

Minutes - Senate Meeting
Monday, March 16, 2020
9:00 am
Via Distance (Zoom)

Present: A. Abd-El-Aziz (Chair), D. Sutton (Secretary to Senate), E. Drake, S. Daboo, D. Dahn, K. Gottschall-Pass, L. Hammell, N. Krouglicof, T. Mady, J. MacDonald, R. MacDonald, D. Moses, C. Murray, A. Fenech, B. Waterman, R. Dennis, M. Murray, M. Buote, B. Campbell, E. Côté, L. Doiron, L. Heider, S. Myers, K. Ross, K. Simon, J. Podger, S. MacLean, D. Coll, C. Ding, N. Etkin, N. Kujundzic, C. Ryan, A. Hsiao, J. Moran, J. Spears, A. Braithwaite, A.M. Fitzgerald, S. Grant, G. Keefe, J. McIntyre, R. Raiswell, R. Bissesseur, C. Stevenson

Guests: K. Critchley, N. Phillips, D. Sanderson, D. McCardle

Recorder: M. Arbing

President Alaa Abd-El-Aziz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and thanked Senators for their participation in today's important meeting to discuss the rapidly changing situation with COVID-19.

1. Convocation 2020

MOTION (K. Gottschall-Pass/L. Hammell) to cancel the May 7 – 8, 2020 convocations in consideration of the COVID-19 situation and the number of students, faculty, staff and parents that attend the convocation events. CARRIED.

It was noted that all events related convocation are canceled.

Parchments and transcripts will be available the middle of May. The Registrar's Office will coordinate getting these to graduates.

MOTION (D. Dahn/L. Doiron) that there be an extension to the deadline for submission of marks for Winter 2020 semester to May 1 and with this change, that the May Senate meeting be moved from May 1 to May 8. CARRIED.

MOTION (K. Gottschall-Pass/R. MacDonald) that the Senate will not make a definitive date for convocation but meet at a future date to decide.

2. Spring 2020 Session

Given the rapidly changing COVID-19 situation, Spring Session was discussed.

MOTION (K. Gottschall-Pass/T. Mady) that Spring Session courses be moved online except Clinical Courses in the Faculty of Nursing and Clinical rotations in the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

E. Drake thanked the University for their quick decision making and the clear lines of communication.

3. Adjournment

President Abd-El-Aziz thanked Senators for participating in the meeting on short notice, noting that he felt it very important to have the meeting and communicate with our students as soon as possible regarding convocation and Spring Session.

Motion (C. Stevenson/L/ Doiron) that the meeting be adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Sutton
Secretary of Senate