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**RYERSON
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SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

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[NEW LOCATION]
GEORGE VARI ENGINEERING AND COMPUTING CENTRE
ATRIUM, 3RD FLOOR, 245 CHURCH STREET

Tuesday, April 6, 2010

4:30 p.m. Light dinner will be served in the Atrium, George Vari Engineering & Computing Centre, 3rd Floor.

5:00 p.m. Meeting starts (in the Atrium)

Awards presentation: Counsellor Award
Faculty Service Awards
Librarian Award
Errol Aspevig Award for Outstanding Academic Leadership

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Announcements
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Pages 1-3 **Motion 1:** *That Senate approve the minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting*
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes
6. Correspondence
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Motion #1: *That the Senate amend Bylaw section 3.3.1: “Senate: Elections shall be held annually before March 1”, to read: “Senate: Elections shall be held annually before April 1.”*

Motion #2: *That Senate approve the **Department of English Council Bylaw.***

8. Old Business

9. New Business as Circulated

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Members' Business

10.1 Fall Reading Break:

Motion #1: *That Senate endorse, in principle, the creation of a fall reading break in the first week of November, starting in the 2011-2012 academic year.*

Motion #2: *That an Ad Hoc committee, consisting of:*

- Registrar, as Chair (with power to add)

- Secretary of Senate

- 1 designate from each faculty, including the School of Graduate Studies

- 1 Chang school representative

- 2 RSU representatives

- 1 CESAR representative

be struck to determine an implementation strategy and report back to Senate no later than October, 2010.

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11. Consent Agenda

From the G. Raymond Chang School of continuing education:

New elective: *Sustainability: Topics and Trends (CKSS201)*

12. Adjournment

MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING TUESDAY, March 2, 2010			
MEMBERS PRESENT:			
Ex-Officio:	Faculty:		Students:
K. Alnwick	A. Anderson	A.M. Singh	M. A. Aumeer
C. Cassidy	V. Chan	C. Stuart	T. Hassan
G. R. Chang	D. Checkland	N. Thomlinson	A. Nofal
M. Dewson	Y. Derbal	J. Turtle	N. Rawdah
D. Doz	M. Dionne	K. Webb	L. Salvador
G. Fearon	F. Donald		C. Samuelsson
U. George	S. Espin		A. Sharif
L. Grayson	P. Goldman		A. West
K. Jones	M. Haider		N. Williams
M. Lachemi	M. Kolios		
H. Lane Vetere	V. Lem		
M. Lefebvre	J. Leshchyshyn		
S. Levy	A. Levin		
A. Shepard	A. Lindgren		
P. Stenton	N. M. Lister		
A. Venetsanopoulos	A. Mitchell		
M. Yeates	G. Mothersill		
M. Zeytinoglu	C. Mooers		
Senate Associates:			Alumni:
P. Monkhouse			A. Rasoul
C. Smith			
F. Tang			
REGRETS:		ABSENT:	
P. Corson		A. Ahmed	
A. El-Rabbany		K. S. Baig	
T. Jhuman		A. Bal	
G. Kapelos		D. Elder	
O. Ijiwoye		F. Gunn	
A. Kahan		J. McLarnon	
J. Macalik		V. Quan	
P. Nichols		S. Reaburn	
M. Panitch		A. Saloojee	
K. Tucker Scott		O. Taha	

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda – the agenda was approved.
3. Announcements – None.
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Motion 1: *That Senate approve the minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting* K. Alnwick moved, M. Lefebvre, seconded.
Motion approved.
Motion 2: *That Senate approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 Special Senate meeting* K. Alnwick moved; M. Lefebvre, seconded.
Motion approved.
5. Matters Arising from the Minutes - None
6. Correspondence
 - 6.1 Office of the Prime Minister – Response to Letter on Ryerson Sports and Recreation Centre
7. Reports:
 - 7.1 Report of the President
 - 7.1.1 President’s update
 - 7.1.2 Achievement Report
 - 7.1.3 Announcement of Honorary Doctorates – to be posted to the Senate website and announced to the Community.
 - 7.1.4 Progress Indicators and Related Statistics - February 2010 – P. Stenton reported (see <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/documents/progress-indicators-feb2010.pdf>)
 - 7.1.5 Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague’s Report – A. Wellington reported.
 - 7.2 Report of the Secretary
 - 7.2.1 Senate 2010 Election Report
 - 7.3 Committee Reports
 - 7.3.1 Academic Governance and Policy Committee Report W2010-2
Motion #1: *That Senate approve the amendment of Policy 95: International Institutional Partnerships, and the renaming of that Policy to: The Development and Approval of International Partnerships and International (and National) Mobility Programs*
C. Smith moved; C. Stuart seconded.
Motion approved
Motion #2: *That Senate approve the amendment of Policy 155: Approval of Collaborative Academic Program Agreements*
C. Stuart moved; P. Goldman seconded
Motion approved.

