

**MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2005**

**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  
Z. Murphy  
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  
A. Lohi  
D. Mahoney  
M. Malone  
D. Mason

**Students:**

R. Akhavan  
F. Gorospe  
I. Guindo  
K. Medri  
T. Nguyen  
S. Norrie  
T. Spencer  
V. Tighe

**Regrets:**

A. Bridges  
J. Gryn  
A. Ladhani  
N. Lister  
N. Loretto  
L. Merali  
F. Salustri

**Absent:**

M. Annecchini  
D. Ayub  
A. Jurczak  
S. Mirowski  
M. Nicholson

**1. President's Report** – President Lajeunesse welcomed everyone to the last meeting of Academic Council for 2005-05. He introduced Sheldon Levy, who will be assuming the position of President on August 1, and outlined his background in academia. Mr. Levy commented that he had come to know those members of Academic Council who served on the search committee and thanked them for their hospitality. He has been walking around the University to get acquainted with as many people as possible and finds it obvious that this is a university of which everyone is proud to be a part. He commented that Dr. Lajeunesse was always a champion for the funding of unfunded BIUs and he believes that any success in this area will be largely due to Dr. Lameness's efforts. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to address Council.

President Lajeunesse commented that it is hoped that the provincial budget will be favourable to the Rae report and that the issue of unfunded BIUs will be addressed. P. Stenton was recognized for his efforts in this area.

Dr. Lajeunesse noted that the work of Academic Council over the past year has included name changes for Justice Studies, Politics and Nutrition, program reviews, significant work on curriculum change, new programs (both graduate and undergraduate), and work on the Rae review. He congratulated the Board Chair, M. Guerriere who was recognized as Ryersonian of the Year by the RFA, and thanked D. Checkland for that recognition. He invited everyone to the Faculty Conference on May 17.

The Sarwan Sahota Award for Distinguished Scholarly, Research and Creative Activity was presented by Judith Sandys. The award was established in 1993 by Sarwan Sahota to recognize the SRC accomplishments of the faculty. The 2005 award was presented to Dr. Said Easa, Department of Civil Engineering, for his SRC accomplishments in the field of transportation engineering. Dr. Easa thanked Ryerson for the recognition. He thanked the President for the institution of graduate degrees and thanked Drs. Boctor, Liss and Lachemi, as well as his graduate students for their research work.

**2. Report of the Secretary of Academic Council**

D. Schulman presented the Academic Council calendar as distributed in the agenda.

**3. Good of the University** J. Dianda, Vice Chair, presided.

M. Dowler reported the successful concert of the Oakham House Choir and on the success of several of the choir's soloists.

M. Dionne noted that several students had received Dennis Mock Leadership Awards, and that no information had been posted or distributed on these awards. L. Grayson volunteered to ensure that those responsible would do this next year. K. Tucker-Scott also commented that they were not forewarned of the awards event.

D. Checkland announced that D. Mason would be the President of the RFA as of May 10 and that M. Dionne would also be on the RFA executive.

J. Dianda reported that as COU representative, he was congratulated Ryerson's appointment of Sheldon Levy as President.

J. Dianda read the following motion, which was also distributed to members of Council as he spoke, on behalf of members of Academic Council:

**Ryerson University Academic Council**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**May 9, 2005**

WHEREAS: Claude Lajeunesse has served as the President of Ryerson University since 1995 and has presided over more than eighty meetings of Academic Council; and

WHEREAS: in the last ten years Ryerson has been transformed with the addition of a School of Graduate Studies offering four doctoral programs and ten masters programs to more than six hundred and thirty graduate students; and

WHEREAS: a climate of scholarly research and creative activity has been cultivated and grown through such initiatives as the establishment of Ryerson Research Chairs, and external research funding has increased to over \$10 million; and

WHEREAS: Ryerson has both retained outstanding faculty and attracted four hundred and forty dynamic new faculty; and

WHEREAS: eleven new undergraduate programs, including programs in arts and sciences, have been developed, bringing the total number of full and part-time programs to almost seventy; and

WHEREAS: the University has experienced a marked increase in the academic qualification of its students, a fifty-percent growth in full-time undergraduate enrolment and a sixty-percent increase in continuing and distance education registrations; and

WHEREAS: services for students have been significantly expanded to enhance the whole student experience; and

WHEREAS: diversity and equity have been encouraged and supported; and

WHEREAS: the staff have wholeheartedly supported the University's transformation through their dedication and commitment; and

WHEREAS: University facilities have undergone the largest expansion in thirty years through a \$210 million development plan which will ultimately lead to the addition of six new buildings to the Ryerson campus; and

WHEREAS: the University has attracted wide ranging and generous support from the external community;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Academic Council expresses its gratitude to Dr. Claude Lajeunesse for his outstanding leadership of, and extraordinary contributions to, Ryerson University during his ten years as our President.

