



## SENATE MINUTES

Hybrid Meeting  
Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Present: D. MacLatchy (Chair), A. Acharya, D. Antonowicz, M. Baldwin, B. Basso, A. Beek, R. Buehler, M.L. Byrne, J. Cairns, M. Cantalini-Williams, L. Chu, A. Clarke, K. Clarke, J. Coolman, M. Coulter, L. Dawe, A. Domurath, C. Dutt, M. Elayyan, N. Espiritu, E. Felician, S. Gillies, A. Hansra, A. Herman, C. Hoang, S. Isotupa, L. Keeping, L. King, S. Lachapelle, J. Leung, K. Lund, R. Makarov, D. Maoz, R. McGowan, B. McKay, T. McLaren, J. Newman, L. Noronha, H. Northwood, V. Oliver, S. Pepper, F. Perez, S. Perry, S. Ramsay, K. Shankardass, M. Skop, C. Smith, D. Smith, T. Snoddon, D. Thomas, P. Urquhart, F. Wang, J. Wang, K. Werbin, B. Wolfe, D. Yerichuk, G. Yun, J. Zhan

Regrets: M. Abu-Rshaid, P. Elliott, S. Guardado, C. Johnston Turner, C. McAdam, D. McMurray, E. Mercier, J. Monture, J. Popham, M. Ras, H. Richards, J. Schwieter, C. VanEvery-Albert, D. Wheatley

Absent: T. Dowling, A. Essaji, E. Fox Tree, W. Gillam, M. Khan, A. Parker, A. Zaidi

Secretariat: K. Jack, A. Juhik, A. Kornobis, A. Lukin, P. Marfisi

### Open Session

#### a. Call to Order & Approval of the Consent Agenda

Members heard that agenda items 7.a.x. and 7.a.xi. are being withdrawn from consideration at today's meeting. In response to remarks, the chair of the Senate Governance Committee agreed that the committee will review the use of the word "leadership" in Senate agendas.

**Motion (B. Basso/L. King):** that Senate approve the Consent items listed for approval under item 7.a. **Carried, as amended.**

#### b. In Camera Session

**Motion (S. Ramsay/G. Yun):** that Senate move to the *In Camera* session. **Carried.**

#### c. Leadership Update

##### i. Report of the President

D. MacLatchy updated Senate on recent activities, including: a recent retreat held with senior leaders about the Strategic Action Plan; meetings held with local leaders and officials; the recent education session held jointly with the Board; various outreach activities; some observations

about recent government announcements. There were no questions.

- ii. Report of the Provost and VP Academic  
H. Northwood reported to Senate on a variety of matters, including: the international study permit announcement by the government; some leadership updates; the recent Town Hall, and the Financial Sustainability Session; important initiatives and upcoming activities from the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Office, and, from the Indigenous Initiatives Office; a brief update on the new Collective Wellbeing Taskforce. There were no questions.
- iii. Report of the Board of Governors  
L. Chu spoke to the report distributed with the agenda. There were no questions.

**d. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

**e. Laurier Strategic Action Plan**

D. MacLatchy provided Senate with a high-level overview of the Strategic Action Plan. Members heard about: the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan's mission, and where things stand at this time; the current context; the proposed model and process; accountability and transparency plans; proposed timelines; leads, goals, objectives and performance metrics. There were no questions.

**f. Mode of Delivery – Courses**

T. McLaren walked members through her presentation, highlighting: the work being done to support departments, programs, Enrolment Services, and students in offering courses in multiple modes of delivery; that proposals for changes to the academic calendar will follow; some of the context for the work; the need for clear communication to students; relevant provisions in the Collective Agreements and their impact.

In discussion: the benefits of flexibility, and that there is no expectation that instructors change their current mode of course delivery; some of the insights being heard at various consultation sessions, and the resulting necessary considerations; some of the research being done by educational developers in light of feedback and accessibility considerations; the value to students in knowing in advance what a course's mode of delivery will be.

## **2. Reports and Recommendations from Standing Committees**

**a. Senate Academic Planning Committee, H. Northwood**

- i. Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies  
B. Wolfe spoke to the submissions and Senate heard the first two motions as an omnibus motion.

