

**Special Meeting of Senate
Tuesday, December 21, 2021
3:00–5:00 pm
Alumni Hall and Via Zoom
Minutes**

- Present:** G. Keefe (Chair), D. Sutton (Secretary to Senate), M. Arfken, R. Bissessur, A. Braithwaite, T. Carroll, D. Coll, R. Dennis, L. Doiron, N. Etkin, G. Evans, A-M. Fitzgerald, K. Gottschall-Pass, T. Mady, N. Kujundzic, C. Lavoie, M. LeClair, B. Linkletter, J. MacDonald, R. MacKay, A. MacKenzie, J. McIntyre, K. Mears, T. Miller, W. Montelpare, D. Moses, A. Muralidharan, C. Murray, T. Ngo, W. Peters, J. Podger, C. Ryan, B. Stoughton, A. Trivett, J. VanLeeuwen, B. Waterman, A. Zinck
- Regrets:** M. Buote, E. Côté, A. Doyle, R. Raiswell, J. Spears, J. Stewart
- Recorder:** M. Arbing

President Keefe called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm and thanked everyone for attending today's special meeting.

1. Winter 2022

The President stressed the need to minimize risk and support students' learning experience, in accordance to CPHO guidance.

MOTION: (K. Gottschall-Pass/N. Etkin) That teaching and learning for the winter 2022 semester move to online delivery until January 17, 2022.

Exceptions:

- **Some laboratories and clinical activities in the faculties of nursing, veterinary medicine, and sustainable design engineering will be in-person following CPHO guidance.**
- **Faculty, researchers, and graduate and honours students will be able to conduct research on-campus and in the field following CPHO guidance.**

Concern was expressed for mode of delivery for the remainder of the semester; however, it is realized that at this point, we cannot predict the evolving pandemic situation. The President indicated that every decision we make is in accordance with guidance from the Chief Public Health Office.

Questions were raised regarding ventilation and the President noted that the assessment is ongoing and that necessary action needed to address any issues that arise will occur.

Clarification was provided by the Vice-President Academic and Research that the exceptions in the motion were based on the previous timeframe and what we have since learned. The Vice-President Academic and Research indicated that she is encouraging Program Coordinators, Chairs, and Deans to look at all courses and prioritize in-person course delivery. Some courses require in-person delivery due to the nature of the course; they simply cannot be done online.

Senators agreed that we need to commit to a further announcement by January 6, 2022, and that messaging needs to clearly indicate this.

CARRIED.

2. **Adjournment**

Motion (N. Kujundzic) that the meeting be adjourned at 3:55 pm. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Sutton
Secretary of Senate