



General Assembly
Wednesday April 24, 2019
5:30 PM, P-204
MINUTES
(subject to approval)

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: *To adopt the agenda*

Note: This motion was never voted on.

The assembly proceeded with the following agenda.

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2019

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON ALLOCATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE METHODS

4.1 Presentations

4.2 Question Period

4.3 Motion: *BIRT JACFA approves the Tentative Agreement on the Allocation & Distribution of Social Science Methods Courses*

5. DISCUSSION OF BILL 21

6. LABOUR RELATIONS UPDATES

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF GA OF DECEMBER 19, 2018:

Motion: *To table (1: Debbie Lunny) Passed.*

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were given.

5. DISCUSSION OF BILL 21:

- Several members expressed their concern about the Law both for its the use of the notwithstanding clauses and for the potential effect of the law on women and on members of racial and/or religious minorities.
- A member expressed frustration with the process for discussing law 62, and requested that the item be returned to the next General Assembly in a more action-oriented way.

Note: There had been significantly more discussion on this issue that occurred out of session.

4. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON ALLOCATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE METHODS

4.1 Presentations:

- The JACFA Director gave a presentation on this history of the allocation of Social Science Methods, the Social Science Program Committee's motion to

change the process, and the negotiation process that occurred this year.

4.2 Question Period:

- A member asked how the agreement would deal with the situation in which too much methods was allocated to cover posts, so that not enough remained to allocate 1 FTE to each discipline. The Director clarified that the methods used to cover posts would be included in the disciplines' 1FTE, so this situation was very unlikely to arise.

4.3 Motion: *BIRT JACFA approves the Tentative Agreement on the Allocation & Distribution of Social Science Methods Courses*

Amendment: *to add "for the 2019-2020 academic year." (1: William Russell)*

- The mover clarified that, whereas this agreement has the potential to affect the availability of methods courses to a large number of teachers across all of the Social Science disciplines, that it should return to the GA for approval before any continuation/modification.
- The JACFA director objected, arguing that it might be logistically challenging for the Executive to return this issue to a General Assembly in February unless there were changes to suggest, and that this amendment would stop the Executive from continuing with the agreement in such a case.
- A member suggested that the Executive commit to the General Assembly to return the issue to the GA for consultation before accepting any major modifications. The Executive agreed.

Defeated. Passed.

As quorum was lost, the assembly was adjourned.