**1. Welcome**

The President welcomed the new Senators.

**2. Approval of Agenda (open)**

It was **MOVED** (W. Felepchuk, W. Jones) that Senate approve the open agenda of the meeting of October 26, 2016. Item 4 was deferred to the next Senate meeting as this was a topic request by a Senator unable to attend today's meeting. W. Felepchuk requested that the November 2, Day of Action be added to the agenda under 'Other Business'.

The motion **PASSED**.

**3. Minutes:**

a) September 9, 2016

It was **MOVED** (R. Goubran, M. Neufang) that Senate approve the minutes of the meeting of September 9, 2016.

The motion **PASSED**.

#### 4. Member Request: Update on the Global Academy (P. Ricketts)

This item is deferred to the November Senate meeting.

#### 5. Reports:

##### a) SAPC (P. Ricketts)

It was **MOVED** (P. Ricketts, M. Butler) that Senate approve the addition of the Astrophysics stream in the BSC honours program effective fall 2017.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

It was **MOVED** (P. Ricketts, W. Clement) that Senate approve the Final Assessment Report and Executive Summary for the MA program in Religion and Public Life.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

It was **MOVED** (P. Ricketts, W. Clement) that Senate approve the Final Assessment Report and Executive Summary for the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Sociology.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

A Senator asked if the issue of over-reliance on contract instructors is mentioned in many program reviews. P. Ricketts stated that it does occur at times and the department is responsible to address the issue.

##### b) SCCASP (H. Nemiroff)

H. Nemiroff introduced the following motions:

It was **MOVED** (H. Nemiroff, A. Arya) that Senate approve revisions to section 2.5, Deferred Final Examinations and the addition of section 2.5.1, Early Departure from Final Examinations as amended, effective the 16-17 calendar.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

It was **MOVED** (H. Nemiroff, J. Shepherd) that Senate approve the revised admission requirements for the Bachelor of Information Technology program in Photonics and Laser Technology with a report to be submitted at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 academic year to the Carleton University Committee on Quality Assurance on the degree to which the first cohort of students admitted to the program under the revised admission requirements successfully completed first year.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

It was **MOVED** (H. Nemiroff, R. Hoey) that Senate approve inclusion of the WDN notation on official transcripts, for graduate and undergraduate students who withdraw after the full fee adjustment date in each term, for courses commencing the 17-18 academic year.

S. Blanchard stated that this change would bring Carleton in line with the standard practice of most other universities. Senators discussed the benefits and disadvantages of this change for the university, for students who may receive the WDN notation and for students who would not require the notation. H. Neufang stated that the motivation for this change was to provide better transparency and to align with provincial practices. It is not retroactive, nor in the CPGA. L. Ralph stated that students can appeal the WDN notation for health reasons. The motion **PASSED**.

It was **MOVED** (H. Nemiroff, J. Shepherd) that Senate approve changes to regulation 2.3, Standing in Courses/Grading System, as amended, for the 17-18 calendar.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

It was **MOVED** (H. Nemiroff, J. Shepherd) that Senate approve the Academic Nomenclature document, as presented, effective the 18-19 calendar.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

c) Academic Colleague (J. Smith)

The report was included in the meeting materials.

## **6. Senate Administration**

The Clerk presented updated membership of Senate and Senate Committees (see Appendix A).

It was **MOVED** (D. Russell, J. Paulson) that Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors that Jack Coghill be appointed to Senate as a Special Representative for the term of 2016-19.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

It was **MOVED** (D. Russell, R. Hoey) that Senate approve the amendments to the Senate Committees' Membership.

The motion **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**.

## **7. Discussion Period: Sexual Violence Policy (S. Blanchard)**

S. Blanchard asked Jen Sugar, Director of Student Affairs, to provide a PowerPoint presentation. J. Sugar stated that the deadline for feedback is Friday, October 28, 2016. They have received the most feedback regarding:

- The definition of the terms sexual violence, consent and rape culture. J. Sugar stated that the draft policy is using the definitions that are in the statute and mandated by the provincial government;
- The scope of the policy;
- Support services for survivors;
- Issues on confidentiality and the requirements of FIPPA regulations.

S. Blanchard then invited Senators to discuss the draft policy. J. Paulson stated that he has concerns about the scope (applying off-campus), academic freedom, survivor follow-up, and how to make intersectionality more than a term. J. Paulson also stated his appreciation of the committee's consultations with faculty. J. Sugar stated that in regard to sexually explicit material the collective agreement protects faculty. However, this policy would consider if the material is contextually relevant. S. Blanchard stated that our focus is that the policy represents the Carleton community. Senators discussed the implementation process, committees, and committee membership. A student letter led by CASG, with many supporting signatures, will be submitted through the feedback process. The GSA will also be submitting a letter of recommendations. D. O stated that every elected position that students occupy on campus has signed the letter. W. Felepchuk raised concern that the policy includes a clause that allows the President to use veto power. He also questioned why a resource commitment wasn't included. S. Blanchard stated that policies don't include resource allocation commitments but the issue of the veto power will be examined in the feedback assessment. R. Hoey recommended that the consultative aspect of this process should be included in the policy. J. Sugar stated that they have received feedback to include an external member on the review committee. S. Blanchard confirmed that there is flexibility to allow senior management to make exceptions to this policy. J. Wolfart rose concerns about the scope and process. He asked that for contentious issues, consensus should be needed to support the inclusion of it in the document. However, if there is no consensus, the contentious aspects should be

removed from the policy. M. Bueckert drew attention to the policy's commitments and value statements in section 2.1. S. Blanchard thanked everyone for this level of engagement.

## **8. Reports for Information:**

a) Senate Executive Minutes – June 3, July 20, August 23 (electronic), August 30, September 15 (electronic) and September 20, 2016  
There were no questions.

b) Board of Governors Minutes – June 28, 2016  
There were no questions. The Chair stated that the Board is still waiting on the federal infrastructure funding announcement.

c) Appointments Made Contrary to the Advertising Policy (Clerk)  
The Clerk stated that there have been three appointments made under this policy. Confidentiality requirements limit the scope of this report. P. Ricketts stated that all three of these cases involved a person already in a term position when a longer term position became available and the candidates were reviewed and appointed without advertising. This policy is permissible according to our collective agreements.

## **9. Other Business**

a) November 2: Day of Action  
W. Felepchuk stated that next Wednesday is the national day of action by the Canadian Federation of Students. It is a day of protest against high tuition costs and how they impact all students and particularly disadvantaged peoples. The GSA made an appeal to the Provost for academic amnesty on this day to allow students to attend this event. However, P. Ricketts was unable to consider this request due to the August deadline of the 2010 policy that addresses this type of request. W. Felepchuk stated that several universities have granted academic amnesty for this event. The GSA will be seeking to amend this policy in the near future.

J. Paulson reported that since the last Senate meeting he and others have received a lengthy email regarding the Senate Financial Review Committee. The Senate Office was not aware of this email. The Clerk asked J. Paulson to forward it to him and stated that it will be circulated to all Senators.

In response to a question, H. Nemiroff stated that the new WPN notation will become active in 2017-18 and the method of informing students has not yet been determined.

## **10. Adjournment**

It was **MOVED** (M. Neufang, P. Ricketts) to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.  
The motion **PASSED**.