



MINUTES

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm

Virtual – Zoom

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Present: M. Ahmed, R. Ame, C. Anderson, G. Ashoughian, R. Basso, P. Blasi, D. Buzza, M.L. Byrne, S. Cameron, M. Cantalini-Williams, M. Carroll, K. Carter, J. Casey, L. Chu, A. Clarke, J. Coolman, D. Dawson, D. Deutschman, A. Edgar, L. Eisler, S. Ensign, A. Ferenc, K. Fritz, S. Ghamat, A. Goodrum, V. Kitaev, T. Hazell, C. Hiebert, J. Holm, M. Hron, S. Isotupa, K. Jackson, M. Kelly, L. King, H. LeBlanc, D. MacLatchy, B. McKay, P. McLaren, L. McLeod, D. McMurray, M. Mancuso, D. Maoz, D. Monod, K. Montero, J. Mueller, R. Nemesvari, J. Newman, S. Ramsay, M. Reesor, M. Rowinsky, D. Rzondzinski, J. Schwieter, K. Shankardass, D. Smith, M. Straub, M. Woodford, W. Wu, K. Yri

Regrets: H. Beaudry, A. Beggar, C. Donnelly, K. Dowler, M. Harris, L. Hawton-Kitmura, E. Mercier, K. Rice,

Absent: M. Hussain, Mi. Kelly, M. MacDonald, K. Sarathy, S. Sharma,

Secretariat: A. Juhik, S. Kelly, A. Kornobis, A. Lukin, S. McLellan

A. Introduction

1. Call to Order and Approval of the Consent Agenda, D. MacLatchy

The meeting was called to order; D. MacLatchy read the land acknowledgment and welcomed Senate members and guests to the virtual meeting. The consent agenda was brought forward for approval, there were questions on the March meeting minutes, which will be brought forward at the next Senate meeting

MOTION (M. Rowinsky/M.L. Byrne) that Senate approve the Consent items listed for approval under item C.1 as amended. Carried.

2. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

There was no business arising from the previous minutes.

3. Leadership Update

- a. Report of the President, D. MacLatchy

In the report of the President. D. MacLatchy highlighted the great work the Laurier community has done in



the past month, coming together to support each other during difficult times; safety has been and remains our primary concern; virtual campus tours are now available; there is a small number of students still in residence but they have made arrangements to move out at the beginning of May; spring convocation has been postponed, working on a potential online celebration to mark the occasion until an in person celebration can be held; Laurier has been involved in the community drive to provide Personal Protective Equipment and has been able to donate masks, gloves and other PPE; future planning is beginning with work being done on multiple scenarios and how ramping up for a return to in person classes and work will occur, consultation and meetings are ongoing with COU and Canadian Universities and other universities on this issue; Laurier is working with faculty members who have scholarly knowledge related to the pandemic and associate impacts; Ministry has asked each university president to provide their top three requests, our requests include review of OSAP, supports for experiential education and a pause on SMA3, especially metrics related to economy; the government has paused SMA3 at this time; research expectations are being adjusted as required; working to advocate for the importance of universities to the economy and the recovery that will be taking place; senior searches were paused mid-March and will now begin to resume. D. MacLatchy and M. Mancuso responded to questions on planning for high school grads and the impacts related to public schools being online; the possibility of a double cohort in the future; student confusion on sprummer fees; final exams going forward.

b. Report of the acting Provost & VP: Academic, M. Mancuso

In the report from the interim Provost M. Mancuso highlighted the excellent work done by faculty and staff to move courses for the remainder of the winter term online; the sprummer term will also be online, a significant effort has gone into this change especially for Lazaridis School faculty and staff; scenario planning is underway for the fall and winter terms; town halls on a potential Navitas partnership are being planned and will be held virtually for the Laurier community. M. Mancuso responded to questions on fall planning related to options of online or in person, the communication of plans and timing of decisions.

c. Question Period: Written or Verbal

There were no questions during question period, questions received in advance were moved to the agenda item.