7.3.2 Academic Standards Committee Report #W2010-2
L. Salvador moved all motions.

Motion #1: *That Senate approve the revised Global Management Minor.*

K. Jones seconded

Motion approved

Motion #2: *That Senate approve the revised Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Management Minor.*

A. West seconded

Motion approved

Motion #3: *That Senate approve the revised Marketing Minor.*

C. Samuelsson seconded

Motion approved

Motion #4: *That Senate approve the revised Human Resources Management Minor and the new Organizational Leadership Minor.*

K. Alnwick seconded

Motion approved

Motion #5: *That Senate approve the renaming of the Information Technology program to Business Technology Management.*

Y. Derbal, seconded –

Motion approved

Motion #6: *That Senate approve the Certificate in Demographic Analysis.*

J. Leschychyn, seconded

Motion approved

Motion #7: *That Senate approve the Certificate in English Literature and Popular Culture.*

C. Samuelsson seconded

Motion approved

Motion #8: *That Senate approve the revised Certificate in Strategic Marketing.*

C. Samuelsson seconded

Motion approved

8. Old Business
9. New Business as Circulated
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Respectfully submitted

D. Schulman, PhD.
Secretary of Senate

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2010

TO: Dr. Diane Schulman
Secretary of Senate
Ryerson University

FROM: Nora Farrell, Ombudsperson

SUBJECT: Revision to *Listening and Learning* Annual Report
for July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 for the
Ombudsperson for Ryerson University

I am writing to advise you that two typographical errors were discovered in the 08/09 Ombudsperson Report after it was tabled at Senate on January 26, 2010.

The errors are on Page 6 of the Report:

- 1) The percentage decrease in concerns for the area of Reinstatement/Readmission is shown as 35% and it should be 42%.
- 2) The percentage decrease in concerns for the area of Curriculum Advising is shown as 30% and it should be 39%.

I am attaching the revised pdf file of this report (see [RYE Listen&Learn_Report_2009\(revised\).pdf](#)) for your reference and I would appreciate it if you would use it to replace the file which was previously circulated electronically to Senate members.

Please accept my apologies for these errors and the inconvenience which this revision causes you.

Ryerson University Senate

President's Update for the meeting of: April 6, 2010

Honorary Doctorates 2010: I am pleased to share the list of honorary doctorate recipients for Spring Convocation 2010, and to extend thanks to those involved in preparing the nominations, and to the Awards and Ceremonials Committee for its work. It has been a pleasure to connect with the nominees, who have responded with enthusiasm and pride in accepting the honour.

Faculty of Arts David E. Smith: senior policy fellow, Saskatchewan Institute for Public Policy and professor emeritus, University of Saskatchewan

Faculty of Community Services

- Louise Arbour: president and CEO, International Crisis Group; former United Nations commissioner for human rights; former judge, Supreme Court of Canada
- Paula Goering: professor and vice-chair, University of Toronto Department of Psychiatry with cross-appointments to the Faculty of Nursing, Institute of Medical Science and the Department of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation
- Frances Lankin: president and CEO, United Way Toronto

Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science William Alsop: architect and Ryerson distinguished visiting practitioner

The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education Kyle Rae: City Councillor for Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale

Ted Rogers School of Management Anthony Gagliano: executive chairman and CEO of St. Joseph Communications.

Budget: On March 25th I will be at Queen's Park for the Ontario Budget presentation, and will provide a report at the April 6th meeting. Previously, the Ontario government Throne Speech on March 8th affirmed education as a priority; and on March 4th the federal government announced investments in research and its commitment to the Knowledge Infrastructure Program. But the provincial budget provides the critical details in terms of our budget planning for 2010-11.

Digital Media Zone: The official opening of the DMZ will take place on April 7th, celebrating the initiative of our graduate and undergraduate students in developing a research environment that is engaging partners and attracting great interest, including a feature story in the *Globe and Mail* on March 19th, and visits from government officials, industry leaders, and the Royal Ontario Museum. BBB Architects are working with DMZ on projects that will involve Ryerson students in the design of the Ryerson Sports and Recreation facility in Maple Leaf Gardens. On March 12th I was pleased to be interviewed by radio station *FAN 590* and took the opportunity to talk about the leadership of our students in moving this initiative forward.

Blue and Gold Ball: As reported on *Ryerson Today*, our students have taken the lead in bringing back a Ryerson tradition from the 1950's and 60's with the year-end Blue and Gold Ball to be held on April 1st (see http://www.ryerson.ca/ryersontoday/stories/20100312_bluegold.html). The exciting feature of this initiative is the spirit and energy of an occasion "by the students for the students." The university continues to benefit from a growing sense of ownership among our students for their educational experience at all levels. The organizing committee for the Blue and Gold Ball includes representatives from every faculty, and at the time of writing this update tickets are going fast.

March Break Open House – Ryerson welcomed over 2,000 visitors to campus (up from 1,600 last year) for our full-day *Discover Ryerson* event on Thursday, March 18th. I would like to recognize and thank the members of our community: faculty, students, and staff for providing an exceptional experience for our prospective students. It is a measure of our success that your commitment to the university comes through so strongly and communicates itself so well. Among many positive comments from the visitor survey, here are a representative few:

- "I had the overwhelming feeling that I was exactly where I was supposed to be."
- "I really appreciated the tour of Ryerson's Campus. I also really enjoyed the fact that the tour guides made the university feel very inviting, despite the enormous size of the campus. So far, based on the tour, Ryerson is my number one choice for university next year."
- "I think I've found my University. I'll try my best to be a Ryerson student."
- "Ryerson is a great university with plenty of opportunities. When I came to Ryerson, I felt like I'm part of the community right away. My questions are all answered and now I'm totally ready to accept Ryerson as my postsecondary education university! "
- "I really liked Ryerson's hands-on approach to learning and how much money they have invested into labs and equipment. Also, I like the idea of the industry professional working with you in the fourth year and the mentor you have in the first years. "
- "It really helped me understand what Ryerson was all about and I am excited to attend."
- "This program was a great experience! The academic program session was especially good. The campus tour guide was funny and informative. I got a great vision of what school life will be like. Now I can only hope to hear soon whether or not I get accepted."

