



**SENATE ACADEMIC BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday 20 September 2022 2-3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Attendance: Laia Shpeller (Chair), Adlai Fisher, Ben Fischer, Alex Scott, Jaclyn Stewart, Dana Turdy

Regrets: Bhushan Gopaluni, Andre Ivanov, Shaktiraj Kandola, Kate Ross, Richard Topping, Austin Uzama

Senate Staff: Michael Jud

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Senate Academic Building Needs Committee (the “Committee”) was called to order at 2:05 p.m. by Laia Shpeller, Chair.

ITEM 1: AGENDA

The Chair offered the following amendments to the agenda:

- addition of a land acknowledgement;
- addition of an update regarding Campus Vision 2050 process.

The amended meeting agenda was adopted by general consent.

ITEM 2: MEETING MINUTES OF 19 APRIL 2022

The meeting minutes of 19 April 2022 were adopted as read.

ITEM 3: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The Committee was informed that the Vice-Chair has been vacated. Following a final call for nominations, Dana Turdy elected by acclamation.

ITEM 4: UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR REGARDING CAMPUS VISION 2050

The Chair provided an update to the Committee on the Campus Vision 2050 campus planning exercise. The Campus Vision team has convened a community advisory committee on which the Chair holds a seat. The advisory committee has thus far been largely focused on issues relating to housing and the development of the campus neighborhood communities. To date there has not been a strong focus on the academic areas of the campus.

It was noted that the Campus Vision team is in the midst of providing updates to various campus stakeholders, and that a presentation to the Committee can be expected in the near future along with a presentation to PPAC in September.

ITEM 5: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

A draft of proposed revisions to the Committee's terms of reference was circulated in advance. The draft seeks to update the terms of reference to accord with the current reality of the Committee's institutional role, while also clarifying where possible the nature of the Committee's typical work. The Chair noted that it is customary to review the terms of reference of all committees in the last year of each triennium. The Committee responded favourably to the draft.

It was noted that revised terms of reference are typically referred to the Senate Nominating Committee in the spring for review and approval. The Committee thus has an opportunity to consider the draft revised terms for at least several more months.

The Chair suggested that it would be beneficial to invite representatives from Campus and Community Planning and the Centre for Accessibility to attend Committee meetings regularly as invited guests. The Committee agreed that it would be worthwhile to invite these representatives on a trial basis and consider whether to write this practice into the terms of reference at a later date.

ITEM 6: COMMITTEE ROUNDTABLE ON 2022/23 PLAN OF WORK

The Chair offered Committee members an opportunity to reflect on the Committee's work over the previous year and consider whether to continue pursuing the same areas of focus, or whether to reprioritize or introduce new areas of focus. The Committee was generally supportive of maintaining a focus on the subject areas identified by the Committee in the 2021/22 academic year. It was additionally suggested that the Committee should monitor the outcome of the Presidential search process as the selection of a new President may have significant impacts on the Committee's area of responsibility.

ITEM 7: OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee's next meeting will be held on 18 October 2022 at the usual hour.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:42 pm.