



SENATE AWARDS & HONOURS COMMITTEE
Monday, August 29, 2022

Minutes of the Awards & Honours Committee
Held in OL 340 at 10:00 AM

ATTENDANCE

Present: Lorry-Ann Austin (Chair), Douglas Booth, Brian Daly (non-voting), Gordon Down, Derek Haines (by phone), Stan Miles

Absent: Michael Henry, Musfiq Rahman, Rachel Mukasa, Jaskaranpreet Kaur

Guests:

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The minutes of 25 Feb 2022 and 17 May 2022 were adopted as printed.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a. **Appoint a committee Chair**

The committee unanimously appointed Lorry-Ann Austin as Chair.

b. **Tied GPAs**

Gordon presented the attached report on TRU GPAs by degree program and comparator schools' findings.

ACTION: After discussion the committee asked Student Awards to propose for adoption wording of a new Interpretation statement regarding ties. The Interpretation statement may subsequently be proposed as an amendment to ED 9-1.

c. **Comparator schools**

See attached report.

d. Policy change to Emeritus Policy

ACTION: The proposed change was adopted at the last meeting, but Lorry-Ann will submit it to the Chair of APPC for adoption by Senate.

5. NEW BUSINESSES

a. Hon Doc and Emeritus Subcommittee

The committee agreed to striking an adjudication subcommittee which will meet as needed and can involve all interested members of the committee. When subcommittee meetings coincide with an Awards & Honours meeting, it may meet just prior in the same location.

ACTION: The Chair will put out a call of interest for an Emeritus committee meeting to occur shortly.

b. Revisions to ED 9-1 medal adjudication to use Degree Works

Gordon advised that the now fully operational Degree Works finally provides the technical capacity to report on medal GPAs not based on the “most recent 60 credits completed” (current policy), but the 60 credits forming the second half of the graduate’s baccalaureate degree, regardless of when those credits were completed. Gordon noted this will require additional amendments to ED 9-1, and it seems like an opportune time to revisit the parameters of how the medal GPA is determined (e.g. more than 60 credits or less).

ACTION: The committee asked Gordon to work with RO-Systems and IT to create a new report which utilizes Degree Works and can present alternate scenarios for the 2022 medal adjudication using different parameters. The committee will use these scenarios to review policy options.

6. NEXT MEETING

TBD.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

