Senate Agenda Committee Minutes

6 March 2020

Present: Max Holmes, Paul Harrison, Richard Tees, John Gilbert, Peter Marshall, Catherine Dauvergne

Regrets: Larry Burr

Call to Order

The Chair of the Committee, Max Holmes, called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm

Minutes of 31 January 20202

Moved Peter Marshall, Seconded Richard Tees. Approved as presented.

In Camera – Senate Agenda

In Camera Senate Attendance

Indigenous Strategic Plan

Members discussed the Indigenous Strategic Plan and how to bring it before Senate given the substantively academic nature of the contents of the most recent draft. Members agreed that an April Timeline will not work and expressed a need for the plan to be adopted by the Senate and to be supported by the academic community. Members discussed a need for consultation with the faculties, deans and senate committees to ensure proper academic oversight and noted that the proposed quick process would be severely challenging to have meaningful consultation. Mr Eaton agreed to speak with the plan’s proponents about the proposed timelines.

Inclusion Action Plan

Members expressed a concern with one size fits all approaches as previous lack of success with faculties resulted from such attempts. Members also noted that the IAP was very much an academic matter than went to the heart of academic decision making. Some members expressed concern that SACADI does not view getting this plan approved as its responsibility. Senator Harrison agreed to speak with the Equity and Inclusion Office regarding the plan.

Triennial Review

The Committee endorse the membership changes proposed to Agenda Committee, namely the inclusion of the Chairs of the Research and Teaching & Learning Committee

COVID
The Committee agreed to ask the Provost to present a report on COVID-19 to the Senate Agenda

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 pm