



SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

MINUTES

February 27, 2023 ~ 10:30 am – 12:00 pm
MBC 3107

Attendees: H. Hendrigan (Chair), S. Spector (Vice-Chair), K. Nordgren (Secretary), G. Agnes,
M. Bhakthan, R. Dawson, M. Everton, C. Liu, T. Nault, C. Percival, R. Pyke

Absent: H. Gambhir

Guest: M. Peragine, Acting Associate Registrar, Student Recruitment and Admissions

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 16, 2023

There were minor editorial revisions to the minutes:

- Under Motion 4 – clarification needed to the question posed: *The concern was in the event a student meets the 95% requirement but doesn't receive this award, the student may challenge the decision made by administration. Is this an appropriate body to be making this type of decision?*
 - Clarification needed in the minutes to show that the query made was in regards to whether administration should have discretion in selecting the successful students, not if administration should have discretion in selecting from which program or faculty the students are selected

The Minutes were approved as amended.

A request was made by the Chair that going forward, SPCSAB minutes be posted on the website in a timely manner.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair stated that document *SPCSAB 23-02* approved at the January SPCSAB meeting, and sent to Senate for information, was accepted at Senate with no issues.

The Chair also stated that Connie Liu will represent SPCSAB on the Uggla Family Scholarship Committee as the Chair of SPCSAB once her role commences March 2023.

4. Old Business

a. Financial Aid and Awards (SPCSAB 2303)

Motion 1

It was moved by M. Bhakthan and seconded by G. Agnes

“that SPCSAB approve and recommend to Senate the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the International Excellence Entrance Scholarship effective, Fall 2023.”

CARRIED

M. Bhakthan provided a brief overview of the revisions made since the last SPCSAB meeting as requested by the SPCSAB committee.

Mike Peragine, who was in attendance as a resource person, introduced himself and answered questions from the SPCSAB committee members.

There was brief discussion and further minor revisions made to clarify the calendar language.

5. New Business

a. Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (SPCSAB 2304)

Motion 2

It was moved by G. Agnes and seconded by S. Spector

“that SPCSAB approve the revisions to the Terms of Reference for the Indigenous Graduate Entrance Scholarship effective, Fall 2023.”

CARRIED

G. Agnes provided background information of the Indigenous Graduate Entrance Scholarship and answered questions from the committee members.

Discussion ensued with focus on the language of the Terms of Reference specifically the word ‘research’. Some members felt the word research isn’t generally used in similar awards and the content in this particular award doesn’t seem to imply that the requirement must be research based. It was noted that capstones and theses approved by Senate are considered research and there may be a need for a definition for other various forms of project work such as an art piece.

After much discussion, it was decided that the language needs revising to clarify the requirements and to include all forms of research.

6. Other Business

The Chair stated that this was her last SPCSAB meeting serving as Chair to the committee and that Connie Liu will commence as Chair in March.