

MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, December 4, 2001

Members Present:

C. Lajeunesse	I. Levine
E. Aspevig	C. Cassidy
L. Grayson	R. Ravindran
M. Dewson	J. Sandys
G. Inwood	D. Heyd
M. Booth	G. Mothersill
D. Northwood	J. Cook
K. Alnwick	M. Barber
C. Matthews	F. Hare
T. Knowlton	Y. Yuan
S. Williams	M. Creery
A. Cross	B. Jackson
J. Hicks	K. Penny
S. Wasti	T. Barbiero
O. Bay	A. Furman
N. Zaver	M. McCrae
M. Dowler	K. Hampson
M. Mazerolle	D. Martin
J. Monro	A. Pevec
N. Lister	S. Quigley
F. Salustri	G. Turcotte
D. Elder	S. Wicary
K. Lee Law	R. Rodrigues
G. Cressy	

Members Absent:

R. Malinski	N. Parmar
J. Yee	D. Amernic
D. Henriques	S. Sabih
F. Frkovic	R. Kup
D. Tsanos	M. Rashid

Regrets:

R. Mendelson	K. Marciniac
L. Lum	D. Glynn
J. Ellimoottil	R. Virji
M. Barber	

1. President's Report

A special presentation by the President entitled Budget Forecast - 2002 and Beyond, open to the entire University Community, was given at 5:00 p.m.(slides attached).

The presentation focused on the Ryerson's financial history and a budget forecast for the next several years. Slides presenting current and projected revenues and expenditures were discussed. These included projected shortfalls as a result of various funding issues. Areas of potential growth were detailed as well as some potential areas of competition.

A consultative document concerning the mechanisms for dealing with the projected shortfall has already been distributed to the Chairs and Directors for their input at a meeting later in the week. It will then be widely distributed and discussed.

Other items:

Recognition of Dr. Ling Guan as Ryerson University's first Canada Research Chair: Dr. Guan, from the Electrical Engineering Department gave a short speech thanking the University for its support.

Recognition of Dr. Margaret MacMillan's appointment as Provost of Trinity College at the University of Toronto effective July, 2002.

Announcement of a short ceremony at noon on December 6, marking the anniversary of December 6 slayings of women at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal.

2. Report of the Secretary of Academic Council

There have been no further comments on the policies listed at the November meeting as archived, deleted, or under review. Policies 3 and 97 should be added to the deleted policies. Work was well underway on the review of existing policies.

The reformatted Policy on Grading, Promotion, and Academic Standing (The GPA Policy) was attached, along with an appendix listing those programs with variations to the policy. Specific variations would not be included in the policy, and the calendar should be taken as the most current version of the variation. In the policy, 3.0 (b) should read "only final course grades, INC, and F-S grades will be used as a basis for determining academic standing."

The Academic Council website should be operational in January.

Notice was given that there will be a motion to amend the By-Laws of Academic Council at the January meeting. The deadline for agenda items for that meeting is December 18.

3. The Good of the University

O. Bay called on N. Farrell, Ombudsperson, to present the Ombudsperson reports for the past two years. The University was commended for the way in which problems were addressed in a non-confrontational manner. The ombudsperson acts not as a student advocate or as a University apologist, but as an impartial conduit for problem resolution. The reports focused on three major areas of

concern: increased availability of academic advice; management of conflict; and academic misconduct and its prevention and handling.

L. Grayson, Vice President, Administration and Student Affairs, thanked the Ombudsperson for the way in which she worked with the administration to solve student concerns. She further responded that she was concerned about the issue of civility and that it was important that it be addressed. A committee would be formed to discuss the issue.

E. Aspevig, Vice President, Academic, also stated the importance of having issues raised and resolved, and that the recommendations of the report would be discussed by the Dean's at a subsequent meeting.

N. Zaver, President of CESAR, commended the work of N. Farrell and her predecessor, L. Hoffman, and the responses of the Vice Presidents. He asked why there was no time given for the resolution of the fee statement issue, and L. Grayson responded that the upgrading of the computer system was still in process and it was not known when it would be completed. It was also asked how the issue of increased advisement would be handled in light of budget problems. E. Aspevig responded that there would be discussions of how to more efficiently use existing staff.