Associations and Government Relations:

Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration: On February 24th I met with Dr. Jean Augustine, Ontario's first Fairness Commissioner.

Ministry of Training Colleges and Universities: Among ongoing opportunities to discuss Ryerson goals and plans, this month I met with Leah Myers, Executive Lead, Postsecondary Education Secretariat, and Assistant Deputy Minister Nancy Naylor.

Ontario-Quebec Deputy Ministers: On March 18th, as part of a conference held by Queen's Park, Ryerson hosted a group of Deputy Ministers from Ontario and Quebec on a site visit to campus.

Innovation Institute of Ontario: I continue to serve on the Board of Directors of IIO, and its Human Resources and Governance Committee, attending meetings in the past few weeks.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce: On March 23rd I met with Perrin Beatty, President & CEO, and Stephen Johns, Director of Corporate Relations.

President's Congratulations – Beginning with this update, I will no longer be including a list of achievements. I am pleased to explain that this decision recognizes the success of our website, in particular the *Ryerson Today* page, in bringing these stories to you with more detail, pictures, and the context that a short item cannot fully deliver. Members of Senate are encouraged to read about Ryerson achievements, and other news, at <http://www.ryerson.ca/ryersontoday>.

RYERSON ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

A sampling of achievements and appearances in the media by members of the Ryerson Community for the April meeting of Senate.

Events

President Sheldon Levy spoke at a news conference held by the Hon. Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance in advance of the Ontario Budget. In his remarks Minister Duncan reinforced the commitment of the Ontario Government to post-secondary education. The news conference was well attended by broadcast and print media.

On Bottled Water Free Day **President Levy, Jermaine Bagnall**, President of the Ryerson Students' Union and **Mohammed Ali Aumeer**, President, Continuing Education Students' Association of Ryerson (CESAR) signed the Ryerson Water Free Pledge to phase out the sale and provision of bottled water on campus by 2013. Ryerson is the first university in Ontario to commit to banning bottled water on campus. The story was covered by The Canadian Press, La presse canadienne, CBC Radio One's *Here & Now*, *Toronto Star*, *Sherbrooke Record*, *Peterborough Examiner*, *Ottawa Sun*, *24 Hours*, 680 News, CBFS-FM, CILV-FM, CJRL-FM, CIXX-FM, CJBC's *Ya pas 2 Matins*, CBKF-FM's *Jour de Plaine*.

Media Appearances

The April issue of *Toronto Life* includes a profile of **President Sheldon Levy**.

The *Globe and Mail* ran a feature story on the Digital Media Zone quoting **President Levy, Valerie Fox**, Director, Innovative Technology Solutions, graduate student **Jonathan Ingham**, and post doctoral student **Hossein Rahnama**.

Parentcentral.ca profiled Ryerson's MBA program in an article that quoted Provost and Vice President, Academic, **Alan Shepard, Wendy Cukier**, Associate Dean, Ted Rogers School of Management, MBA program director **Jim Tiessen**, and alumni **Melanie Nunez** and **Michael Brailovski**.

Internationally renowned *Azure Magazine* ranked **Ryerson's School of Interior Design** as one of the top three of its kind in the world along with Parsons The New School for Design in New York City, and Rhode Island School of Design in Providence. "Ryerson dominates the discussion about the best interior design school in Canada, and graduates are equipped with the necessary technical schools to hit the ground running when they leave school. Instructions extends from the 'how' of design, to communication skills such as freehand drawing, CAD and oral presentation, as well as classes in liberal arts, the humanities, social sciences and the history of design."

The *City Centre Mirror* profiled **Rona Abramovitch**, outreach and access advisor and founder of Ryerson's Spanning the Gaps programs who was recently named YWCA's Woman of Distinction for Education in recognition of her work in removing barriers to higher education for youth and adults.

Pamela Palmater, Chair of the Ryerson Centre for Indigenous Governance, commented on a 2009 Supreme Court of Canada decision to refuse an appeal of a B.C. Court of Appeal decision regarding the loss of Indian status on CBO-FM's *Ottawa Morning*. Palmater also commented on anticipated changes to the *Indian Act* on CBTK-FM, CFPR-FM, CFWH-AM, CBQ-FM, and CBI-AM. She also appeared on TVO's *The Agenda* discussing issues in Ontario's aboriginal communities.

Graphic Arts Mag. com reported on the **School of Graphic Communications Management students** who won the prestigious Grand Prize Helmut Kipphan Cup at the 62nd Annual TAGA Conference.

The *Globe and Mail* has carried several stories about the Ryerson University Sports and Recreation Centre at Maple Leaf Gardens, including the announcement that BBB Architects (BBB) & Stadium Consultants International (SCI) will provide architectural design services for the project. The *Toronto Star* and CFTO News also covered the announcement. The *Kingston Whig-Standard* mentioned Ryerson's student referendum on the new Sports and Recreation Centre.

Metro profiled **Sohail Rashid**, Psychology, a contender in the TVO 2010 Best Lecturer Competition.

