

Minutes of Academic Council

April 4, 2000

Members Present:

Claude Lajeunesse	(Chair)	Mary McCrae
Dennis Mock		Michal Bardecki
Linda Grayson		David Day
Charles Zamaria		Michael Finn
Leo Michelis		Lynn Harrison
Katherine Penny		Peter Pille
Alan Kaplan		Judy Pearce
Monique Richard		Tim Sly
Michael Miller		Juliana Carvalho
Kamran Behdinan		Michael Dewson
Rena Mendelson		Doug White (for Ira Levine)
Errol Aspevig		Marilynn Booth
Derek Northwood		Keith Alnwick
Eva Friesen		Marion Creery
Diane Granfield		Robert Haines
Peter Tretter		Linda Sculac
Rosario Amato		Nazmin Zaver
Judith Sandys		Dave Mason

Regrets:

Naushad Jamani

Beth Moore Milroy

Desmond Glynn

Juri Silmberg

Absent:

Edward Slopek

Jean-Paul Chavy

Susan Silver

Matthew Butko

John Hicks

Don Elder

John Craig Eaton

Gordon Cressy

Jack Radford

Sharon Frenkel

Perry Chen See

Ethan Zon

Judy Okten

Amirmakin Aziz

Mark Gunaratnam

Rahim Virji

Kishor Pillai

Erin George

1. President's Report

The President referred Council to the Achievement Report which highlighted the recent events on Campus.

2. The Good of the University

R. Haines assumed the position of Chair for this portion of the

Agenda. P. Stenton, Director of University Planning, made a presentation to Academic Council on the impact of the double cohort and demographic growth for full-time enrolment at Ryerson (copies of the slides presented are attached). He noted the current public policy environment, including capital funding, the operating funding parameters which are not clear at this time, and the need to develop Ryerson's response.

In response to questions from Academic Council members, P. Stenson also commented on the impact for part-time enrolment as well as the University's response regarding increasing student housing. L. Grayson indicated that the University was exploring any and all opportunities for student space. Potentially, one or two buildings could be used for students' residences, however, it was a question of accessing facilities and quality of space.

Concern was also expressed by a Council member regarding the overall cost to respond to the double cohort and the potential for the shortfall in funding. P. Stenton indicated that the Government is aware of this major issue and that without adequate funding, the University could not absorb the number of students that would be applying. In response to an inquiry whether funding could be sought from corporations, L. Grayson noted that what was needed was an ongoing base of funding and very few donors would be willing to provide more than one-time donations.

A Council member also inquired what the impact might be for field placements. J. Sandys replied that academic departments would take into account the pressure on field placements in projecting growth, recognizing that some areas would have limited capacity.

3. Minutes of the March 7, 2000 Meeting

One correction was noted for the minutes, which were moved to be approved by D. Mason and seconded by P. Tretter.

The motion was passed.

4. Business Arising out of the Minutes

C. Lajeunesse announced that the ninth honorary degree recipient at the Spring Convocation will be Bobbie Gaunt, President and CEO of Ford Canada. She will receive her Honorary Degree at the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science convocation ceremony.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received for Academic Council.

6. Reports of Actions and Recommendations of Departmental and

Divisional Councils

There were no reports submitted for Council.

7. Reports of Committees

i. Report #2000-03 of the Academic Standards Committee

D. Mock presented the Academic Standards report.

ii. Curricular Revisions to the Nursing Post-Diploma Degree Program

D. Mock reviewed the curricular objectives listed in the report. He noted the curriculum was summarized on pages 17 through 20 of the report. A motion was put forward by D. Mock and seconded by J. Sandys that Academic Council approve the revisions to the Post-diploma Degree Program in Nursing.

The motion was passed.

iii. Proposed Amendments to Ryerson's Policy on Minors

D. Mock reviewed the process undertaken by the Sub-committee of the Academic Standards Committee

which consisted of R. Goldsmith, K. Alnwick and K. Kellett-Betsos. D. Mock reviewed the proposed changes which will allow for wider student access to Minors. The proposed policy will also allow for extra courses that have been taken to earn a Minor within certain limitations. He reviewed the elements of the policy and noted it had been discussed widely in departments, Academic Planning Group and the Academic Standards Committee. A motion was put forward by D. Mock and seconded by K. Alnwick that Academic Council approve the amended Policy on Minors.

M. Finn commented that over the last two to three years, he had seen a few Minors approved where he felt they were close to the professional heart of the program. He indicated that he was concerned that Academic Council would not review minors closely enough in terms of both the breadth and the depth. D. Mock responded that the proposed policy did maintain the standard set by the initial policy whereby a Minor would not be offered to students within a program where it was too close to the professional courses offered in the program. R. Goldsmith indicated this issue had been discussed in the Committee as well as in the consultative process. He indicated that the change proposed in the new policy was neutral on this issue

and the policy makes it clear that Academic Council does have a role to play in terms of ensuring the integrity of the program. He indicated that a review will need to be undertaken regarding present and proposed Minors to ensure compliance with this element of the policy. There are presently 14 Minors which are to be reviewed under the proposed policy.

Following this discussion, the motion was passed.

iii Proposed Change of Degree Designation in Hospitality and Tourism Management

D. Mock reviewed the proposal, the curriculum, the admission requirements and noted the proposal was consistent with other programs elsewhere.

The motion was put forward by D. Mock and seconded by K. Penny that Academic Council approve the Bachelor of Commerce as the degree designation for graduates of Hospitality and Tourism Management.

A member of Academic Council inquired why the Bachelor of Commerce designation was selected over the Bachelor of Hospitality and Tourism Management. D. Mock responded that this designation was used by other

universities, such as the University of Guelph, which was our biggest competitor in this field. In deciding what the appropriate designation was, faculty, alumni and students had been consulted.

The motion was passed.

8. New Business

C. Lajeunesse requested a moment of silence to be held in remembrance of Karol Steinhause, Social Work Instructor, who died last week.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6.55 p.m.