

MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, October 5, 2004

Members Present:

Ex-Officio:

K. Alnwick
E. Aspevig
S. Boctor
M. Booth
C. Cassidy
M. Dewson
L. Grayson
A. Kahan
T. Knowlton
C. Lajeunesse
I. Levine
C. Matthews
J. Sandys
P. Stenton
S. Williams
M. Yeates

Faculty:

H. Alighanbari
J. P. Boudreau
D. Checkland
S. Cody
J. Dianda
M. Dionne
M. Dowler
F. Duerden
D. Elder
C. Evans
C. Farrell
M. Greig
R. Hudyma
A. Johnson
N. Lister
D. Mahoney
M. Malone
D. Mason
M. Mazerolle
D. McKessock
G. Mothersill
B. Murray
M. Nicholson
S. O'Neill
S. Rosen
P. Schneiderman
D. Shipley
K. Tucker Scott

Students:

R. Akhavan
M. Anecchini
D. Ayub
A. Bridges
F. Gorospe
L. Islam
A. Jurczak
A. Ladhani
K. Medri
S. Mirowski
S. Norrie
T. Nguyen
R. Rose
V. Tighe

Alumni:

J. Gryn
L. Merali

Regrets:

A. Lohi
I. Guindo
C. O'Brien
K. Penny
F. Salustri
T. Spencer

Absent:

1. President's Report – The president welcomed everyone to the first meeting of Academic Council for 2004-05 and moved the agenda to item 2.1, Nomination of Vice Chair. Jim Dianda and Sheila O'Neill were asked to give short introductions prior to the vote.

Ryerson has appointed two more Canada Research Chairs - Irene Gammel, who will be joining the Faculty of Arts, and Michael Kolios, who is currently in the Department of Math Physics and Computer Science.

The Rae report was released last Friday, and members were asked to read the report, available at www.raereview.on.ca or from the Secretary. Ryerson is concerned about the recommendation to develop differentiated universities, and that will be a major focus of the Ryerson response to the report. A series of Roundtable Dialogues and Town Hall meetings are scheduled and Ryerson is assigned the last session on December 8. A delegation of 7-10 people will be present to represent the institution.

The government decided that this would be the last year of the student opportunity trust fund, even though it had been announced as an 8-year program. Institutions such as Ryerson which exceeded the target are being penalized as promises for student funds are not being met by the government.

Fall convocation is on October 20. Honorary Doctorates will be presented to Jack Cockwell and Dr. Michael Goodchild.

The State of the University address will be on October 14 at 1:30 p.m., in the new Engineering building (ENG 103).

The President thanked the faculty and staff who represented Ryerson at the University Fair. Gene Logel and Charmaine Hack were particularly commended. Thousands of Ryerson bags were distributed.

The Vice Presidents made a presentation on the new academic term. E. Aspevig reported on admission and enrolment statistics. Fall registrations at Ryerson were down far less than that at other institutions. There was a drop in applications – specifically, in IT and engineering programs. Increased intake in other programs compensated for this drop. G. Logel, P. Stenton and K. Alnwick were commended for their work on admissions offers. G. Logel's success rate in meeting targets is exceptional.

Graduate enrolment has increased and the new PhD programs have met or exceeded their targets. There was an increase in new tenure track faculty and a decrease in LTF. There are 4 additional professional librarians.

L. Grayson presented on support for students and facilities. Teams of students called more than 5000 students and contacted 3000 of them, providing information on Ryerson. Workshops were offered for incoming students with 600 participants and 3600 students attending orientation. The first-year message board was very successful. There were 26,000 hits. In addition, there are a number of programs for students which continue through the

year. The tri-mentoring program has over 1000 student participants. A variety of other programs are offered. The activities of Student Services focus on the work of the Task Force on Student Success and Retention, which highlights the need for students to connect. More information on programs can be obtained from her office.

The distribution of OSAP, bursaries and work study awards were outlined. There is a workshop on English and communication support. Marion Creery and her staff were commended.

Physical facilities – The Centre for Computing and Engineering was opened. There were a variety of facility improvements made, including the upgrading of classrooms and labs, the Ronald D. Besse Information and Learning Commons, O’Keefe House, accessibility projects, and increased wireless access. A list of the 38 classrooms which have been renovated is available. Ian Hamilton was commended for the work of his team.

A. Kahan announced that University Advancement has moved to 415 Yonge Street, bringing all members of his team together in one place. The Invest in Futures Campaign has raised \$65M. A new cabinet has been formed for the business building and a \$65M campaign has been launched. The naming gift is \$15M. Homecoming this past weekend was very successful. Alumni development has a new strategic plan, and there is a task force in process. New signs will be erected on Jorgenson Hall. A University report will be published shortly.

The annual campaign is to exceed \$1M, including a family campaign. The new fundraising system has been installed. The web system is under major review.

The President introduced Shirley Lewchuk, the new Secretary of the Board of Governors.

