

**Special Meeting of Senate
Wednesday, October 5 2022
12:30pm-1:00pm
Alumni Hall and Via Zoom
Minutes**

Present: G. Keefe (Chair), D. Sutton (Secretary to Senate) P. Bernard, R. Bissessur, A. Braithwaite, L. Brinklow, M. Buote, A. Campbell, D. Coll, R. Dennis, L. Doiron, A. Doyle, N. Etkin, R. Gauthier, I. Igbineweka, B. Linkletter, A. MacKenzie, D. MacLellan, T. Mady, K. Mears, D. Moses, S. Myers, G. Naterer, W. Peters, R. Raiswell, C. Ryan, J. Sentance, B. Stoughton, A. Trivett, J. VanLeeuwen, B. Waterman, M. Arfken

Regrets: P. Burns, T. Carroll, G. Evans, H. Hill, W. Montelpare, C. Murray, T. Ngo, J. Podger, A. Zinck

Recorder: S. O'Connor

President Keefe called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm.

1. Amendment to the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar

The President expressed appreciation for Senators attending this meeting on short notice. He referred to communications that went out in the days following post-tropical storm Fiona which referenced this meeting being called to address lost instructional time.

He explained that G. Naterer held discussions with deans, and the main concern raised was having missed two Mondays of instructional time due to a) the Queens Funeral and b) the ramifications of Fiona. Because courses and labs offered on Mondays have been missed, a motion has been drawn up to address this concern:

Motion (G. Naterer/Iyobosa Igbineweka) Because of significant instructional time lost due to post-tropical storm Fiona, that the fall 2022 calendar dates be amended to extend the last day of classes from Dec. 7th to 8th, and also move the first day of final examinations from Dec. 10th to 11th Exams on Sunday the 11th to occur in afternoon and evening only. AVC calendar dates to remain as previously approved.

L. Doiron stated that he welcomes the addition of one day, but considering the loss of five instructional days, he questions if one day is enough, especially considering potential snowstorms.

N. Etkin clarified that December 8th, which falls on a Thursday, will be scheduled as a typical Monday of classes and labs because the two Mondays missed were the critical

days to make up. Regarding winter, it is common to lose several days and not have to add instructional days due to the ability to move instructional planning around.

L. Doiron thanked N. Etkin for the clarification and recommended that the motion be adjusted to reflect this information.

President Keefe asked the mover and seconder if they would agree to a friendly amendment which adds December 8th being scheduled with Monday classes and labs. G. Nater and I. Igbineweka agreed to the friendly amendment.

Motion as amended (G. Naterer/Iyobosa Igbineweka) Because of significant instructional time lost due to post-tropical storm Fiona, that the fall 2022 calendar dates be amended to extend the last day of classes from Dec. 7th to 8th, December 8th being scheduled with Monday classes and labs, and also move the first day of final examinations from Dec. 10th to 11th Exams on Sunday the 11th to occur in afternoon and evening only. AVC calendar dates to remain as previously approved.

Amended motion CARRIED.

A. Trivett thanked N. Etkin for the clarification and noted that we are making the best of a bad situation.

2. Adjournment

Motion (Louis Doiron) that the meeting be adjourned at 12:46 pm. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Dutton
Secretary of Senate