

MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL

May 7, 1996

MEMBERS PRESENT

C. Lajeunesse	D. Mock
E. Aspevig	M. Morel
M. Booth	M. Novick
K. Campbell for M. Bornstein	W. Owen
L. Braverman	A. Peart
I. Bryan	N. Potts
J. Campbell	C. Sam Foh
V. Bowman for P. Cheevers	J. Sandys
M. Creery	D. Shaw
W. Cukier	J. Swain
A.R. DeLuca	J. Turtle
I. Devine	W.E. Vine
M. Dewson	C. Bowman for C. Webb
J. Easton	W. White
M. Wiltshire for P. Flynn	F. Cappadocia for P. C.
P. Gharghour	Wong
B. Hartley	
H. Gordillo for A. Heisey	
J. Hicks	
P. Jensen	
S. Karim	
L. Kelly	
S. Kelman	
A. Kittler	
I. Levine	
L. Lewis	
D. McKay	
R. Malinski	
M. Maskow	

MEMBERS ABSENT

K. Alnwick (regrets)
A. Bonifacio
C. Cassidy (regrets)
E. Deutsch (regrets)
N. Dzeletovich
K. Goheen (regrets)
L. Grayson (regrets)
M. Kosny (regrets)
J. Meslin

D. Mason

M.C. Mayo

M. Miller

C.J. Monro (regrets)

M. Morriss (regrets)

A. Pokas

S. Port

C. Ravindran (regrets)

1. President's Report

President Lajeunesse welcomed Council members to the last meeting for the 1995-96 academic year.

He said the Ontario government, in its budget, has set aside \$100 million for matching private donations for scholarship trust funds. Bob Crow, Executive Director University Development, will be working to generate support from the private sector. There is also provision in the budget for up to \$1000. per work session for co-op students.

The Minister of Education was on campus May 6 to make a short presentation. Irene Devine and Bill White were among faculty present at the meeting. Dr.'s Lajeunesse and Mock met with the minister privately. They expressed concerns and offered suggestions and views in terms of Ryerson's role in the Ontario university scene.

Ryerson now has a budget approved by the Finance Committee and the Board. There will be three presentations to faculty and staff on Monday, May 13 and Tuesday, May 14. One budget-related initiative is the development of a vision for the university which will be undertaken by Dr. Mock.

Stan Heath, the new Dean of Business, was introduced. He takes up his post July 1, 1996. He expressed his thanks for the opportunity to work at Ryerson and with Council, and looks forward to making a contribution to the continued success of Ryerson.

Members were referred to the list of Ryerson achievements for May as printed in the agenda.

Dr. Lajeunesse added the following:

- 7 Ryerson proposals won NSERC grants
- 2 faculty received awards from SSHRC

These grants total \$457,000. In the May or June there will be an opportunity to meet with the new and current recipients of these grants to hear about their contributions to the Ryerson community.

Congratulations were expressed to Barbara Harris, Professor of Nursing, on her appointment to the City of Toronto Board of Health Task Force. The task force which will focus on health and work issues.

Ryerson's first honorary doctorates were announced. The President said Ryerson is proud to have as its first recipient of an honorary doctorate the Governor General of Canada, The Honorable Romeo LeBlanc. David Mirvish, Pierre Juneau, Dr. Albert Rose, John Craig Eaton, Diane McGarry, Doug Hull and Dr. Thomas Brzustowski will be honoured.

The Secretary will be developing a process for identifying nominees for the honorary doctorates earlier for 1996-97, to ensure continued quality of recipients and appropriate diversity.

2. The Good of the University

W. Cukier chaired the Good of the University in C. Cassidy's absence.

V. Bowman, the President of RYESAC for 1996-97, introduced RYESAC's new executive for next year - A. Deluca, Vice President, Administration; K. Campbell, Vice President, Education; and M. Wiltshire, Vice President, Finance. She expressed the executive's desire to work with Council and its committees on a number of issues such as instructor course evaluation and the Registrar's Advisory Committee.

P. Jensen voiced concern over the frequency of false alarms during exams. She requested some initiative to prevent this disruption, and suggested voluntary monitoring. The President will report the matter to L. Grayson who will report to Council.

L. Braverman congratulated the school of Graphic Communications Management for their graduates' employment success as reported on CFRB Radio on April 25, 1996 in an interview with M. Black.

L. Braverman thanked Gail Schleyer for her work with Council during the past year as A. Wargo's secretary.

(a) **Ryerson Community Achievements, May 1996**

These were covered under the President's Report.

(b) **COU Report - R. Mendelson**

R. Mendelson presented her report as printed in the agenda. She urged members to ensure Ryerson responds to the two discussion papers being developed on the Future of Secondary Education in Ontario (#2 in her report) and Secondary School Reform (#4 in her report), and volunteered to lead some initiatives in this area.

3. Minutes of the April 2, 1996 Meeting

It was duly moved and duly seconded that:

The Minutes of the April 2, 1996 meeting of Academic Council be adopted as printed in the agenda.

MOVED: I. Devine
SECONDED: E. Aspevig

These corrections were noted:

- Minutes, Page 2, last paragraph under “The Good of the University” to be amended as follows:

“E. Aspevig said that the minor ~~is to be~~ proposal has been supported under Track 3 funding...”