T. Nguyen seconded the motion.

J.P. Boudreau thanked C. Lajeunesse for shepherding Ryerson through the last ten years. S. Williams thanked him on behalf of her Faculty for his work on the funding of unfunded BIUs and thanked both him and Nicole Lajeunesse for opening their home to celebrate the accomplishments of the Ryerson Faculty and Staff. G. Mothersill thanked him for making Ryerson a better place for students as well as for teachers and researchers. E. Aspevig thanked him for the extraordinary amount of work he does for the University and K. Alnwick has thanked him for his support of his area and the implementation of the student administrative system. T. Knowlton thanked him for what he has done for the Faculty of Business and his work on the buildings for the Faculty. M. Booth applauded him for his recognition of the continuity of education. A. Kahan thanked him for all of his efforts in University advancement, noting that he is well known and well esteemed in the community. C. Matthews thanked him for his contribution to the library, but more importantly for his kindness to people. M. Yeates thanked him for advancing graduate studies, and commented that there is now another doctoral program making the total five, that by September there will be 13 masters programs, and that the growth will not stop. S. Cody thanked him for the transformation of the campus, and the work of University advancement and the receipt of the Black Star collection. J. Dianda commented that he had spoken with Dennis Mock at the COU meeting, and that Dr. Mock had mentioned all of the items mentioned in the resolution, commenting that none of this could have happened without a strong Presidential lobby to the government and noting the remarkable success of the University under the leadership of Dr. Lajeunesse.

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

J. Dianda asked that Academic Council's thanks be given to Nicole Lajeunesse. He then presented the formal resolution to the President.

C. Lajeunesse thanked Academic Council and stated that one of his most pleasant jobs at Ryerson was the chairing of Academic Council. He recognized John Cook as a distinguished long-time member of Council.

**4. Minutes**

**Motion to approve the Minutes of April 5, 2005.**

D. Mason moved, J. Sandys seconded

C. O'Brien noted that D. Checkland also spoken on the issue of the on-campus arrest of W. Maxwell and that the minutes should be amended to reflect that the issue of the potential effects of the relationship between Ryerson and non-status people were in question and that there is concern for individuals who may come to harm as a result of such actions.

D. Checkland stated that he wished the following to be stated: There is a potential chill on doing research on issues of non-status individuals; there is concern about the participation of non-status individuals in events on campus; there is a concern about the safety on campus for both those who visit and those who are students and faculty; and there is concern about the role of Security and the dynamic that led to the arrest.

D. Schulman will report on this in the minutes of the current meeting.

**Motion approved.**

**5. Business Arising**

**5.1 Report on Examinations, Grading and Promotion**

E. Aspevig presented the report as distributed in the agenda. The APG was consulted, and they consulted further with chairs/directors.

In summary:

Examinations and Grading - The examination schedule will be released earlier; exams will be scheduled by type; and there will be a 72 hour period for evaluation between the end of exams and the day grades are due.

Promotion - Promotion meetings are currently voluntary; altering the promotion standards for first-year students and the elimination of promotion meetings will be reviewed for both the Fall and Winter semesters.

E. Aspevig will present a follow-up report in December.

**5.2 Report on Timetabling**

K. Alnwick presented the report as distributed in the agenda. The APG was consulted, and they consulted further with chairs/directors.

In summary:

Faculty loading has been moved to April 1 with submissions for Fall and Winter done simultaneously; work will be done on the Winter schedule in July; there will be a minimum of manual overrides to the new scheduling software and special needs requests will have to be approved by Deans and Chairs; and while requests for informal tutorial hours will remain a challenge, official tutorial requests will be accommodated.

D. Checkland asked about the need for approval of a request for a day off, given the requirement for SRC. He asked if this could be made a greater scheduling priority. K. Alnwick responded that a request for a non-teaching day would be considered. Other requests would be considered a special request. 80% of faculty have made such a request.

T. Nguyen asked about student timetables, and it was clarified that the July and November dates are for faculty timetables. Timetables will be distributed to students in early August and that there continue to be issues about the release of student timetables for Winter.

S. Cody asked about the guidelines for the approval of special needs requests. K. Alnwick will arrange meetings to discuss these with Chairs/Faculty and guidelines will be disseminated.

**5.3 Continuing Education Students' E-Mail Accounts** – M. Booth presented her memo which responded to the issue raised at the last meeting. In the next year, students who declare that they are registered in a certificate will be assigned an email address. Distance education students already have an email address.

**5.4 Formation of *Ad Hoc* Committee re Benefactor Naming**

D. Checkland reiterated the motion brought to AC on the formation of a joint committee with Board to discuss benefactor naming. The Board has delayed action on this until more information is gathered and has it on the agenda for its meeting in June. In anticipation of the possibility of the establishment of the joint committee, he made the following motion.