O. Bay, President of RyeSAC, also commended the Ombudspersons and thanked the University for its response. She noted that improvement is a continuous process.

4. Minutes of the November 6, 2001 Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes.

C. Matthews moved and K. Alnwick seconded

Corrections: C. Cassidy was in attendance.

On page 6 of the minutes, the second paragraph under "Discussion" should read "if there were an ancillary fee."

Passed unanimously.

5. Business arising out of the minutes

None

6. Correspondence

None

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

E. Aspevig presented the curricular changes in Arts, Business Management, Communication & Design, Community Service, Engineering, and Graduate Studies. An additional form was distributed for Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Motion: That Academic Council approve the name change of the "Department of Architectural Science & Landscape Architecture" to "Department of Architectural Science."

D. Northwood moved and R. Ravindran seconded

Passed unanimously.

8. Reports of Committees

i) Nominating Committee report #F2001-3

R. Rodrigues was nominated as a student representative from Continuing Education.

Motion: That Academic Council approve the nominations of the Nominating Committee.

K. Penny moved, D. Northwood seconded.

Passed unanimously.

Academic Standards Committee report F2001-3

E. Aspevig moved the following and turned the floor over to C. Stuart, Vice-Chair of the committee for presentation and responses.

Motion #1: *That Academic Council approve the minor in Family Supports and Community Practice to be jointly delivered by the School of Early Childhood Education and the School of Nutrition.*

Seconded by S. Williams.

It was noted that this was the first minor offered by Community Services.

Passed unanimously

Motion #2: *That Academic Council approve the proposed modifications to the Urban and Regional Planning curriculum.*

Seconded by S. Williams.

It was noted that the changes were driven by program review, and that the School had worked hard on the initiative, which brought the program more in line with other University programs. Implementation will be phased in as the old curriculum is phased out.

Passed unanimously

Motion #3: *That Academic Council approve the designation of Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning for students graduating from the School of Urban and Regional Planning.*

Seconded by J. Monro.

It was noted that the acronym for the degree would be B.U.R. Pl., and that the name was chosen by investigating degree and program designations in the US and Canada both at the Bachelors and Masters levels.

Passed unanimously.

Motion #4: *That Academic Council approve the proposed degree in Urban and Regional Planning (2-year post degree option).*

Seconded by S. Quigley.

The degree is modeled after the Journalism post-degree option, and is actually already being done. Liberal Studies courses will now be an admission requirement rather than a graduation requirement. This would not have an effect on BIUs as these students are upper class students and are filling positions vacated by others. They are already budgeted for. Students receive the same degree as existing students.

The intensive course is offered in the summer by Continuing Education.

Passed unanimously.

Motion #5: *That Academic Council approve the proposed modifications to the Civil Engineering major.*

Seconded by D. Northwood.

Changes are made in response to an external review by the accrediting agency, and the needs of the profession. The changes would be phased in as the old curriculum is phased out.

Passed unanimously

Motion #6: *That Academic Council approve the proposed modifications to the admission and graduation requirements from the Occupational Health and Safety and Public Health and Safety Options for University Graduates.*

Seconded by R. Ravindran.

It was noted that the name of the Department was incorrectly stated in the report. It is the School of Occupational and Public Health and the options are Occupational Health and Safety and Public Health and Safety.

It was noted that the word "who's" should be changed to "whose" throughout the proposal.

Passed unanimously.

Motion #7: *That Academic Council approve the proposed modifications to the Journalism curriculum.*

Seconded by I. Levine.

It was noted that the reduction in hours of the courses would not necessarily provide sufficient time for students to complete the work.

Passed unanimously.

Motion #8: *That Academic Council approve the proposed modifications to the Image Arts curriculum.*

Seconded by I. Levine.

These are a continuation of the changes already made to the first year curriculum.

There was extensive discussion about the difference between Professional and Professionally Related electives. This discussion will be continued in a broader sense by the Committee.

Passed unanimously.

Motion #9: *That Academic Council approve the proposed modifications to the Graphic Communications Management curriculum.*

Seconded by G. Mothersill.

The reduction in hours in this program still keeps it within the guidelines.

Passed unanimously.

9. New Business

None.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

