

**SENATE**  
**Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2021**  
**4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**  
**MS Teams Online**

<b>Voting Member Quorum 18 members</b>		
Aimee Begalka Alan Davis (Chair) Amy Jeon Andhra Goundrey Andre Iwanchuk Bob Davis Brian Moukperian Carlos Calao Catherine Schwichtenberg Corrie Nichols	David Burns (Vice-Chair) Diane Purvey Elizabeth Worobec Fergal Callaghan Heather Clark Lyndsay Passmore Marti Alger Melissa Krahn Melissa Swanink	Natasha Campbell Robert Dearle Sandy Vanderburgh Sharmen Lee Stephanie Howes Steve Cardwell Todd Mundle Waheed Taiwo
		<b>Non-voting</b>
		Zena Mitchell (Secretary)
<b>Regrets</b>	<b>Senate Office</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Kim Baird (Chancellor) Harman Singh Tahir Joseph Tom Westgate Sharanveer Singh Pallav Sharma Akshat Garg	Meredith Laird Rita Zamluk	Brent Elliott Deborah Henderson Rajiv Jhangiani

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

The Chair, Alan Davis, gave a territorial acknowledgement and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Sharmen Lee moved the agenda be confirmed as circulated.**

**The motion carried.**

**3. Approval of Minutes January 25, 2021**

**Heather Clark moved the minutes be accepted as amended.**

**The motion carried.**

## 4. Chair's Report

### 4.1. President's Report to Senate

The President provided a brief verbal report.

#### 4.1.1. Excellence in Research and Scholarship White Paper Response

On January 25, 2021, Senate postponed the following motion to February 22, 2021.

**Diane Purvey moved that Senate endorse the January 7th response to the Excellence in Research and Scholarship white paper on the understanding that regular updates will be provided to Senate.**

The Chair overviewed the revisions made to the document following the meeting on January 25, 2021. KPU Labour Relations advised that some items be removed from the list and from discussion at Senate. The Chair advised Senate that an iterative process that will be followed to consult and report back to Senate on the remaining recommendations.

David Burns suggested that consultation on each recommendation follow its own path and timeline.

Senate discussed the correct title of the paper, the best way to follow up on the responses that were removed, the process to incorporate the Faculty Council responses into the white paper, the need for more consultation, and providing a timeline and flowchart for the consultation process.

**After amendment, David Burns moved that Senate endorse the February 1st response to *Educational Excellence: A White Paper on KPU's Research and Scholarship* on the understanding that regular updates will be provided to Senate.**

**The motion carried.**

#### 4.1.2. Consultation Process and Proposed Model for Academic Title at KPU

The President withdrew the documents presented to Senate on January 25, 2021.

### 4.2. Provost's Report to Senate

The Provost provided his report.

## 5. Senate Standing Committee on Curriculum

### 5.1. Consent Agenda February 22, 2021

**David Burns moved that Senate approve the attached list of new, revised, and discontinued courses.**

**The motion carried.**

### 5.2. Program Revisions

#### 5.2.1. Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design for Marketing

**David Burns moved that Senate approve the changes to the Bachelor of Design in Graphic Design for Marketing, effective September 1, 2021.**

**The motion carried.**

#### **5.2.2. Citation in Millwright/Industrial Mechanic**

**David Burns moved that Senate approves the program changes to the Citation in Millwright/Industrial Mechanic, effective September 1, 2021.**

**The motion carried.**

### **6. Senate Executive Committee**

The Chair of the Senate Executive Committee gave a brief report.

### **7. Senate Governance and Nominations Committee**

David Burns provided the Chair's report.

#### **7.1. AC13 Faculty Qualifications: Faculty of Arts, Department of English**

Robert Dearle answered questions. He emphasized that people with doctoral degrees tend to have teaching experience, candidates are required to provide proof of teaching excellence, the large number of applicants and recent hires with doctoral degrees, and methods to judge teaching excellence.

Alan Davis described the advantages of faculty developing portfolios to demonstrate their excellence in teaching.

Senate discussed the large shift in the academic requirements from a master's degree to a doctoral degree, ways to determine evidence of teaching excellence, the possibility of shrinking the pool of candidates if doctoral degrees are required, and the impact on existing faculty who have not achieved their doctorate degree.