**Motion: That Academic Council hold an election at this meeting to name the four representatives to the Joint Board of Governors/Academic Council Committee as stipulated by Academic Council at its March 2005 meeting so that this Committee, if approved by the Board of Governors, may be fully constituted and able to proceed discharging its mandate as soon as possible.**

D. Mason seconded.

**Motion approved.**

D. Checkland and R. Hudyma volunteered to serve as the faculty representatives and V. Tighe volunteered to serve as the student representative. Both C. Cassidy and C. Matthews volunteered for the fourth position and C. Matthews was elected by secret ballot. A. Kahan, who has been requested to serve ex officio on the committee, will call a meeting of these members as soon as possible.

#### 5.5 Motion re Ryerson Security and Wendy Maxell Affair

D. Checkland outlined the motion as presented in the agenda and moved the following:

**Motion: That Academic Council call upon the President and the Vice-President Administration and Student Affairs to report fully to Council at the first meeting in Fall 2005 regarding the events of March 4, 2005; and**

**That upon receipt of the report of the President and Vice-President Administration and Student Affairs, Academic Council determine whether there is a need to review current policy regarding the calling onto campus of, and the sharing of information with, external law enforcement agencies and, on the basis of that determination, make such recommendation(s) as it deems advisable.**

L. Grayson seconded the motions.

M. Dowler asked if, through the RFA net, information on Wendy Maxwell could be distributed. D. Checkland commented that he could do that, but that there is not much known. It was also acknowledged that not everyone gets that distribution.

**First Motion approved.**

Discussion of second motion: D. Checkland noted that in the US, researchers can be issued a security certificate to allow for research into such areas and there is currently a lobby to get such certificates in Canada. J. Sandys pointed out that it is required child abuse be reported but that there is no requirement to report other matters.

D. Checkland specifically asked that the following questions be addressed in the response:

- Did Immigration Canada request that Ryerson University/Ryerson Security pass on information about, or take other action with respect to, Wendy Maxwell which lead to her subsequent arrest on March 4? If so, what information was requested and what passed on? And by whom, to whom?
- Did any such request also involve requests for information about other individuals?
- Was any such request accompanied by a judicial order? Were any such requests complied with?
- Is Ryerson's administration in receipt of legal opinion regarding any obligations Ryerson may or may not have with respect to sharing information with Immigration Canada or other law enforcement agencies?

He also stated that if there is a potential threat to people on campus then certain events will not occur. There are also issues related to research and research ethics. If there is a legal obligation to divulge information a number of research projects are threatened.

**Second Motion approved.**

**6. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**7. Reports of Actions and recommendations of Departmental and Divisional Councils**

7.1 From Arts – The amendment to previously reported Liberal Studies credits for ESL courses was presented. The Motion to change the name of Department of Philosophy was postponed.

7.2 From Community Services - Clarification on the offering of INT courses in Food and Nutrition was presented – these will be instituted for Fall 2006, and students who take them through CE in 2005-06 will be able to get credit through course substitutions.

7.3 From Communication and Design – Course additions in Interior Design were presented.

7.4 Report of the School of Graduate Studies

7.4.1 M. Yeates stated that the PhD in Chemical Engineering has been approved the MN Nursing will be appraised next week and there are consultants for the Early Childhood MA coming next week. The table of the current status of graduate programs was presented, and it was noted that the Biomedical Physics is an MSc not a PhD program.

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the submission of the proposal for an MBA/MMSc in Management of Technology and Innovation to the Ontario Council for Graduate Studies for standard appraisal.**

M. Yeates moved, R. Hudyma seconded

The report was presented by M. Yeates.

J. Dianda asked about the program admission requirement for business experience. There are a variety of ways to get this experience and it was clarified that some minors in Business would qualify for this.

**Motion approved.**

W. Cukier was thanked for her work on this proposal. I Levine acknowledged C. Davis, Research Chair in New Media Management, for his work on the program.

7.4.2 Courses in Communication and Culture cross-listed with York University were submitted.

**7.4.3 Motion: That Academic Council approve an additional 10 course option to the MEng in Mechanical Engineering to the current option which is 8 courses and a 2-credit research project.**

M. Yeates moved, D. Mason seconded.

It was clarified that the research option would be preferable for students planning to pursue further graduate education.

