

SENATE POLICY COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS AND BURSARIES

MINUTES

January 16, 2023 ~ 10:30 am12:00 pm
MBC 3107 or Zoom

Attendees: H. Hendrigan (Chair), K. Nordgren (secretary), G. Ames, G. Shakthan, R. Dawson, T. Nault,
C. Liu, C. Percival, S. Spector

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

2. Approval of the Minutes of

A question was raised regarding self-identification of Indigenous students, as to why the word ~~was~~ crossed out but the word ~~identify~~ was kept and not changed to who are Indigenous.

T. Nault responded that students ~~do~~ need to identify to the university that they are Indigenous. He added that the language was not broad enough and since the university process ~~was~~ developed by a working group led by the President's Office, the decision was made ~~to~~ self-identification until the new process is in place.

The Chair added that Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies have a process ~~to~~ identify Indigenous ancestry for graduate scholarships and asked R. Dawson and G. Agnes to speak ~~about~~ the process.

R. Dawson responded that GPS' process ~~will~~ eventually change to align with the university process, but the current process ~~for~~ Indigenous Entrance Awards ~~allows~~ students to self-identify as Indigenous. If students are nominated to the next round of adjudication, they are asked to submit items relating to their Indigenous identity, whether it be

“that SPCSAB approve the Terms of Reference for the International Student Entrance Scholarship in principal pending revisions to the calendar language, effective, Fall 2023”.

CARRIED

T. Nault and M. Bhakthan provided background information regarding this award disbursed in the Fall term only, which was created to address international enrollment challenges and increasing competition to recruit students

They added that this award will be distributed across various programs and areas of the university based on the information provided and recommended by the Director Admissions to the Chair, Senate Undergraduate Awards Adjudication Committee.

There was much discussion regarding the terms of reference and the need for further information, including a cover memo and motion, in order to proceed. The committee reviewed the language of the terms of reference and several editorial suggestions were made including developing the motion to