1. 2024-2025 Graduate Academic Calendar – General Regulations, Co-operative Education  
**Motion (B. Wolfe/P. Urquhart):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to the co-operative education section of the 2024-25 Graduate Academic Calendar as presented. **Carried.**
  2. Religious Accommodations and Final Examination Scheduling  
**Motion (B. Wolfe/P. Urquhart):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the revisions to the religious accommodation and final examination scheduling section of the Academic Calendar. **Carried.**
  3. New Program Proposal, Master of Science in User Experience Design  
**Motion (B. Wolfe/J. Leung):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the new program proposal for the Master of Science in User Experience Design. **Carried.**
  4. Major Modification, Master of Business Administration  
**Motion (B. Wolfe/L. Keeping):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the suite of changes to the program requirements of the Master of Business Administration program. **Carried.**
- Senate heard motions 5. and 6. as an omnibus motion.
5. Major Modification, Master of Arts in Religion, Culture and Global Justice  
**Motion (B. Wolfe/D. Maoz):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the addition of a coursework only option to the MA in Religion, Culture and Global Justice program. **Carried.**
  6. Substantive Minor, Business  
**Motion (B. Wolfe/D. Maoz):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the admission requirements for the Full-Time Master of Business Administration with Co-op Program. **Carried.**

ii. Faculty of Music

D. Yerichuk introduced the submission on behalf of C. Johnston Turner.

1. Major Modification  
**Motion (D. Yerichuk/P. Urquhart):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the deletion of the Integrated Musical Arts concentration in the Bachelor of Music program. **Carried.**

- iii. Lazaridis School of Business and Economics
  - L. Keeping briefly introduced the submission.

- 1. Major Modification, Business

- Motion (L. Keeping/A. Clarke):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve renaming the Honours BA Financial Mathematics and Honours Bachelor of Business Administration as Honours BA Financial Mathematics and Analytics and Honours Bachelor of Business Administration and changing the list of required courses. **Carried.**

- iv. Faculty of Arts

- S. Lachapelle briefly spoke to the submission.

- 1. Major Modification, Global Studies

- Motion (S. Lachapelle/P. Urquhart):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the Social Entrepreneurship (SE) Option into a Minor in Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation (SEI). **Carried.**

- 2. Major Modification, History and Philosophy

- Motion (S. Lachapelle/S. Ramsay):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the History and Philosophy of Science Minor. **Carried.**

- 3. Major Modification, Major Modification, History and Ancient Studies

- Motion (S. Lachapelle/D. Smith):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve a three-work term co-op option for students in the Honours BA in the Ancient Studies Program. **Carried with one abstention.**

- v. Faculty of Science

- A. Clarke introduced the motions and noted that with respect to page 161 of the SAPC materials regarding motion #2, the text incorrectly includes the words "Brantford and" in the "Impact on Students" section and should be struck out.

- 1. Major Modification, Biology

- Motion (A. Clarke/S. Ramsay):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the addition of the Water Science Option. **Carried with one abstention.**

- 2. Major Modification, Faculty of Science

- Motion (A. Clarke/G. Yun):** that on the recommendation of the

Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve offering the General BA Without Designation Program at the Milton campus. **Carried, as amended.**

vi. Faculty of Liberal Arts

J. Leung spoke to the motion.

1. Major Modification, Human Rights

**Motion (J. Leung/M. Baldwin):** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the proposed entry pathway between Mohawk College's General Arts & Science Diploma and the Human Rights program. **Carried.**

**b. Senate Executive and Finance Committee**

i. 2023-2024 6-Month Fiscal Update

Zeynep Danis spoke to the materials distributed with the agenda. Members heard about: the consolidated Q2 financial results; the operating fund; the ancillary fund; a capital project update; some details about the 2023-2024 forecast. There were no questions.

ii. 2024-2025 Budget Planning Process Update

L. Noronha walked members through the presentation distributed with the agenda. Members heard about: budgetary pressures; the approach being taken to target setting; next steps and timelines. There were no questions.

