

**Minutes of Academic Council
May 5, 1998**

Members Present

Alnwick, K.
Aspevig, E.
Bardecki, M.
Creery, M.
DeLuca, A.
Dewson, M.
Elder, D.
Finn, M.
Friesen, E.
Grayson, L.
Kapp, R.
Kennedy, D.
Koc, M.
Levine, I.
Malinski, R.
Maskow, M.
Mendelson, R.
Miller, M.
Mock, D.
Morriss, M.
Pearce, J.
Pettypiece, A.
Sandys, J.
Sher, D.
Smith, D.
Williams, S.
Wilson, L.
Wu, J.
Zaver, N.

Members Absent

Black, M.
Booth, M.
Cukier, W.
de Haan, R.
Easton, J.
Frost, A.
Garnette, I.
Haines, R.
Harrison, L.
Heath, S.
Ho, D.
Keeble, R.
Kelley, A.
Lajeunesse, C. (Regrets)
McIntosh, C. (Regrets)
Monro, J. (Regrets)
Morgan, H.
Nam, S.
Northwood, D.
O'Connor, E.
Richard, M.
Sharifi, F.
Shaw, D.
Shukla, N.
Silver, S. (Regrets)
Tindugan, M.
Trubic, J.
Wallace, R.
Zamaria C. (Regrets)

1. President's Report

D. Mock presented the President's Report, in the absence of the President.

He reported on four principle items. The first was the achievement report. He advised that the format of the achievement report has been revised to reflect more clearly scholarly achievements.

He then announced the names of honorary degree recipients for this spring's convocation ceremonies, as follows:

June 12 - 10:00 a.m.	Applied Arts	James Cameron
June 16 - 10:00 a.m.	Community Services	Anne Ross
June 16 - 2:00 p.m.	Arts & Community Services	Barbara Hall
June 17 - 10:00 a.m.	Engineering	Alex Taylor
June 17 - 2:00 p.m.	Applied Science	Micheline Bouchard
June 18 - 10:00 a.m.	Business	Ron Osborne
June 18 - 2:00 p.m.	Business Management	Arthur Lee
June 19 - 2:00 p.m.	Applied Arts	Gaitano Gagliano

Recent appointments in the academic administration also were announced.

S. Silver , Director, Social Work
R. Porteous, Director, Midwifery
J. Welsh, Director of Nutrition
J. Sandys, Dean, Community Services
S. Bector, Associate Dean, Engineering & Applied Science
M. Booth, Dean, Continuing Education

He reminded Academic Council members that this fall some exciting 50th anniversary celebration events will occur, beginning with a community barbecue on Thursday, September 10, from noon - 2:00 p.m. with the intent to try to cancel classes and invite everyone in the quadrangle.

Another important event will be the Homecoming on Saturday, October 24, and the announcement on November 16th of the recipient of the Alumni Award of distinction and the outstanding student award. Nominations for this award should be filed by the end of June.

He concluded the report by reminding Council members that next Tuesday and Wednesday the SRC/GREET Workshops will be held.

R. Mendelson added that the two events are combined for the first time as part of Ryerson's 50th anniversary celebration. She reviewed the highlights of the program to be presented.

2. The Good of the University

This section of the meeting was chaired by A. DeLuca, Vice Chair of Academic Council.

He invited J. Winton, Executive Director of Finance, to make a presentation on the budget.

Slides reflecting the essence of this presentation are appended to the minutes.

At the end of this section of the meeting, M. Finn asked whether money has been budgeted to take care of salary increases anticipated as a result of negotiations with the various unions at Ryerson.

L. Grayson replied that some funds have been budgeted for this purpose. Nevertheless she stressed that we are somewhat at a risk because of a rising climate of expectations.

A. Pettypiece asked whether someone could offer an explanation as to why the position of Associate Dean of Engineering and Applied Science has been established, in light of the persistent expressions of concern about Ryerson's financial capacity.

D. Mock replied that the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science is a large one, including six Engineering schools and Architectural Science and Landscape Architecture as well as Applied Computer Science and Mathematics, Physics & Chemistry. Most universities in the province have such a position in a Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering. Ryerson's is the sixth largest Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science in the country. The Associate Dean will focus on undergraduate programs. The Dean will focus on graduate programs and other matters.