B. Discussion

4. Reports and Recommendations from Standing Committees



a. Senate Academic Planning Committee, M. Mancuso

M. Mancuso introduced two items coming forward from the Senate Academic Planning Committee.

i. Proposed Additional English Language Proficiency Test

J. Casey provided information on the proposed additional English Language Proficiency Test, this recommendation is coming forward as a result of in person test sites cancelling operations due to Covid-19; the proposed ESL proficiency test is online and an affordable option; many other institutions are accepting it as an approved ESL test; test scores minimums will be equivalent to IELTS and TOFAL minimums. J. Casey responded to questions on process to determine minimums, impacts on retention and academic integrity.

MOTION (J. Casey/D. Deutschman) on the recommendation of the Senate Academic Planning Committee that Senate approves the inclusion of the Duolingo English Test (DET) as an additional approved English Language Proficiency (ELP) test that can be used by applicants in order to meet the ELP requirements for admissions directly into undergraduate degrees and for-credit diplomas and certificates for the 2020 admissions cycle. The minimum DET score required for all undergraduate programs will be 115 (equivalent to an IELTS result of 6.5).

Carried.

2 - abstentions

ii. Proposed Partnership with English Language Programs Pilot

J. Casey presented the proposed pilot partnerships with three new institutions, there were no questions.

MOTION (J. Casey/R. Nemesvari) on the recommendation of Senate Academic Planning Committee that Senate approves a three-year pilot in which successful completion of the International Language Schools of Canada (ILSC - level A2), International Language Academy (ILAC - PW 3.3) or Eurocentres (Level 7) programs will satisfy the English Language Requirements for undergraduate admission.

Carried.

1 - abstention

b. Senate Executive and Finance Committee, D. MacLatchy

D. MacLatchy introduced two motions on fees coming forward from the Senate Executive and Finance Committee.

i. 2020-2021 Fee Reports, M. A. Banks

M. A. Banks introduced the 2020-2021 Fee Reports, the fees are broken down into two reports one for tuition fees and one for non-tuition fees; C. Dale highlighted the changes in the tuition fees for the upcoming 2020-2021 year; it was noted that there will be no changes in domestic tuition fees as per Tuition Fee Framework set out by the Ministry of Colleges and Universities; there will be increases for the international rates as those are not controlled by the MCU, increases are based on comparisons with similar



programs at other institutions within Ontario and consultations with Deans, Enrolment Services and VPAC, increases were also noted for some non-publicly funded tuition fees and not-for-credit program/course fees to align with market rate; it was proposed to move the tuition effective date to May 1 instead of September 1 to align with Laurier's fiscal year and with other institutions. M. Mancuso, M.A. Banks and C. Dale responded to questions on the one time exemption, the impact of the date change to the effective dates and how it will impact students in co-operative education or students who need to take courses in the spring or summer terms and the communication of the changes. A motion was brought forward to table the motion to the following Senate meeting to allow for additional consultation.

MOTION (K. Fritz/L. McLeod) to table the motion on the tuition fee report to the May Senate meeting.

Carried.

4 – abstentions

7- opposed

40 – in favour

N. Wright provided an overview of the non-tuition fees that included; the Ontario Divisional Court put an end to the Student Choice Initiative, due to the court decision, these fees have been reclassified as compulsory non-tuition fees for the 2020-21 year; consultation of the non-tuition fees is done with the graduate and undergraduate student associations. M. Mancuso and D. MacLatchy responded to questions on fees related to online or in person instruction and noted that this motion is to approve the fee amounts not on how they will be applied.

MOTION (K. Fritz/J. Schwieter) on the recommendation of the Senate Executive and Finance Committee that Senate recommend that the Board of Governors approve the 2020-2021 Non-Tuition Fee Report, as presented.

Carried.

1 - abstention

5. Scenario Modelling to Inform the 20/21 Budget, M. Mancuso & D. Dawson

M. Mancuso and D. Dawson presented information on the scenario modelling for 20/21 budget planning, the presentation included information on the approval process timeline; the recalibration efforts that have been required since the COVID-19 pandemic emerged; anticipated enrollment changes are a key factor and will drive the budget; several scenario models have been developed that include a revenue and expense impacts. D. Dawson, D. MacLatchy and M. Mancuso responded to questions on possible impacts to the workforce.

6. Matters from the Consent section of the agenda

There were no matters from the consent section of the agenda



7. Other Business:

It was noted that the e-votes on curriculum items will be extended to the end of the week.

8. Adjournment

C. Consent

The following items were approved by consent unless otherwise highlighted during Item A.1.

1. Items for Approval
 - a. Agenda