2. Report of the Secretary of Academic Council

D. Schulman announced that Jim Dianda was elected as Vice Chair for the 2004-05 session of Academic Council. The President thanked both Sheila O’Neill and Jim Dianda for running for the position.

D. Schulman stated that the documents included with the agenda were for Council’s information. Included were Academic Council By-Laws, the Ryerson Act, a list of Academic Council members and members of committees, and an Academic Council Schedule.

As part of the ongoing review of Academic Council Policies, four policies: (Policy 18 - Organization of Continuing Education; Policy 62 – Policy on Resale of Desk Copies Provided Free of Charge to Faculty; Policy 73 – Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Learning & Teaching; and Policy 94 – Educational Facilitator/Coordinator) were all removed as policy as they were either reports, recommendations or obsolete, and are not policy.

Nominations for Honorary Doctorates for 2005 are open and due by October 29.

3. Good of the University

D. Mason asked about the tobacco policy on campus. L. Grayson responded that there is no advertising or sale of tobacco. The only place it could be purchased was at the Oakham House Pub, whose board decided that the sale would continue. She agreed that that decision would be revisited considering the new legislation on smoking in bars.

4. Minutes

Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2004 meeting
C. Matthews, seconded by D. Mason

Motion approved.

5. Business Arising

There was no Business arising.

6. Correspondence

A memo from the Chair of the Board of Governors, distributed over the summer, and a report from the 2003-04 COU Colleague, Sanjeev Bhole, were circulated in the agenda.

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

Motion: That Academic Council approve the name change of the “*School of Justice Studies*” to “*School of Criminal Justice*”.

E. Aspevig moved, T. Nguyen seconded

Motion approved.

Motion: That Academic Council approve the name change of the “*Department of Politics and School of Public Administration*” to “*Department of Politics and Public Administration*”.

E. Aspevig moved, D. Mason seconded.

Motion approved.

E. Aspevig presented changes in Business and Engineering and Applied Science.

8. Reports of Committees

Report of the Awards & Ceremonials Committee – The report was amended as follows:

There were 3795 candidates in total approved for June 2004 graduation, which included 3030 Undergraduate, 72 Masters and 693 Certificate students. This compares to 3522 total candidates in June 2003; including 2806 Undergraduates, 26 Masters and 689 Certificates students. Of the June 2004 Undergraduate candidates, 439 graduated with Honours, as compared to 379 for June 2003.

Report of the Nominating Committee

Motion: That Academic Council approve the nominees as presented in the report of the Nominating Committee.

M. Dionne moved, M. Booth seconded.

Motion approved.

Report of the School of Graduate Studies

Motion: That Academic Council approve the submission of a proposal for an MN in Nursing to the OCGS for Standard Appraisal.

M. Yeates moved, K. Tucker Scott seconded.

A summary of the program was distributed in the agenda and a full description is available on the website. The curriculum vitas (CVs) are available for viewing in the School of Graduate Studies. Karen Spalding gave an overview of the program.

Motion approved.

Academic Council was thanked by K. Tucker Scott for its support, and M. Yeates thanked the School of Nursing for its work.

There were several course changes presented by graduate studies for information.

Report of the Academic Standards Committee

Motion: That Academic Council approve the periodic program review as conducted by the Theatre School with the recommendations listed in the ASC evaluation section.

E. Aspevig moved, I. Levine seconded

M. Zeytinoglu presented the report as distributed. Recommendations of the ASC were outlined.

Motion approved.

Motion: That Academic Council approve the periodic program review as conducted by the School of Fashion with the recommendations listed in the ASC evaluation section.

E. Aspevig moved, I. Levine seconded

M. Zeytinoglu presented the report as distributed. Recommendations of the ASC were outlined.

Motion approved.

D. Checkland commended the committee and the schools for the clear reviews. He commented on the importance of clarifying departmental SRC expectations when faculty start. He also noted the recommendations for the improvement of facilities.

Motion: That Academic Council reject the periodic program review as conducted by the School of Graphics Communication Management.

E. Aspevig moved, D. Mason seconded

M. Zeytinoglu presented the report as distributed. He reviewed the history of the report and noted the reasons for the rejection of the review, which do not in any way reflect the quality of the program

Motion approved. (3 abstentions)

D. Mason expressed his sympathies to GCM, but stated that he was pleased to see that the program review process works. It was clarified that the program has been asked to redo its program review and that it be resubmitted.

Report of the Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs on the Report of the Committee to Review the Learning and Teaching Office.

M. Dewson informed Council that the entire committee report is on his website for review. He had formed a committee to examine the operations and role of the LTO. There are a lot of initiatives which are quite different from what the office did in years past. He invited discussion on the floor, but encourages further written comments. He commended committee members for the report.

C. Matthews stated that she is delighted to see a commitment to a Learning & Teaching Office and the role it plays at Ryerson. She requests that the acquisition of resources be coordinated with the library.

The President thanked the Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs, and the committee.

9. New Business

There was no new Business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Diane R, Schulman
Secretary of Academic Council