The *National Post* and *Posted Toronto* quoted **Avner Levin, Paul Knox, Suanne Kelman, Grace-Edward Galabuzi** and **Judy Rebick** in follow-up coverage of the Task Force on Racism at Ryerson. The *Globe and Mail* published a letter to the editor on the task force's report. CTS's *On the Line*, CHQR-AM's *Rob Breakenridge Show*, CFRB's *Jim Richards Show*, *Full Comment*, *The Journal* (Queen's University) and *Macleans.ca* also reported on the Task Force. CAW-Sam Gindin Chair **Judy Rebick** appeared on CJBC-AM's *Y A Pas 2 Matins* and **Ruth Koleszar-Green**, Social Work, appeared on APTN *National News*.

The *Globe and Mail*, *Vancouver Sun*, *Ming Pao Vancouver* and *InsideVancouver.ca* reported that the award-winning exhibit *Out From Under: Disability, History and Things to Remember* produced by students, faculty and alumni from the School of Disability Studies opened at the Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad. The exhibit ran throughout the 2010 Vancouver Paralympic Games.

The *Ottawa Citizen* reported that Ryerson student **Katarzyna Blaszak** and a team of students from various universities won the design competition for a re-imagined Science and Technology Museum.

Global News, CFTO News, CityTV's *Breakfast Television* and CityNews at Six, the *Toronto Sun*, *Orillia Packet & Times*, *Auto North* and *Yonge Buzz* reported on the **Ryerson engineering students'** 24-hour Volkswagen Beetle Push to raise funds for Sick Kids Hospital. CKLP, CJBC and CFTR also reported on the fundraiser.

Joyce Smith, School of Journalism and Ryerson student **Nora Loreto** commented on Stephen Harpers' YouTube appearance on CHFD-TV's *Headline News*.

The *Toronto Star*, *Globe and Mail*, CBLT and CBC.ca reported that **Roy Morley**, Ted Rogers School of Management, was selected as a member of the TTC customer service panel.

The *Toronto Star*, *Jerusalem Post* and *Jewish Tribune* reported on Israeli Apartheid Week at Ryerson.

CAW-Sam Gindin Chair **Judy Rebick** appeared on CBC Radio's Q, discussing media coverage of the recent Olympics, and on *Canoe Live* on the topic of the recent federal budget. She spoke to CityTV News about changing the lyrics of the Canadian national anthem and was mentioned in a *Toronto Star* article about Israeli Apartheid Week.

Michelle Dionne, Psychology, spoke to CBW-AM about the dominance of Canada's female athletes at the Vancouver Olympics.

Yunxiang Gao, History, appeared on OMNI News: Cantonese Edition discussing the Olympic legacy.

Rams men's basketball coach **Roy Rana** spoke to the Globe and Mail about retaining Canadian basketball talent at home.

The Toronto Sun quoted **Gilary Massa**, of the Ryerson Students' Union, in an article on International Women's Day. CBC.ca reported that the International Women's Day March passed through Ryerson.

James Mars, Urban and Regional Planning, spoke to the Globe and Mail about the political future of Adam Giambrone.

Myer Siemiatycki, Politics and Public Administration, spoke to the *Globe and Mail* about the federal budget announcement. He was quoted in several *Globe and Mail* articles, the *National Post* and *Posted Toronto*, and appeared on Global News on the topic of Councillor Adam Giambrone and Toronto's mayoral race. He commented in the *Durham Business Times* on the election of a regional chairperson.

Bryan Evans, Politics and Public Administration, spoke to a number of broadcast and print media regarding the outcome of Ontario by-elections, including the Canadian Press, *Thunder Bay Chronicle-Journal*, *Owen Sound Sun Times*, CFRB, CIGL-AM, CFRA-AM, CBCK-FM, CBCL-FM, CKPC-FM, CBCK-FM, CKNX-AM and CFFX-AM.

John Shields, Politics and Public Administration, spoke to CityTV News following the announcement of the federal budget.

The Canadian Press, Canwest News Service, the *Hamilton Spectator*, *Edmonton Journal*, *Times & Transcript*, *Daily Gleaner*, *Guelph Mercury*, CFRA-AM and CFTR reported on the most recent book by **Colleen Carney**, Psychology, *Quiet Your Mind and Get to Sleep: Solutions to Insomnia for Those With Depression, Anxiety or Chronic Pain*.

Murray Pomerance, Sociology, spoke to CTV.ca about the Oscars race for Best Picture.

Ivan Joseph, Director of Athletics, spoke to Canoe Live about high school physical education programs.

Patrice Dutil, Politics and Public Administration, appeared on CIBC's *Y a pas 2 Matins* and CBLFT's *Le Telejournal Ontario* regarding Toronto's mayoral race. He spoke to TFO's *Panorama* about remarks made by Premier McGuinty regarding the TTC.

Neil Thomlinson, Politics and Public Administration, appeared on CBC Radio One's *Here and Now*, and *Metro Morning* about the Toronto mayoral race.

Paul Knox, Journalism, was quoted in the *National Post*, *Posted Toronto* and the *Toronto Star* about Toronto's mayoral race, the impact of Councillor Adam Giambrone's sex scandal, and tensions between TTC workers and riders.

Mitchell Kosny, Urban and Regional Planning, spoke to the *Toronto Sun*, Canoe Live and CFTO News about Toronto's mayoral race and Adam Giambrone.