**Motion approved.**

7.4.4 Course changes in Civil Engineering, Chemical Engineering and Electrical and Computer Engineering were presented.

**7.4.5 Motion: That Academic Council approve three fields of specialization for the program in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the Masters level to coincide with the three fields at the Doctoral level.**

M. Yeates moved, C. Evans seconded.

**Motion approved.**

**7.4.6 Motion: That Academic Council approve an additional 10 course option to the MEng in Electrical and Computer Engineering to the current option which is 8 courses and a 2-credit research project.**

M. Yeates moved, D. Mason seconded.

J. Dianda asked why this option is not retroactive as was the one in Mechanical Engineering. This is because Electrical Engineering has relatively few first year MEng students and know that their current students are sufficiently well advanced to complete the MEng with RP; whereas the Mech Eng department has a large number of first year MEng who have not yet begun their RP.

**Motion approved.**

7.4.7 The addition of a research seminar in Electrical and Computer Engineering was announced for information.

**8. Reports of Committees**

8.1 Report of the Nominating Committee

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the following nominees for Standing Committees for 2005-06.**

M. Dionne moved and seconded.

It was clarified that the list in the report included only those members being nominated to the committee to fill vacant positions and that it is not the entire list of committee members. The membership of the committees is established by the By Laws. It was suggested that, in the future, the complete committee lists be presented.

**Motion approved.**

**8.2 Report of the Academic Standards Committee**

E. Aspevig moved all motions. The report was presented by M. Zeytinoglu, Vice-Chair of the Committee.

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the program in Child and Youth Care leading to a Bachelor of Arts (Child and Youth Care).**

J Sandys seconded.

J. Dianda asked if, in the future, rationale could be given for standards variations. In this case, what counts as a “pass” should be detailed. C. Stuart, Director of the School, stated that the requirement for a pass (75%) is specified in the course outline.

Correction to page 42 of the agenda:

**Curriculum:** "12 professionally-related: 8 required and 3 elective, ..." should read:  
The proposed full-time curriculum consists of 41 one-semester courses (23 professional: 21 required and 2 elective, 12 professionally-related: 8 required and 4 elective, and ...

Correction to Page 52 of the agenda:

Semester 5 table

**LIBERAL STUDIES ELECTIVE - GROUP A:**

**Two** one-term course required from Table B. 1 3

Should read:

**One** one-term courses required from Table B. 1 3

**Motion approved**

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the program in Psychology leading to a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology).**

JP Boudreau seconded

Correction to page 45 of the agenda **Admission:** "Grade 12 U (ENG4U/EAE4U is the preferred English) ..." should read:

The admission requirements for the Psychology and the other social sciences programs are an O.S.S.D. or equivalent with six Grade 12 U/M courses, including Grade 12 U **English** (ENG4U/EAE4U is the preferred English) ...

JP Boudreau acknowledged members of the department who had worked on the proposal.

It was clarified that the statistics course offered to all social science programs will have sections tailored to the different disciplines.

**Motion approved.**

J.P. Boudreau was commended for his work on the program.

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the Minor in Child and Youth Services.**  
K. Alnwick seconded.

**Motion approved.**

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the revised admission requirements to Engineering Programs**  
D. Mason seconded.

**Motion approved.**

**Motion: That Academic Council approve the revised admission requirements to the Computer Science program.**  
D Mason seconded.

Correction to page 48 of the agenda:

Six Grade 12 U courses in: English, Advanced Functions and Introductory Calculus (MCB4U), one of Physics (SPH4U), Chemistry (SCH4U), Biology (SBI4U), and either Geometry **or** Discrete Mathematics (MGA4U), Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U). Geometry and Discrete Mathematics (MGA4U) is the preferred course.

Should read:

" ... either Geometry **and** Discrete Mathematics (MGA4U) **or** Mathematics of Data Management (MDM4U)."

**Motion approved.**

**9. New Business**

F. Duerden raised an issue regarding the Academic Council minutes. He stated that there was an imbalance in the reporting of the debate at the March 2005 meeting concerning benefactor naming. He believes that pertinent statements made by those other than administration were not recorded and that the minutes did not objectively report the discussion. For example, he cited that the arguments he made about the sense of ownership faculty have about their departments and disciplines had not been recorded. D. Mason and D. Checkland supported the claim. He stated that while the minutes of that meeting state that he "trusted the administration" what he did say was that while he felt the current administration acts with good-will and therefore could be trusted, there was no guarantee for the future and therefore there needed to be a transparent consultative process for benefactor naming. The President stated that if there is a concern about the minutes that should be conveyed at the time and/or sent to the Secretary in advance. F. Duerden responded that, as he was doing research in the

Arctic, he was not at the meeting where the minutes were approved. He had asked that someone else raise the issue, and they had.

J. Dianda commented on collaborations with colleges and on the need to monitor college programs. This is not currently done across the system.

C. Lajeunesse noted that I. Levine and T. Knowlton were ending their terms as Deans and were to be commended.

**10. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Schulman, Ph.D.  
Secretary of Academic Council