M. Finn asked, with regard to increasing levels of student debt, how Ryerson is addressing this problem in particular. He noted that the \$500,000 increase in outreach and development begs the question of whether there are specific plans to attempt to increase the amount of money available for student aid.

L. Grayson replied that the \$250,000 in bursaries budgeted by Ryerson is intended as a bridge until the Federal Government's millennium fund is in place.

With respect to the student aid problem in general she stressed that we do not have good data and that Ryerson is not alone in that problem.

Ryerson has been required, along with other Ontario universities, on quite short notice, to develop methods of better defining student financial aid needs in light of the fact that approximately one third of all tuition increases must go to student financial aid.

She said that Ryerson and York will do a special study in this area and the question of debt load also is part of the grad survey. For now, Ryerson relies, like other universities in the province, largely on anecdotal data.

M. Finn referred again to the development campaign and asked for an explanation of the extra investment in development intended to improve fundraising performance.

L. Grayson replied that in the current environment, effective fundraising will require significant investment. All universities coast to coast in Canada are trying to improve their fundraising from the private sector. Ryerson is engaged currently in an exercise of planning how best to do this work successfully.

A. DeLuca asked for information on how Council's request for a minimum tuition fee rise affected discussions at the Board about raising tuition fees, which he noted are to be raised 10% and 9% in the next two years.

L. Grayson replied that the need for investment in the quality of Ryerson programs was determined to be, in essence, more important than the issue of students coping with rapidly increasing tuition costs. She stressed that the Board of Governors is extremely concerned about ensuring that, whatever else is the case, Ryerson students have an excellent educational experience .

A. DeLuca then asked how Ryerson is going to deal with the issue of representation in governance, given that students will soon pay almost fifty percent of the total cost.

L. Grayson replied that student fees still are significantly removed from that level of costs and, in any event, governance is a larger issue than is suggested by the question. The governance structure is determined by the Ryerson Act and changing the Ryerson Act is not an insignificant matter.

She concluded her comments by saying that Ryerson is looking for ways to more effectively shape our spending and our financial aid programs.

The meeting then turned to the rest of the section dealing with the good of the university.

M. Finn said, on behalf of the members of the PPAC, he is pleased that a distinction has now been made between achievements and events in the achievement report.

3. Minutes of the April 7, 1998 Meeting

It was moved by E. Aspevig and seconded by K. Alnwick that the minutes be adopted as circulated.

J. Pearce noted that the intent of her comment on page five of the minutes was that PPAC should be the group that would help shape Academic Council discussions.

The minutes as amended were adopted.

4. Business arising out of the minutes

There was no business arising out of the minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

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

Agenda items were received for information.

7. Reports of Committees

7A. Report #134 of the Academic Standards Committee

This was presented by D. Mock.

It was duly moved and seconded that

Academic Council endorse the proposed change in degree designation for the program in Applied Computer Science from Bachelor of Technology (B. Tech.) to Bachelor of Science (B. Sc.)

CARRIED.

7B. Report #81 of the Nominating Committee.

This was presented by E. Aspevig.

1. Presidential Advisory Review Committee. Council selects four persons to serve as members on this committee.

Nominees:

Student:

D. Steele, President, RyeSAC

Faculty:

Professor M. Foster, PhD, Faculty of Business

Professor D. Kennedy, PhD, Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Ex-officio:

Professor J. Sandys, PhD, Dean of Community Services

2. PPAC:

Faculty:

Professor Peter Rosstodd, Faculty of Applied Arts

Students:

David Steele, President, RyeSAC

Nazmin Zaver, President, CESAR

Chris McIntosh, Community Services (Social Work)

3. Appeals:

Students:

John Gelman, C.E. Division, Public Administration

Chelsea Balzan, Applied Arts, Journalism

Josh Ellimoottil, Business, Business Admin.

Motion: That Academic Council grant the Nominating Committee authority to fill the two remaining vacancies on the Appeals Committee on an interim basis, subject to ratification at the next regular meeting of Council in October, 1998.

CARRIED.

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E. Aspevig,
Chair for the Committee

J. Sandys
C. Stoute
I. Devine
A. Pettypiece
C. Sam Foh
J. Bernhard

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.