

## MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2000

### **Members Present:**

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| C. Lajeunesse (Chair) | M. McCrae     |
| E. Aspevig            | S. Tullio-Pow |
| M. Dewson             | G. Mothersill |
| I. Levine             | C. Zamaria    |
| M. Truelove           | D. Day        |
| J. Sandys             | M. Finn       |
| M. Booth              | L. Michelis   |
| D. Northwood          | K. Penny      |
| K. Alnwick            | D. Martin     |
| C. Matthews           | P. Pille      |
| T. Knowlton           | F. Hare       |
| M. Creery             | J. Pearce     |
| B. Jackson            | Y. Yuan       |
| Tim Sly               | M. Miller     |
| J. Carvalho           | K. Behdinan   |
| S. Quigley            | D. Glynn      |
| J. Hicks              | K. Marciniac  |
| M. Siemiatycki        | B. Lozano     |
| E. Doolaar            | C. Wright     |
| N. Zaver              |               |

### **Absent:**

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| G. Cressy    | J. Chavy       |
| P. Morrison  | A. Kaplan      |
| J. Yee       | S. Singh       |
| J. Davenport | J. Tersigni    |
| J. Okten     | D. Hornik      |
| R. Elliott   | A. Aziz        |
| M. Butko     | J. Ellimoottil |
| G. Inwood    |                |

### **Regrets:**

R. Mendelson  
L. Grayson  
R. Ravindran  
C. McCracken  
K. Duplisea  
D. Herder

## **1. President's Report**

C. Lajeunesse commenced the meeting by introducing the new Ombudsperson, Nora Farrell, and welcoming her to Ryerson. He noted Ms Farrell had worked previously investigating complaints with the office of the Ombudsman in the Ontario Government, highlighting issues dealing with education, OSAP, workers compensation, medical and transportation. Ms Farrell thanked the President and Council for the opportunity of working at Ryerson.

C. Lajeunesse informed Council that Mr. Jim Wilson, Minister of Energy, Science and Technology had been on campus to formally announce the recipient of one of the Premier's Research Excellence Awards, Said Zahir. He informed Council that two other faculty members from Applied Science and Engineering - Dr. Bin Wu and Dr. Michael Kolios - are recipients of the award.

C. Lajeunesse informed Council members that members of the Board of Governors met with Dianne Cunningham and Kevin Costante of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities regarding Ryerson's unfunded BIU's.

Council was reminded of the anniversary of the unfortunate events at École Polytechnic in Montreal, and that a memorial service would be held in the Quad on December 6.

Council was informed that four graduate programs in Engineering were approved. The introduction of these programs to be at the discretion of the Vice President, Academic.

C. Lajeunesse also invited everyone present to the annual Ryerson Holiday Celebration which will be held on December 7, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

## **2. Good of the University**

C. Wright chaired this portion of the meeting. There were no items presented.

## **3. Minutes of the November 7, 2000**

The Secretary noted that on page 6, item 6, "FMP 500 should be amended to "FNP 500". K. Alnwick noted that on page 7, item b), last paragraph, retroactivity should be amended to read, "Fall 1993" and not "1992". C. Wright moved and K. Alnwick seconded the approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

## **4. Business Arising Out of the Minutes**

There was no business arising.

**5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for Council.

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

E. Aspevig presented this portion of the agenda. He gave a review of the course changes from Arts, Business, Community Services and Engineering. E Aspevig moved the motion from the Department of Mechanical Engineering to have its name changed to “Department of Mechanical, Aerospace and Industrial Engineering”. The motion was seconded by B. Lozano. **The motion was passed.**

Another item put forward for information was the first course change in the graduate program in Spatial Analysis which introduced the pass/fail grading system for one of the courses.

**7. Reports of Committees**

a) **Report #F2000-3 of the Academic Standards Committee (Various Motions)**

i) **Proposed Curriculum Change in Business Management**

E. Aspevig, as Chair of the Standards Committee, gave a review of various elements of the proposed change. A motion was put forward by E. Aspevig and seconded by J. Sandys that Academic Council approve the inclusion of Bus100 in the first semester of the Business Management Program. E. Aspevig informed Council that the Standards Committee had suggested that certain adjustments to the proposal be considered.

An inquiry was made as to what would happen if a student failed the course. E. Aspevig responded that the student would be required to repeat the course.

J. Thorpe was asked to elaborate on the methodology of the course. He informed Council that the course would include a self-reflective essay about the learning experience in the Business program. Attendance would also be required.

A Council member inquired whether the department would support students having difficulty with the program. J. Thorpe confirmed that support would be provided and that there would be follow-up procedures set into place.

A question was raised regarding the number of course hours in first semester Business. E. Aspevig responded that the present course load was 16 hours. E. Aspevig confirmed there was to be an evaluative report completed by the end of the Winter 2003 term.

In response to an inquiry as to how the course's effectiveness would be measured, J. Thorpe indicated that the methodology would draw on research in the field.

M. Finn moved and K. Marciniec seconded an amendment that the evaluative report be made in Winter 2002. The amendment was defeated. **A vote was taken on the main motion and the motion was passed.**

ii) **Proposed Part-time Program in Retail Management**

E. Aspevig provided an overview explanation of the rationale for the proposed part-time program. He noted this proposal would provide more opportunities for students to participate in the program. D. Smith, Chair of Retail Management, answered a number of questions related to the proposal. The timing of this proposal was determined by the desire to first ensure the full-time program was well established.