Nina Cole, Ted Rogers School of Management, was quoted in the *Hindustan Times*, *Times of India*, *Business Week*, *Health 24*, the *Prince George Citizen*, *Cape Breton Post*, *Peterborough Examiner* and CBC Radio One's *Here and Now* regarding her study on office romance.

Author **Wayson Choy**, the keynote speaker at From Ideas to Solutions Conference 2010 at Ryerson, appeared on CBC Radio One's *Metro Morning* and was quoted in the *Daily Gleaner*.

A *Toronto Star* article on tomorrow's builders mentioned Ted Rogers' contributions to Ryerson.

Bravo's *Arts and Minds* profiled Image Arts alumnus **Edward Burtynsky**.

Marusya Bociurkiw, Radio and Television Arts, spoke to CBC Radio's *The Current* about her forthcoming book on Canadian media and nationalism in the wake of the 2010 Olympics.

Avner Levin, Ted Rogers School of Management, spoke to the *Toronto Star* about Foursquare, a new social networking site.

The *St. Catharines Standard* reported that **Heather Lane Vetere**, vice provost, students, spoke at a seminar on dementia.

Rob Wilson, Ted Rogers School of Management, spoke to CityTV News about the coffee battle between Tim Horton's and McDonald's.

Fernando Pardo, Ted Rogers School of Management, spoke to CJEO-TV News (Edmonton) about diversifying Canada's 2014 Olympic team.

Wendy Cukier, Associate Dean, Academic at the Ted Rogers School of Management, published an article in *Metro* on gender equality.

The *Toronto Star* reported that **Gervan Fearon**, Dean of the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education, would attend the Inspire Connect Achieve event.

Ryerson Fashion alumni participated in London's fall-winter 2010 fashion week, reported the *Toronto Star* and *Toronto Life* magazine.

Aino Lakk, employment counsellor at the Career Development and Employment Centre, was quoted in the *Globe and Mail* about the hunt for summer work.

Greg Elmer, Radio and Television Arts, spoke to the *Nanaimo Daily News* and *Gather* about social media.

Brent Barr, Ted Rogers School of Retail Management, was quoted in the *Toronto Star*, *New Brunswick Telegraph-Journal* and the *Trail Daily Times* about consumers' emotions governing their purchases.

Michael Kolios, Physics, spoke to Yahoo Finance about Tungle.me, used by more than 700 universities around the world to schedule meetings.

TheStar Blog reported on PodCamp 2010, hosted by the **School of Radio and Television Arts**.

Carol Sevitt, Department of Professional Communication, was quoted in a *Star Phoenix* article about foods that won't embarrass you on a date.

Rabble.ca published collaborative articles written by **journalism students at Ryerson** and University of Western Ontario.

James Norrie, Associate Dean, Administration at the Ted Rogers School of Management, appeared on CFMJ-AM's *John Oakley Show* discussing the Vancouver Olympic Games, and on separate occasions discussing the issue of a York University student under investigation regarding anti-Semitic postings, and the topic of false news published on Twitter.

The Kingston Whig-Standard reported that Professor Emeritus **Marvyn Novick** spoke in Kingston about Poverty in Canada.

Rena Mendelson, Nutrition, was quoted in Canadian Family magazine on the topic of eating chocolate.

Grace-Edward Galabuzi, Politics and Public Administration, spoke to Canoe Live about Toronto's centenary school.

Frances Gunn, Ted Rogers School of Retail Management, was quoted in *Now* regarding the re-branding of Value Village.

A *South Asian Focus* article on immigrants in the work force mentioned **Ryerson's Diversity Institute**.

A *Toronto Sun* article on student internships at the Vancouver Olympic Games mentioned Ryerson's internship program.

A *Playback* article profiled the founders of multi-media production company Sinking Ship: Ryerson alumni **Blair Powers, Matt Bishop and J.J. Johnson**.

Radio and Television Arts students **Brock Groombridge** and **Aisha Porter-Christie** were profiled in *Playback* articles that quoted Professors **Marion Coomey** and **James Nadler**, respectively.

April Lindgren, Journalism, publishes a regular column in *Metro*.

Prepared by the Office of Public Affairs.

**Report of the Secretary of Senate
April 6, 2010**

Results of the election for the Senate Priorities Committee, 2010-11

Vice Chair (Senate and Senate Priorities Committee): David Checkland (Acclaimed)

Faculty representative to SPC: Michael Kolios

(Michael Kolios 11, Liping Fang 3, Declined to vote 1 -- 15 of 33 possible votes cast)

Graduate Student representative to SPC: Charles Sule (Acclaimed)

Undergraduate Student representative to SPC: Andrew West

(Andrew West 6, Toby Whitfield 5, Declined to vote 1 — 12 of 15 possible votes cast)

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R Schulman, PhD
Secretary of Senate

**Report of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee
#W2010 –03
April 6, 2010**

1. Senate Bylaw amendment

The Committee reviewed the timing of Senate elections and determined that it would be more appropriate for these elections to occur in conjunction with elections to the Board of Governors. This would allow the Board and the Senate to collaborate on educating students about governance at Ryerson and to combine resources in terms of advertising and election procedures.

Currently the Senate Bylaw states that elections must be held before March 1. This would need to be changed to April 1.

Motion #1: That the Senate amend Bylaw section 3.3.1: “Senate: Elections shall be held annually before March 1”, to read: “Senate: Elections shall be held annually before April 1.”

2. Approval of Departmental Council Bylaw

The Committee has determined that the Bylaw of the Department of English meets the requirements of Senate Policy 45: *Constitutional Provisions for Department/School Councils*.

