

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

Regular Meeting
Friday, March 3 2023
10:00 a.m. – noon
MS Teams Online

SSCAPP Voting Member Quorum: 6		
Allyson Rozell Andhra Goundrey Andre Iwanchuk Andreas Schwartz Diane Van der Gucht Heather Clark, Chair	Sharmen Lee Shelley Strimbold	
		Non-voting
		Amy Jeon Leeann Waddington Lori McElroy Zena Mitchell
Regrets	Senate Office	Guests
Alan Davis, Vice-Chair Deepak Gupta Diane Purvey Gurprabhnor Kaur Navleen Kaur Stephanie Howes Tom Westgate	Sonia Banwait	David Burns

1. Call to Order and Territorial Acknowledgement

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and offered a territorial acknowledgement.

2. Approval of Agenda

Allyson Rozell moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.

The motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes, January 6, 2023

Heather Clark informed the committee the approval of January 6, 2023 minutes will be deferred to the next meeting, to include the votes of SSCUB members.

Heather Clark moved the minutes be deferred to next meeting.

The motion carried.

4. Chairs' Report

The Chair, Heather Clark, provided her report. She informed committee members that the last meeting of the year on June 2, 2023 will be held in person at the Surrey campus.

She confirmed the SSCAPP/UB meetings will continue in the 10:00-a.m.-noon timeslot and added that there will be a discussion next meeting regarding member preference on online or in-person committee meetings for next year.

5. New Business

5.1. Admission Assessments for Indigenous Applicants – Policy AR2

David Burns, Associate Vice-President, Academic, summarized the principles in Policy AR2 (Admissions) and noted the importance of diverse recruitment. He explained that depending on the way the policy is interpreted, it can create higher or lower barriers to admission for Indigenous students. In an effort to resolve the ambiguity and increase Indigenous intake, a reading of this policy must be established so that an additional measure is added that allows assessment of English proficiency for Indigenous students in the same way as their applicant category under the policy. This includes assessment based on the applicant's educational background, cultural knowledge, life experience, academic goals and personal achievement.

The committee asked if there were measures in place to ensure the Indigenous Admissions Committee maintains the level of standard to ensure student success and what the next steps are if the motion is approved by Senate. David Burns explained the resources available to uphold the standard and advised the next steps would involve the Provost office, the Registrar, and the Indigenous Admissions Committee to meet and work towards implementation.

Sharmen Lee moved THAT the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities recommend that Senate recognize the recommendations for admission made by the Indigenous Admissions Committee, under the provisions of Policy AR2 Admission, for self-declared Indigenous applicants, inclusive of English language proficiency, effective September 1, 2023.

The motion carried.

6. Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning Report

Leeann Waddington, Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning, presented her report.

7. Items for Discussion

No discussion.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.