

Dear councilors,

Senate convened on January 11th, 2019 for their first meeting of the Winter Semester. A change of dates was approved by senate for the remainder of the senate meetings for this semester. The approved dates are as follows: March 1st, April 5th, and May 3rd.

There was a discussion surrounding this coming convocation and future convocations. President Alaa opened the floor for any concerns/ comments that anyone would like to have brought forward to the convocation committee that met January 14th. Some points were brought up regarding dates (not having it Mother's Day weekend), venue, number of convocations (three instead of two), which faculties will graduate together, and honorary degree recipients. The convocation committee is set to bring their proposal forward to senate for the next meeting on March 1st.

Improvements are being made to the Master's of Global Affairs program considering the many issues that arose for the first cohort of students, in particular, the procedure for obtaining student VISAs. Students enrolled in the Canadian universities in Egypt just finished their first semester. There were approximately 100 business students, 50 engineering students, and 12 computer science students enrolled. The president and the VP of Academic and Research are looking into programs being offered in Dubai. They are still in the initial stages of development. There was some issues surrounding students in the MEd program with some students paying more/less than others in the same program. The issue has been recognized and they working to resurrect the issue.

The search for the next university is still ongoing. There are three candidates that will be doing presentations over the next month.

A student survey regarding a midterm break during the fall semester will be sent out by our VPAX in the coming days. This info will then be taken back to APCC for discussion and a proposal will be brought forward to senate. This will go into effect starting in Fall 2020.

If anyone has any questions regarding this report or senate meeting please don't hesitate to ask,

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