Motion #2: That Senate approve the Department of English Council Bylaw.

3. Statement on Freedom of Speech

The Committee submitted a draft Statement on Freedom of Speech to Senate for discussion at the January 26, 2010 meeting. An email address (freedomofspeech@ryerson.ca) was set up to receive comments on the draft, and the ten comments that were received are appended to this report. The Committee reviewed the comments and presents a new draft with “track changes” to Senate for further discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Shepard, Chair, for the Committee

Keith Alnwick, Carla Cassidy, Murtaza Haider, Olufemi Ijiwoye, Jurij Leshchyshyn, Jana Macalik, Melanie Panitch, Diane Schulman, Asif Sharif, Claudette Smith, Carol Stuart, John Turtle, Heather Lane Vetere, Andrew West

BYLAW
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Approved by Department Council

March 9, 2010

Approved by the Senate Academic Governance and Policy Committee

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Approved by Senate

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BYLAW OF THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENTAL COUNCIL

As approved by Departmental Council on March 9, 2010.

Mandate of Council

Students, faculty, and staff are partners in the functioning of the English Department. Departmental Council is the principal mechanism for bringing together these constituencies to identify, discuss, and resolve matters of mutual concern.

The specific mandate of the Departmental Council is:

- To develop, recommend, and maintain all policies relevant to the Department – and for the operation of the programs for which it is responsible – within the context of general University policies.
- To contribute actively to the operation and long-term planning of the Department through the creation of committees, working groups, and other mechanisms as deemed appropriate.
- To provide a forum for debate, discussion, and the dissemination of information on matters pertinent to the Department.
- To recommend major curriculum changes to the Academic Standards Committee of the Senate upon recommendation of the Department's Undergraduate Committee.

Authority of Council

In keeping with Ryerson's Policy #45 – *Constitutional Provisions for Departmental/School Councils* – the authority of Council is as follows:

- Council may initiate policy recommendations on any matter pertaining to the operation of the Department. If such policies have significance and effect only within the Department, approval by Council, and by the Departmental Chair and Dean, will provide authority for action. Such action will be reported by the Dean to Senate for its information.
- If such policies have extra-Departmental ramifications, they shall be transmitted to the Dean for discussion with the Committee of Chairs. If there are no ramifications beyond the Faculty, the matter may be settled with the approval of the Dean, and shall be reported to Senate by the Dean for its information. If there are broader ramifications, the recommendation shall be brought to Senate for action.
- In the event of a disagreement between Council and the Dean, or between Council and the Departmental Chair and Dean, the disagreement will be referred by the disputants to the Provost and Vice President Academic.

Without prejudice to the above protocols, the authority of the English Departmental Council embraces two additional principles:

- Council will not enter into debate or take action on any matter that would jeopardize customary expectations of confidentiality in respect to students, faculty, or staff, or on matters of a contractual nature.
- Council does not have the authority to override decisions made by the Departmental committees that do not formally report to it (for example, the Departmental Appointments Committee). Council does, however, have the authority to discuss such decisions and to provide advice, save in cases precluded by considerations of confidentiality and/or contractual requirements, as specified above. (The determination of such restrictions is the responsibility of the Chair of the Department.)

Membership

Membership on Departmental Council shall be comprised of the following:

- The Department Chair
- All RFA members of the Department.
- One representative of the Department's CUPE membership, elected by CUPE members
- All administrative staff (non-voting)
- A number of elected or appointed students from any undergraduate and graduate programs housed in the Department, to the ratio of not less than one-third and not more than one half of the total of RFA faculty members of the department, with a reasonable effort to have two-thirds of the students elected or appointed from the undergraduate programs housed in English, striving for representation from each of the four years, and one-third from the graduate program in English.

Voting

There shall be no proxy or absentee voting.

Chair of Council

The Chair of Council will be elected by and from Council members for a one-year term, normally at a Spring meeting of Council. The term for Chair of Council runs from September to September.

The Chair of Council is responsible for:

- calling and conducting meetings;

- setting agendas;
- maintaining a written record of Council decisions, actions, and recommendations, and ensuring that a copy of these records is filed with the Departmental Assistant;
- monitoring follow-up to Council actions.

The Chair of Council is a member, ex-officio, of all Council committees.

The Chair of Council may request another Council member to act in his or her stead on an interim basis.

There is no limit on the number of terms that may be served by a Chair, provided that an election is held duly each year.

Council Procedures

There will be no fewer than two Council meetings per academic year. Additional meetings may be held at the call of the Council Chair or at the request of at least three Council members, with a minimum of five days notice.

Notices of meetings normally will be distributed at least five days in advance in electronic form or hard copy.

Quorum is more than half of the voting members. RFA faculty members must constitute a majority of the members present.

Unless otherwise specified, decisions are made by a simple majority of voting members present at a meeting.

- A decision to amend the Council Bylaw requires a two-thirds majority of voting members present at a meeting, and can be taken only after written notice – including the text of the proposed amendment – has been provided to all members at least three days in advance of the meeting.

The Council Bylaw, including committee structure, will be reviewed at three-year intervals.

All matters of procedure not specifically addressed in this bylaw shall be governed by the provisions of Bourinot's Rules of Order.

Committee Structures, Mandates, and Composition

The standing committees and coordinators of Council and of the Department are as follows. Additional committees, coordinators, and working groups can be established at any time with the approval of Council or the Departmental Chair, as appropriate.