A motion was put forward by E. Aspevig and seconded by D. Martin to approve the Proposed Part-time program in Retail Management. The motion was passed.

iii) **Proposed Changes to the Minor in Business Information Systems**

Following an explanation of the minor and the amendments proposed, a motion was moved by E. Aspevig and seconded by J. Sandys, that Council approve the proposed curriculum changes and the new title, "Minor in Information Systems". **The motion was passed.**

iv) **Collaborative Program in Nursing**

E. Aspevig welcomed B. Summers and R. Kenny from Centennial College and Michael Cook and Pat Coward from George Brown College. He informed Council of the partnership formed amongst these colleges and Ryerson regarding a Collaborative Nursing Program. He noted that in this program, students may register for their first year either at the colleges or Ryerson, but that they will be on the Ryerson campus for their non-practicum during their third and final years.

E. Aspevig reviewed the main points of the Academic Standards committee recommendations with Council. He noted that the collaborative program did not conform to the letter of Ryerson's residency policy, but pointed out

that the Standards Committee felt that the curriculum, governance, and administration of the program was sufficient to meet the objectives of Ryerson's residency policy. He noted that approval of the Collaborative Nursing program was not intended to set a precedent for residency.

E. Aspevig moved the motion which was seconded by J. Pearce to approve the collaborative degree program in Nursing.

K. Tucker Scott outlined the structure of the program and indicated that Ryerson governance procedures would apply, including the appeals process and that the entire program was under the auspices of Academic Council. She added that there would be a standard set for faculty credentialing. Mature students entering the program without the normal six OAC's would be required to have a minimum of three OAC's and to meet other standards set by the program. K. Tucker Scott informed Council that the Collaborative Nursing Committee would establish quality assurances for the program. She added that Lead Teachers would coordinate activity within the program at the colleges and Ryerson.

E. Doolaar inquired whether this program would replace the current nursing program at Ryerson and was informed that the current program will continue only for those students currently registered; hence it will be gradually phased out. In response to an inquiry as to why a grade of "C" was required for nursing courses instead of "D-" which is required of other courses, J. Pearce informed Council that students require a higher level of knowledge in the professional nursing courses to be safe practitioners and to meet certification requirements.

In response to inquiries regarding additional staffing, E. Aspevig informed Council that additional staff would be required. The University would ensure that all collective agreements were satisfied.

In response to an inquiry on the GPA variation, E. Aspevig noted that a report will be forthcoming from the GPA Committee regarding general recommendations.

M. Doucet, President of RFA, commended the Nursing Committee for their excellent work. He inquired whether the Liberal Studies courses offered in the nursing program would be available to other students registered in the colleges, to which B. Summers of Centennial College responded that these courses would only be available for the nursing students.

J. Pearce then thanked everyone who had worked with the Nursing School on this proposal.

**The motion was passed.**

K. Tucker Scott acknowledged the college partners for their contribution towards the collaborative nursing program.

v) **Post-diploma Nursing Program**

E. Aspevig moved and J. Sandys seconded the motion regarding the Post-diploma Nursing GPA variances. **The motion was passed.**

vi) **Curriculum Changes in Image Arts**

E. Aspevig gave a review of the proposed adjustments in the curriculum. E. Aspevig moved and F. Hare seconded the motion for proposed adjustments to the first-year curriculum in Image Arts. In response to a question regarding the difference between production courses and technology courses, B. Damude explained that students learned the technological components of film and photography and that production was the creative aspect of the program. **The motion was passed.**

vii) **Curriculum Changes in Theatre Technical Production**

E. Aspevig provided an outline of the basis for the curriculum adjustments. E. Aspevig moved and G. Mothersill seconded the motion to approve the changes to the Theatre Technical Production programs as presented. **The motion was passed.**

viii) **Prerequisite Changes Arising from Secondary School Curriculum Reform**

Council was informed that the high school curriculum is changing and that OAC is being replaced by new "University" and "University/College" credits for grade 12 applicants to university. It was proposed that a new statement of minimum grade would be considered to replace the current minimum grade of "60% or higher..." as this grade no longer reflected the grades of incoming students. E. Aspevig moved and K. Penny seconded the motion that Academic Council approve the admission requirements as presented for implementation in Fall 2003. K. Alnwick explained that a mixture of "U" and "U/C" courses will be accepted to meet the six required courses for admission and that these courses have been evaluated by the COU.

D. Northwood inquired about the requirement of ENG4U and the standard minimum grade requirement. Council was informed that students would be required to take ENG4U prior to enrolling in other Grade 12 "U" English courses. Minimum grade requirements for prerequisite courses will be addressed in the coming year. Further information will be circulated to

secondary school students.

K. Alnwick informed Council that the issue of prerequisites for Continuing Education certificates would be looked into at a later date.

b) **Composition Committee**

C. Lajeunesse, Chair of the Committee, gave a review of the structure of the Committee and the recommended action that graduate students have representation on Academic Council. K. Kwan stated that she had spoken with two alumni - M. Butko and J. Ellimoottil as well as AVPA. R. Mendelson and that they all supported the recommendation. The motion was moved by C. Lajeunesse and seconded by J. Sandys that Academic Council permit one of the designated seats for an alumnus to be filled by a graduate student who is also an alumnus. A discussion ensued regarding the options available to the Composition Committee. A few concerns were raised as to the size of the graduate pool available from which nominees might come forth. **The motion was passed.**

At the conclusion of the discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.