



The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.



E. Chamberlain offered a Land Acknowledgement.



Alexandra Agyapong was acclaimed to SUPR-U as an undergraduate student representative for a term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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Nigel Blamey was nominated from the floor of Senate and was acclaimed to SWAM as a faculty member for a term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Forough Hazrati was acclaimed to SWAM as a graduate student representative for a term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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Rachel Heydon was acclaimed to ACA as a faculty member Senator for a term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

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S. Lewis addressed a question of clarification regarding the expected timeline for finalizing the Artificial Intelligence (

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D. Laird announced that he was elected as the Chair of SCUP es 3118 616den 585.96 50

That the name change to the undergraduate program at FIMS from Media, Information, and Technoculture (MIT) to Media and Communication Studies (MCS) be tabled for one month.

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It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by G. Santos,

That on the recommendation of the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2023, the “Dean’s Honour List and Graduation “With Distinction”” policy be revised as shown in Item 12.2(a).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by G. Santos,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that effective September 1, 2023, the admission requirements of the Honours Specialization, Specialization, Major and Minor in French Studies and the Certificat de français pratique, offered by the Department of French Studies in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, be revised as shown in Item 12.3(a).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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S.23-183

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It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by G. Santos,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that, effective September 1, 2023, admission to the Minor in Physics of Materials be discontinued and that the module be withdrawn.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by G. Santos,

That on the recommendation of ACA, Senate approve that, effective September 1, 2023, the Master of Arts (MA) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Comparative Literature be revised as shown in Item 12.3(e)(i).

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

S.23-185

It was moved by J. Toswell, seconded by G. Santos,

That on the recommendation of SCUP, Senate approve and recommend to the Board of Governors the renaming of the Cassels Brock Chair in Mining Law and Finance to the Cassels Chair in Mining Law and Finance.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

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S.23-188 The following items reported through Announcements and Communications were received for information by unanimous consent:

A. Shepard stated that no comment can be provided at the current time on this matter as a legal investigation has been launched. He acknowledged that Western is acting appropriately.

5. A Senator, referring to the TSN article, asked a question as to whether adequate support has been provided to the Western Women's hockey team.

J. Doerksen, Vice-Provost (Students), addressed the question and advised the main areas of support provided to the hockey team and student athletes. As a follow up to the discussion, a Senator commented about the importance of transparency.

6. A Senator asked if the [2022-23 Annual Progress Report from the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion \(EDI\)](#) could be provided to Senate for information.

O. Oloya, Associate Vice-President (Equity, Diversity & Inclusion), advised the Western EDI Strategic planning process is currently in progress and the draft Strategic Plan is expected to be presented to the Senate for feedback.

7. Questions regarding the implementation and requirements for the proposed Introduction of a Major in China Studies were addressed by G. Read during the discussion in item 10.0.

Additionally, A. Shepard addressed a question of clarification regarding the QS World University Rankings and the changes in their methodology. L. Cho, Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International), commented on the international research network's role as an important component within the ranking system.

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The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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A. Shepard  
Chair

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A. Bryson  
University Secretary

# Policy Review Framework and Timeline: Presentation to Senate

September 15, 2023



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## Academic Policy Working Group

- Objective and Goals
- Working Group Membership
- Roadmap
- Alignment to Institutional Strategic Priorities
- Communication and Consultation



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# Working Group Membership

- Susan Lewis (Co-Chair), Vice-Provost Academic Programs
- Marisa Modeski (Co-Chair), University Registrar
- Maria Farooq, VP University Affairs, USC

## Academic Considerations

- Sustainable for staff, faculty, students, health care profession
- Create a more equitable and inclusive Western
- How are peer institutions addressing this challenge?
- How can we develop a process that's easier for everyone?

## Scholastic Offences

- Integrate recommendations of the Provost's Task Force on Academic Integrity

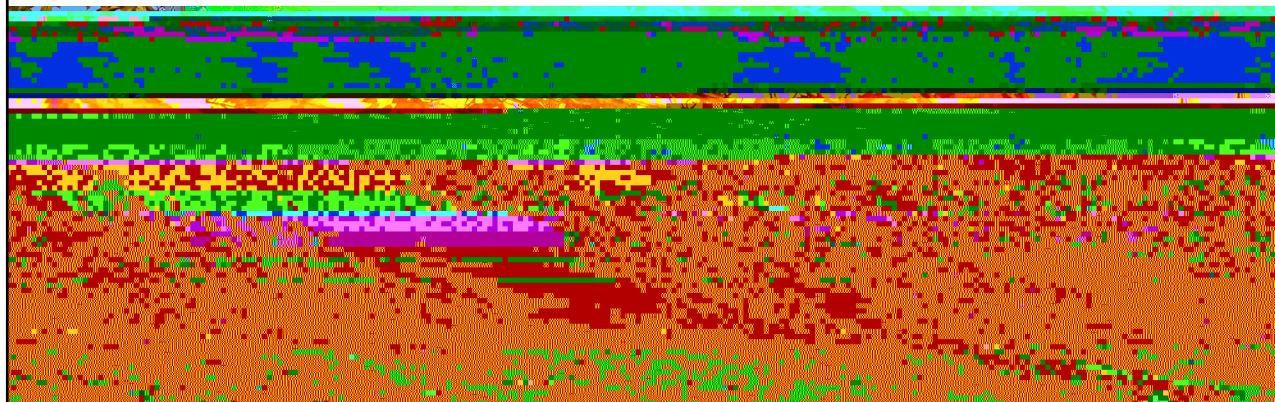
## Undergraduate Courses

- Promote teaching and learning of the future
- Enrich the student experience
- Increase, diversify and support international students as outlined in the Global Engagement Plan (GEP)
- Support enrolment, retention and success
  - Teaching modalities
  - Essay courses
  - Course outlines
  - Gender-Based and Sexualized Violence statement
  - Course credit, course load, adding/dropping

## Communications and Consultation

- Academic Policy Working Group
- Senate Committee on Academic Policy
- Key partners, may vary by policy
- Senate (multiple opportunities)

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## PRINCIPLES