Chair's Advisory Committee

Department Chair; Graduate Director; Undergraduate Director; 1 elected RFA member.
Advises Chair on a range of matters pertaining to administration of the Department. Each spring, establishes, with the Chair, the composition, structure, and membership of the following year's Department committees, subject to ratification by Department Council.

Undergraduate Program and Curriculum Committee

Department Chair (ex-officio); Undergraduate Program Coordinator; Graduate Director (ex-officio); 4 RFA members. Committee may invite additional non-voting members.
Responsible for ongoing assessment of program and program requirements; ongoing assessment of curriculum; vetting course proposals; submitting any significant curriculum changes to the Council for approval and submission to the Academic Standards Committee, Senate or Curriculum Advising as appropriate; preparation of guides for the delivery of multiple course sections; development of protocols and rationale for modes of delivery including break-out groups.

Graduate Program Committee

Graduate Director; Department Chair (ex-officio); Practicum Director; 3 RFA members. Committee may invite additional non-voting members.
Responsible for student admissions and funding; determining appropriate funding scenarios based on SGS budget year-to-year; coordinating/planning events intended to enrich grad student experience (e.g. Distinguished Speaker Series); developing graduate curriculum and course offerings year-to-year; development of program policy and procedure; proposing curriculum changes as required. Policy and procedure changes are subject to approval of the Department Council.

Leaves Committee:

All tenured and tenure-track faculty of English, chaired by Department Chair or his/her designate

The Leaves Committee shall consider applications for leave made pursuant to the terms as set forth in the Collective Agreement between the RFA and Board of Governors, and shall have authority to act on behalf of Department Council with respect to such applications.

RYERSON UNIVERSITY SENATE

DRAFT April 5, 2010

Statement on Freedom of Speech

*In the toil of thinking; in the serenity of books; in the messages of prophets, the songs of poets and the wisdom of interpreters; in discoveries of continents of truth whose margins we may see; we delight in free minds and in their thinking.**

Ryerson embraces unequivocally the free exchange of ideas and the ideal of intellectual engagement within a culture of mutual respect. It is a powerful ideal that encompasses every dimension of the University. Everyone who is part of the University, as well as guests and visitors, has a role to play in this shared enterprise. This responsibility extends to both proponents and detractors of any idea or point of view. Recognizing and respecting diversity of people, thought and expression are essential and an integral part of the ideal.

*In the majesty of the moral order; in the faith that right will triumph; in the courage given us when we ally ourselves to truth in any form; in the privilege of being co-workers in good causes; we celebrate the unseen goals we share and serve.**

In order to achieve and sustain Ryerson's ideal, members of its community must have freedom of thought and expression, freedom from harassment or discrimination and the freedom to consider, inquire, and write or comment about any topic without concern for widely held or prescribed opinions. This right to freedom of thought and expression inevitably includes the right to criticize aspects of society in general and the University itself.

Ryerson does not avoid controversies, difficult ideas, or disagreements over deeply held views. When such disagreements arise within the University or within a broader social context, the University's primary responsibility is to protect free speech within a culture of mutual respect. The right to freedom of speech comes with the responsibility to exercise that right in an atmosphere free of intimidation and in an environment that supports those with opposing views.

While Ryerson is committed to freedom of thought and the free exchange of ideas, it is also recognized that there are limits to the right of free speech that are recognized in the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. When speech on campus is used in a way that is itself unlawful or prevents the lawful exercise of free speech by others, the University may act to prevent it.

Deleted: prevents the lawful exercise of free speech by others, interferes with University business, threatens in any way the safety or security of the community or is considered hate speech

*Let us build a world safe from war and oppression, free and satisfying, one that ultimately furnishes answers for us all.**

Deleted: In the language of the *Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, the right of free speech is "subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society".

(This statement is to be considered within the context of all other Ryerson policies addressing matters related to freedom of expression, behaviour, discrimination and harassment.)

*Ryerson Invocation, 1990

FALL READING BREAK - PROPOSAL

APRIL 6, 2010

Why a Fall Break?

- ❖ A fall break would provide much needed time for students to pause, reflect, consolidate and/or seek the advising necessary to get back on track and achieve academic success

Background

- ❖ In 2004, an Ad Hoc committee of Senate was struck to investigate the feasibility of a fall study break in response to sentiments that “the compression of the fall semester limited students’ ability to pursue ideas and intellectual or academic activities outside of those directly related to course requirements.”
- ❖ At the time of the Report, only a few universities had a fall study break
- ❖ The committee determined that “it is not possible to include a full week study break in the Fall semester without seriously compromising the 13 weeks of instruction or other key activities”
- ❖ Since the 2004 Report, the University of Ottawa, York University, U of T and University of Windsor have all created fall study breaks.
- ❖ A number of other Ontario Universities have some form of a fall study break:
 - Queens University
 - Trent University
 - Laurentian University
 - Nipissing University

SUPPORTING ARGUMENTS

- ❖ The face of education has changed: as tuition fees have drastically increased, students are working longer hours outside of class in order to finance their education, increasing the need for an extra break
- ❖ In a poll of Ryerson students in January 2010, 90% of respondents stated that they supported a study break in the fall
- ❖ Ryerson University is currently the only University in Ontario with 13 weeks of fall curriculum (excluding the Royal Military College of Canada)

