Minutes of the
SENATE AGENDA COMMITTEE
31 January 2020
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Present: J. Maximillian Holmes (Chair), Christopher Eaton (Acting Secretary), John Gilbert, Peter Marshall, Richard Tees, Nick Pang, Paul Harrison

Regrets: Lawrence Burr, Catherine Dauvergne

Call to Order

J. Maximillian Holmes, the Chair of the Senate Agenda Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

Minutes of 7 and 15 January 2020

Moved: Richard Tees, Seconded: Peter Marshall

That the minutes of 7 and 15 January 2019 be approved as presented.

Carried.

In Camera - Senate Meeting Agenda and Materials for 12 February 2020

Triennial Review of Agenda Committee Terms of Reference

Members reviewed the Agenda Committee’s terms of reference discussed the Committee’s suggestions to the Nominating Committee for this triennium’s review of Senate.

A member expressed support for the current broad terms of reference but suggested that the composition of the Committee may need revision. A suggestion was made to expand the Committee’s membership to add the Vice-President Academic and Provost and the chairs of the Senate Research & Scholarship and Teaching & Learning committees.

Members debating having a two-triennium term limit for chairing a standing committee of Senate.

Concerns were expressed regarding faculty and senior administration engagement with Senate committees and Senate.

A suggestion was made to consolidate the Committee year plans and publicize the Senate annual work schedule.

A member expressed a concern with the scheduling patterns of Senate committees, noting that the long-standing regular meeting times did not work well for students with more variable schedules or schedules outside of their control (or knowledge at the time of committee appointments).
Adjournment

Seeing no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:34 pm.