**c. Senate Governance Committee**

i. Update

S. Ramsay provided Senate with an update on the committee's recent discussions regarding drafting a guideline for questions at Senate. Members heard that the guideline will be included in the April 10, 2024 Senate agenda.

ii. Ex Officio Membership on Senate

S. Ramsay introduced the following two items and spoke to their rationales.

**Motion (S. Ramsay/K. Werbin):** that Senate approve the removal of one ex officio position of Senate, the Vice-Provost: Teaching and Learning. **Carried.**

iii. Faculty Apportionment of Senate

**Motion (S. Ramsay/S. Isotupa):** that Senate approve the faculty apportionment of Senate for the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic years as presented. **Carried.**

### 3. Matters from the Consent Section of the Agenda

There were no matters arising from the consent section of the agenda.

### 4. Other Business

In response to a question, T. McLaren confirmed that work continues to be undertaken on the question of the use of “Emeritus” in policy and that recommendations for changes to the policy will follow.

### 5. Q&A with Leadership

There were no questions.

### 6. Adjournment

Senate agreed to adjourn the meeting by consensus.

### 7. Consent Items

#### a. Items for Approval

- i. Agenda
- ii. Draft Minutes of the January 29, 2024 Senate Meeting
- iii. Substantive Minors, Masters and Doctoral programs, Martin Luther University College  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the suite of changes in general admission requirements for graduate programs at Martin Luther University College (including: MDiv, MDiv/MSW double degree, PhD in Human Relationships, MA Theology, MA Theology/MDiv double degree program, MMT).
- iv. Substantive Minor, Master of Arts in Theology  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change in course selections to satisfy the required counselling theory requirement for the Master of Arts in Theology program (spiritual care and psychotherapy field).
- v. Substantive Minor, Master of Arts in Theology, Master of Arts in Theology/Master of Divinity double degree program  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the name and requirements of the Sacred Scriptures course category in the Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy field of the Master of Arts in Theology and Master of Arts in Theology/Master of divinity double degree program.

- vi. Substantive Minor, Doctor of Philosophy in Kinesiology  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes in course requirements in the PhD in Kinesiology program.
- vii. Substantive Minor, Master of Science in Management  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the program requirements of the MSc in Management: Supply Chain Management field.
- viii. Substantive Minor, Master of Public Safety  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to the admission requirements for the Master of Public Safety program.
- ix. Substantive Minor, Game Design and Development  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the program requirements in the Honours BA Game Design and Development in Combination with another Honours BA Program.
- x. Substantive Minor, Faculty of Education  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the program requirements for the Bachelor of Education Primary/Junior program.
- xi. Substantive Minor, Faculty of Education  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to the program requirements for the Bachelor of Education Junior/Intermediate program.
- xii. Substantive Minor, Faculty of Arts  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve a revision to the maximum number of junior credits permitted for completion of an Honours BA in all programs in the Faculty of Arts.
- xiii. Substantive Minor, Archaeology and Heritage Studies  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the changes to the program requirements for the Honours BA and Honours BA in combination in Archaeology and Heritage Studies.
- xiv. Substantive Minor, Philosophy  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to philosophy elective requirements.

- xv. Substantive Minor, Mathematics  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to the Applied Mathematics Option.
- xvi. Substantive Minor, Mathematics  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve changes to the Financial Mathematics Minor.
- xvii. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.B.A/B.Sc. Computer Science double degree program
- xviii. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** That on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.Sc. Computer Science.
- xix. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.Sc. Computer Science and Physics.
- xx. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.Sc. Computer Science and Psychology.
- xxi. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.Sc. Chemistry and Physics.
- xxii. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.Sc. Computer Science and Psychology: Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience Stream.
- xxiii. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.A. Computer Science in combination with another B.A.

- xxiv. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.A. Computer Science.
- xxv. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for B.Sc. Physics.
- xxvi. Substantive Minor, Physics & Computer Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the change to the program requirements for the Physics minor.
- xxvii. Substantive Minors, Faculty of Science  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve requirement changes to the General BA Without Designation Program.
- xxviii. Substantive Minor, Human Rights  
**Motion:** that on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee, the Senate approve the addition of PO263 as a required course for all Human Rights programs.

**b. Items for Information**

- i. EMBARGOED - Statement of Intent, Physics & Computer Science
- ii. Reports of the Senior Executives
- iii. Winter 2024 Enrolment Report
- iv. Record of E-Vote: Senate Nominations Report due January 29, 2024