Challenges

- ❖ Ryerson is a heavily professional institution, which involves a certain number of placement or practicum hours for students in specific programs, such as Nursing and Social Work
- ❖ Ryerson has programs with accreditation requirements, such as Engineering
- ❖ Ryerson has collaborative agreements with colleges such as Centennial and George Brown
- ❖ The fall semester is extremely constrained by Labour Day and the winter holidays
- ❖ Ryerson has a relatively short exam schedule compared to other universities
- ❖ There seems to be considerable concern in certain programs that 13 weeks of teaching is already limited time to complete required course content

Comparisons

University of Ottawa, 2010-2011

Fall Semester Start	September 7*, 2010
Fall Break	Oct. 24-30 (Sun – Sat)
Last day of classes	December 8, 2010
Pre-exam study period	NONE
Fall exams start-end	December 9 – 22 (12 days)
Winter Semester Start	January 5, 2011
Last day of exams	April 28, 2011

University of Toronto (Arts & Science), 2009-2010

Fall Semester Start	September 9, 2009
Fall Break	November 12-15 (Thurs – Sun)
Last day of classes	December 4, 2009
Pre-exam study period	December 5 – 8 (Sat – Tues)
Fall exams start-end	December 9 – 18 (8 days)
Winter Semester Start	January 4, 2010
Last day of exams	April 23, 2010 ^{York}

University, 2009-2010

Fall Semester Start	September 9, 2009
Fall Break	October 10-16 (Sat – Fri)
Last day of classes	December 8, 2009
Pre-exam study period	December 9, 2009 (Wed)
Exams start-end	December 10 – 23 (10 days *)
Winter Semester Start	January 4, 2010
Last day of exams	April 23, 2010

University of Windsor, 2009-2010

Fall Semester Start	September 9, 2009
Fall Break*	October 13-16 (Tues – Fri)
Last day of classes	December 9, 2009
Pre-exam study period	December 10-11 (Thurs & Fri)
Exams start-end	December 12 – 22 (9 days)
Winter Semester Start	January 7, 2010
Last day of exams	April 23, 2010

Ryerson University, 2009-2010

Fall Semester Start*	September 8, 2009
Fall Break	None
Last day of classes	December 4, 2009
Pre-exam study period	December 5-6 (Sat & Sun)
Exams start-end	December 7– 18 (11 days)
Winter Semester Start	January 6, 2010
Last day of exams	April 29, 2010

RECAP

	Ottawa		U of T	York	Windsor	Ryerson
	09-10	10-11				
Teaching Days Term 1	62.5	60	60	60	60.5	63
Exam Days Term 1	13	12	8	12	9	11
Teaching Days Term 2	63	63	59	60	64	64
Exam Days Term 2	14	13	13	13 (or 15)	10 (or 11)	11

Options presented

Option 1: full week off in October

Monday, October 10, 2011 – Friday, October 14, 2011 (Remove the “Friday is Monday at end of term”)

	Current	Proposed
Mondays	12	12
Tuesdays	13	12
Wednesdays	13	12
Thursdays	13	12
Fridays	12	12
Grading Days	4	4
Exam Days	11	11
Weeks Total	12.6	12.0

Option 2: Extended Thanksgiving

Monday, October 10, 2011 – Wednesday, October 12, 2011

	Current	Proposed
Mondays	12	12
Tuesdays	13	12
Wednesdays	13	12
Thursdays	13	13
Fridays	12	12
Grading Days	4	4
Exam Days	11	11
Weeks Total	12.6	12.2

Option 3: November break/long-weekend

Thursday, November 3, 2011 and Friday, November 4, 2011 (Wednesday November 2, is Monday schedule)

	Current	Proposed
Mondays	12	12
Tuesdays	13	13
Wednesdays	13	12
Thursdays	13	12
Fridays	12	12
Grading Days	4	4
Exam Days	11	11
Weeks Total	12.6	12.2

Considerations

- ❖ Accreditation and placement requirements
 - NOTE: as we are one of the few institutions running a 13 week schedule, many other institutions with professional programs currently operate on a 12.0 week schedule
- ❖ Timing
 - October vs. November
 - Drop deadline for courses is in November
 - End of term projects, assignments and papers are in November
- ❖ Length
 - four days (including Sat. & Sun) vs. a full week off
 - NOTE: in order to prevent a curriculum that is less than 12.0 weeks, the creation of a full week break would necessitate the removal of “Friday is Monday” at the end of term, thus eliminating the pre-exam study period
- ❖ Symmetry
 - The winter semester could be shortened to match the length of the fall semester
 - Impact of semester asymmetry on placements and instruction

RECOMMENDATIONS

❖ In consultation with the Senate Priorities Committee, we recommend:

- A. **OPTION 3**, with a possibility of starting the semester the **Wednesday** after Labour Day.
- B. That this change take effect in the 2011-2012 academic year
- C. That an Ad Hoc Committee be struck to develop an implementation plan

MOTION #1: That Senate endorse, in principle, the creation of a fall reading break in the first week of November, starting in the 2011-2012 academic year.

MOTION #2: That an Ad Hoc committee, consisting of:

- Registrar, as Chair (with power to add)
- Secretary of Senate
- 1 designate from each faculty, including the School of Graduate Studies
- 1 Chang school representative
- 2 RSU representatives
- 1 CESAR representative

be struck to determine an implementation strategy and report back to Senate no later than October, 2010.