- Minutes Page 6, in 2nd paragraph beginning “E. Aspevig noted...”, “Certificate in Economic Analysis” should be “Certificate in Proficiency in French”.

- Minutes Page 4, 6. (a), 6th paragraph should read:

L. ~~Lewis~~ Kelly said she did not know....

- Minutes Page 7, 2nd paragraph modified to reflect the speaker’s intent as follows:

“L. Lewis supports C. Cassidy’s view; ~~she feels the whole area of related studies needs to be opened up to the whole institue.~~”; she does not agree that all courses be given outside the department because historically Ryerson hasn’t been able to provide

that service to departments. She feels the whole issue of related studies must be reviewed to ascertain a broader range of related studies, which could be offered within the institute and for various departments. .”

The minutes, as printed in the agenda, were CARRIED, with these modifications.

4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes

D. Mock referred to a memo from K. Alnwick on the Policy Relating to Probationary Standards which was handed out prior to the meeting. The work done on probationary contracts was in response to a request by D. Shaw at the November 7, 1995 Council meeting for a review of probationary contracts. This document was brought forward for information only, to clarify interpretation of the policy from both the student and department perspectives.

D. Shaw expressed appreciation for the work done to clear up the major inconsistencies in this policy.

J. Swain noted that page 3 of the second memo of the handout was missing. (*Note: Complete memo attached to these minutes*)

5. Correspondence

(a) Proposal of a process for the Periodic Review and Evaluation of Undergraduate Programs

D. Mock presented the report for Council's approval and advised Council that a periodic review would begin in 1997-98. E.Aspevig thanked the committee, chairs, deans and ASC for their work on this proposal.

MOTION: That Academic Council adopt the proposal of a process for the Periodic Review and Evaluation of Undergraduate Programs.

Moved: E. Aspevig

Seconded: I. Devine

L. Braverman asked for clarification on several points:

- Is this the final report, as the earlier document on the development and implementation of new undergraduate degree programs came in draft form?
- Was it intentionally modified? For example, on page 19, IV A, was it taken from the earlier document, as point 4 of the original is left out?
- Should the title include “degree”?
- Page 16 of the agenda, A 1. - Could it be expanded?

Ms. Braverman said it was a very good report, and that it is an important step in Ryerson’s history for us to have our own review process.

W. Cukier said she would like more “soul searching” when looking at quality, for example, learner objectives, to determine what the curriculum is trying to achieve and what competencies are expected of graduates. She feels an analysis of curriculum is needed, not just a description and how skills build through the years of a program and fit together.

W. Owen asked how the process deals with service departments?

E. Aspevig said there are some differences in the two reports as this one deals with programs that already exist. The goals are general so as not to tie it down to policies at a particular time period, because policies can change. On Page 18, Part D. invites comment on the

strengths of programs and on what basis they make that judgment; the committee was reluctant to include specific performance indicators in order to allow departments to put forth their strengths and weaknesses. He responded to W. Owen's enquiry by saying that implicit in the program review process is a review of some service department teaching. That would be the case, for example, when service courses are compulsory in a program. It was also the view of the committee that consideration be given to developing a separate service department review procedure. It was not the committee's view, however, that such a procedure was a necessary part of or a necessary adjunct to the program review procedure.

D.R. Mock responded that the report includes three diploma programs so "degree" has been left out of the title.

The motion CARRIED.

6. Reports of Actions and Recommendations of Departmental and Faculty Councils

(a) Respecting Changes to the ECHP Program

D. R. Mock presented the report for information.

7. Reports of the Committees

Report No. 123 of the Academic Standards Committee, April, 1996

(i) Proposal for Co-operative Education and internship options in the Applied Computer Science Program

MOTION: That Academic Council approve the proposal to introduce Co-operative Education and Internship Options in the Applied Computer Science

Program, as presented to the ASC.

Moved: D.R. Mock

Seconded: A. Kittler

D. Shaw commented that it is nice to see co-operative education and experience being included in more programs at Ryerson, especially in the technology areas, and she commends the department for its initiative in bringing this about.

L. Braverman also expressed appreciation. She asked what implementation date is planned, and how students will get co-op positions.

D. Mock replied that the Dean White, D. Mason and Sophie Quigley have been conducting a pilot the last year and developing a set of contacts. A central co-op office for all programs is planned, with representatives from each department, involved in Co-operative Programs.

W. White said once the current pilot is approved, the implementation will be phased in, beginning in the summer of 1997.

D. Shaw commended those involved for setting up a co-op office.

The motion was CARRIED.

(ii) **Proposal to change the B.Tech. (Applied Chemistry and Biology) to the B.Sc. (Applied Chemistry and Biology)**

MOTION: That Academic Council approve the proposal to change the degree designation for the Applied Chemistry and Biology Program from B. Tech. to B. Sc.

Moved: D.R. Mock

Seconded: J. Easton

The motion was CARRIED.

On Page 37 of the agenda,

L. Braverman noted two corrections:

- On agenda page 37, CHY 361 should be CHY 381
- On agenda page 37, Liberal Studies under Semester 5 should be 3-0 not 3-3.
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L. Braverman expressed her pleasure at Council's endorsement of the first B.Sc. at Ryerson, an indication that Ryerson is moving forward as a university.

The motion CARRIED.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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