

Present

Adamoski, Robert
Androsiuk, Mary
Baker, Douglas
Brouwer, Patrick
Carr, Brian
Coren, Arthur
Cserepes, Dana (Vice Chair)
Cunnin, Betty
Dastur, Farhad
Davis, Bob
Dean, Geoff

Deisman, Wade
Fernando, John
Goedbloed, Dana
Guirguis, Mazen
Haq, Aysha
Howes, Stephanie
Klinkhamer, Sooz
MacDonald, Cathy
McGillivray, Judith
Mitchell, Josh (for Jody
Gordon) (ex officio)
Mott, Maxine

Murray, Joel
Robertson, Carolyn
Robertson, Derek
Sandhu, Jaswinder
Sato, Takashi (Vice Chair)
Wade, Tally
Whittemore, Joel

University Secretariat

Klassen, Sandi

Metzger, Karen (Recorder)

Regrets

Atkinson, David (Chair)
Bubber, Arvinder (Chancellor)

Dhaliwal, Harj
Duggan, Barbara
Gordon, Jody (ex officio)

Mumford, Rob
Penhorwood, Jan
Schwartz, Linda

Guests

1. Call to Order

Dana Cserepes called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Confirmation of Agenda

Moved by Sooz Klinkhamer, seconded by Cathy McDonald, that Senate approve the agenda as amended:
add item 9.1 – Approval of Committee Chair (SSCAP&P)

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes (Jan 26, 2009)

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Betty Cunnin, that Senate approve the minutes of the Jan. 26, 2009 meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Revision of Minutes (Sept. 22, 2008)

Moved by Mary Androsiuk, seconded by Mazen Guirguis, that Senate approve the revision to the minutes of the Sept. 22, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Chair's Report

Dana Cserepes reported that an election to Senate for Sep. 1, 2009 through Aug. 30, 2012 will be held for the Faculty of Design & Communications; the following were acclaimed: Robert Wood, Faculty of Business; Dana Cserepes, Faculty of Humanities; and Larissa Petrillo, Faculty of Social Sciences. Senators Dastur, Androsiuk, and Whittemore, whose terms end Aug. 30, 2009, are not running for re-election.

6. Senate Executive Committee

No report.

7. Senate Governance Committee

No report.

8. Senate Nominating Committee

Mary Androsiuk reported that the Senate Nominating Committee is still engaged with finding members for a few of the Senate committees, and presented the committee memberships for the *Senate Standing Committee on the Library*.

8.1. Membership: Senate Standing Committee on the Library

M. Androsiuk noted that Romy Kozak is to take the place of Andrew Bartlett, and Tally Wade should not have been listed on the proposed membership for the *Senate Standing Committee on the Library*.

Moved by Mary Androsiuk, seconded by Takashi Sato, that Senate approve the membership on the *Senate Standing Committee on the Library* as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning & Priorities

9.1. Approval of the Committee Chair

Moved by Dana Cserepes, seconded by Farhad Dastur, that Senate approve Joel Whittemore as Chair of the Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning & Priorities.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum (SSCC)

D. Cserepes vacated the chair and asked T. Sato to take the chair to allow her to report on the SSCC meeting of Feb. 4, 2009.

In response to the distributed report, there was general discussion about the proposed additional responsibilities of the SSCC to review issues of timetabling from a student-centred point of view. Interested parties will be invited to attend for related discussions.

10.1. Program revision: Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology

D. Cserepes explained that the proposed revision to the bridging requirements for the *Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology* program reflect changes in the industry. The concern about any students being disadvantaged during the transition phase was addressed to the committee's satisfaction.

Moved by Dana Cserepes, seconded by Arthur Coren, that Senate approve the change in bridging requirements to the Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology program as presented.

MOTION CARRIED.

For implementation in September 2009.

T. Sato vacated the chair in favour of D. Cserepes.

11. Senate Standing Committee on Policy Articulation

No report.

12. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review

Carolyn Robertson explained that the distributed committee report is from the Jan. 21, 2009 meeting rather than from the Feb. 18, 09 meeting, which was too late to allow the report to be included in the Senate agenda package. The committee will attempt to reschedule its meetings to better align with the Senate meeting schedule.

She extended congratulations to the Philosophy department for the completion of its self-study report and its external site visit for the program review process.

C. Robertson noted that the schedule of program reviews approved earlier needs to be revised because of the continually changing scenarios.

13. Senate Standing Committee on Tributes

13.1. Award for Distinguished Teaching

Joel Murray presented the *Award for Distinguished Teaching* for approval. A number of areas of concern were identified.

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Geoff Dean, to refer back to committee for further discussion.

MOTION CARRIED.

13.2. Policy E.19 Honorary Degrees/Awards

It was established that policy E.19 Honorary Degrees/Awards could not be approved until the *Award for Distinguished Teaching* has been approved. Senate provided suggestions for the committee to further review the policy.

14. Senate Standing Committee on the University Budget

D. Cserepes noted that the committee has been meeting and is at this point waiting for the proposed budget to be brought to committee.

The committee will elect a chair at its next meeting.

15. Approval of Graduates

Moved by Derek Robertson, seconded by Cathy MacDonald, that Senate approve the graduates as listed for Feb. 23, 2009.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Items for Discussion

16.1. Farhad Dastur asked for direction from Senate to require that all new hires for the Sociology department have PhDs. A Senate ad hoc committee is continuing work on a draft faculty qualifications policy.

16.2. Arthur Coren asked that Senate provide a centralized visual showing all Senate committee meeting dates on the Senate Website.

ACTION: The University Secretariat will act on that request.

16.3. Wade Deisman proposed that a blog site be set up for discussions about establishing Faculty Councils, accessible to all faculty members.

16.4. Dana Goedbloed asked Senate to reconsider the meeting start time in light of the difficulty with finding parking at the time when students are either arriving for or leaving classes. She recommends reverting to 4:15 pm. Senate will take it under advisement.

16.5. There was general discussion about the tight timelines for the budget review process. It was noted that nothing in the budget was not in the established priorities for the institution. Plans for future budgets will include a more extensive timeline.

All Senators are welcome to attend the Senate Standing Committee on the University Budget meeting on Wed., Feb. 25, 2009.

17. Next Meetings:

Mar. 2, 2009, 4:45 pm, Richmond Campus Conference Centre (budget meeting), (subsequently changed to 4:00 pm. Surrey Campus, Room G2110) and

Mar. 30, 2009, 4:00 pm, G 2110, Surrey Campus.

18. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 pm.