

## JOINT SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC PLANNING AND PRIORITIES AND ON UNIVERSITY BUDGET

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Friday, May 13, 2022**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**MS Teams Online**

SSCAPP Voting Member Quorum 7 members		
Allyson Rozell Andhra Goundrey Andre Iwanchuk Heather Clark, Chair Catherine Schwichtenberg	Bogdan Bryja Karen Villagrancia Lilach Marom Michelle Molnar Kristan Ash	
		Non-voting
		Amy Jeon Lori McElroy Diane Purvey Zena Mitchell Steve Cardwell Zena Mitchell
Regrets		
Purru Sandhu Sharmen Lee Tom Westgate	Rajiv Jhangiani Deepak Gupta Alan Davis	
SSCUB Voting Member Quorum 7 members		
Fergal Callaghan Fiona Whittington-Walsh Lyndsay Passmore Caroline Daniels Laura McDonald	Shelley Strimbold Simren Sandhu Sue Fairburn	
		Non-voting
		Amy Jeon Chervahun Emilien Heather Clark Diane Purvey
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Barnabe (Dossou) Assogba Reza Khakbaznejad Tom Westgate Stephanie Howes, Chair Priya Yatheesan Alan Davis	Rita Zamluk	David Burns Catherine Siermacheski Susan Saint

## **1. Territorial Acknowledgement and Call to Order**

Heather Clark, Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities, provided a territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

## **2. Approval of Agenda**

**Andhra Goundrey moved that the agenda be confirmed as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

## **3. Approval of Minutes, March 4, 2022**

**Kristan Ash moved that the minutes be accepted as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

## **4. Chairs' Report**

The Chair shared an update to an earlier discussion regarding the KPU academic calendar and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. With the government confirming September 30, 2022 as continuing as a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, this has been added to the KPU Academic Calendar for fall 2022.

## **5. New Business**

### **5.1. Assessing Academic Priorities at KPU**

David Burns, Associate Vice-President, Academic provided background and context for the discussion. He answered questions regarding the lack of significance in the order of the academic provocations, the steps the Committees can undertake to ensure future reviews, and the use of the questions in practice within departments.

Committee members thanked David Burns for the provocations. They also reported on additional work and use of the priorities occurring in the Faculties.

**Kristan Ash moved that the Senate Standing Committees on Academic Planning and Priorities and on University Budget recommend that Senate adopt the attached academic priorities provocations for use in future discussion of new and existing programming.**

**The motion carried.**

*Action: Add a standard discussion item to the January SSCAPP\_UB meeting to review the intention, the preamble and the provocations.*

### **5.2. English Assessment: Duolingo**

David Burns, Catherine Siermacheski, Susan Saint were available to answer questions.

David Burns provided background and context for the discussion. Catherine Siermacheski and Susan Saint described the advantages to students of including Duolingo as an option.

Zena Mitchell answered questions regarding the effective date of September 2023. KPU is already using Duolingo for the current intake.

**Catherine Schwichtenberg moved that the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities recommend that Senate adopt Duolingo as an ongoing approved English testing option at KPU, and that the current set cut scores be maintained, effective September 2023.**

**The motion carried.**

### **5.3. Whitepaper Responses 2021/2022**

The Chair overviewed the background of the work done to date and introduced Amy Jeon.

Amy Jeon, Vice-Chair of Senate, provided additional background and context before presenting the responses received to date for this semester. She advised committee members about the need for data to establish a baseline about which programs are interested in undertaking or are currently involved in research.

The Chair and Amy Jeon informed the Committees on the plans of the three Chairs of SSC Curriculum, Research and Graduate Studies, and Academic Planning and Priorities for the next step to continue the development of the research plan.

The Committees discussed ways to encourage Faculty Councils to bring forward information about the research currently underway in Faculties, the role of Institutes and administrative staff in collecting research data, developing a platform to celebrate research, and finding resources to build research into people's workloads.

*Action: Add the whitepaper response update as a regular item on the SSCAPP\_UB agenda.*

## **6. Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning Report**

The Committees received the report.

## **7. Items for Discussion**

Fiona Whittington-Walsh, Vice-Chair, Senate Standing Committee on University Budget assumed the Chair. She provided a territorial acknowledgement.

### **7.1. Budget Orientation Workshop**

The Chair introduced the topic and provided an overview of the workshop to start in the fall. Stephanie Howes, Fiona Whittington-Walsh, and Chervahun Emilien will organize the workshop.

### **7.2. Draft University Budget Principles and Priorities FY 2023-24**

Heather Clark, Chair, SSCAPP assumed the Chair.

Chervahun Emilien, Chief Financial Officer, presented the principles and priorities for the next budget year. She highlighted the changes from the previous year. She answered questions regarding the strategic focus on cost recovery or strategic program development, changes made to support adding more positions to various areas, requests for more funds coming through the Faculty Councils, funding for strategic initiatives, and adding strategic sustained support to implement the strategic initiatives. She outlined plans for a multi-year budget.

Lori McElroy, Associate Vice-President, Accountability and Planning updated the Committees on work currently underway with the Provincial funding review of post-secondary institutions. The review may be finished in a few years.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.