**David Burns moved that Senate approve the amended AC 13 Qualifications for Faculty Members in the Department of English.**

**The motion carried.**

### **8. Senate Standing Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities**

Heather Clark presented her report.

#### **8.1. Program Suspension: Work Exploration, Job Preparation**

Aimee Begalka, Dean, Faculty of Academic and Career Preparation, provided the background of and reasons for the program suspension. She responded to questions regarding the length of the suspension - which will be for one year only.

Sandy Vanderburgh, Provost and Vice-President, Academic, provided further information about the communications strategy that had been undertaken to inform the community.

Senate discussed planning for the community response to the suspension, options to consider suspending the program during COVID, and the importance of informing potential students that the next available intake for the program will be in the Fall 2022.

**Heather Clark moved that Senate recommend that the Board of Governors suspend the programs offered by the Access Programs Department for a period of one year: September 1, 2021 – August 31, 2022.**

**The motion carried.**

## **8.2. KPU2050 Official Campus Plan**

Brent Elliott made a short presentation. He highlighted the vision and principles of the plan, the frameworks and recommendations, the concepts for each campus, the consultation process used, and next steps.

He answered questions regarding repurposing the parking areas and building underground parking spaces, and suggested undertaking a parking utilization plan.

**Heather Clark moved that Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the KPU2050 Official Campus Plan.**

**The motion carried.**

## **9. Senate Standing Committee on the Library**

No report

## **10. Senate Standing Committee on Policy**

Carlos Calao, Chair, provided his report.

Rajiv Jhangiani, Associate Vice-President, Teaching and Learning, responded to questions regarding the consultation timeline, overviewed the additional opportunities to provide feedback on the policy, and the continuous updating of the policy to incorporate feedback.

Senate discussed changing the process timeline for AC 15 *Micro-credentials* policy to delay the six-week posting to occur after the Faculty Council consultations.

## **11. Senate Standing Committee on Program Review**

No report

## **12. Senate Standing Committee on Research and Graduate Studies**

### **12.1. Advice on the Definition of Post-Doctoral Fellow**

David Burns introduced Deborah Henderson, Director, Institute for Sustainable Horticulture who provided background and context for the discussion. She highlighted the funding opportunities opening with Mitacs (Mathematics of Information Technology and Complex Systems) to hire a post-doctoral fellow, and what KPU may be able to offer a post-doctoral fellow. A definition of post-doctoral fellow is needed to apply for the Mitacs funding.

Senate discussed protecting the interest and developing the skills of post-doctoral fellows with an industry partner at KPU.

**David Burns move that Senate endorse this definition of post-doctoral fellow:**

**“A Post-Doctoral Fellowship is an opportunity for scholars with a recent earned doctorate from a recognized university to conduct independent research, guided by a qualified Advisor at KPU who has an earned doctorate. Post-Doctoral Fellows at KPU will be within five years of their doctorate with allowances for leaves and exceptional circumstances. These Fellowships will be time limited.**

**Recognizing that the research enterprise is complex, and that Post-Doctoral Fellows pursue careers in industry, government, non-profits as well as academia, a diversity of skills and core competencies related to their discipline will be a planned part of their Fellowship.”**

**The motion carried.**

### **13. Senate Standing Committee on Teaching and Learning**

Lyndsay Passmore, Chair, provided her report.

#### **13.1. Digital Access to Course Materials**

The Chair provided background and context for the discussion.

Senate discussed the determination of “feasible,” the trend to move to digital access, and the support available for faculty members from other faculty and the KPU Library.

**Lyndsay Passmore moved that Senate recognize that access to required course materials is critical to student success and that faculty should aim to provide an option for digital access to their students wherever feasible.**

**The motion carried.**

### **14. Senate Standing Committee on Tributes**

No report.

### **15. Senate Standing Committee on Appeals**

Sandy Vanderburgh, Chair, updated Senate on the training provided and additional training that will be offered.

### **16. Office of the Registrar**

#### **16.1. Approval of Graduates to February 22, 2021**

The University Registrar presented the list of graduates. She highlighted the first three graduates with a Certificate of Arts from the “Including All Citizens” program.

**Waheed Taiwo moved that Senate approve the list of graduates to February 22, 2020.**

**The motion carried.**

**17. Items for discussion**

No items for discussion.

**18. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.