

MINUTES OF ACADEMIC COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Members Present:			
<u>Ex-Officio:</u>	<u>Faculty:</u>		<u>Students:</u>
K. Alnwick	P. Albanese	R. Keeble	G. Alivio
E. Aspevig	D. Androustos	J. Lassaline	A. Ashraf
S. Boctor	I. Baitz	D. Lee	L. Brown
C. Cassidy	C. Baskin	D. Mason	R. Castelino
G. R. Chang	J. P. Boudreau	A. Mitchell	O. Falou
M. Dewson	V. Chan	J. Morgan	T. Koulik
D. Doz	T. Dewan	S. Rosen	N. Loreto
U. George	M. Dionne	A. Singh	J. Pierce
S. Giles	D. Elder	C. Stuart	M. Quazi
L. Grayson	E. Evans		R. Rose
A. Kahan	C. Farrell		A. Warnick
S. Levy	M. Greig		L. Yung
A. Shilton	R. Hudyma		
P. Stenton	G. Hunt		
A. Venetsanopoulos	D. Johnston		
M. Yeates	C. Katsanis		<u>Alumni:</u>
<u>Regrets:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>		
L. Bishop	B. Campbell		
P. Corson			
S. Edwards			
C. Evans			
A. Ganuelas			
R. Gherman			
T. Haug			
K. Jones			
A. Lyn			
L. Merali			
M. Panitch			
R. Ravindran			
P. Schneiderman			
D. Sydor			

1. **President's Report** – The President introduced Dr. Raymond Chang, newly appointed Chancellor, to Academic Council. Dr. Chang stated that he views Ryerson as an organization marketing to students, and that Council has responsibility for the design and quality control of the product. In order to understand Ryerson better, he wishes to understand the product better.

The President reported that there had been a Board retreat in which a report on demographics was presented. It is planned that this report will be presented at the January Academic Council meeting.

2. **Report of the Secretary of Academic Council** – no report

3. **Good of the University** – E. Evans chaired.

D. Elder stated that TAs have been waiting weeks to be paid, and many were not paid as of October for work since September. There have been 25 grievance filed. L. Grayson agreed that there are processes that need to be corrected, but that these corrections are not easy. Once there is a new Human Resources Management System (HRMS), which is in process, this will be easier. Emergency checks were given to those who needed it. D. Elder commented that the emergency checks were for \$75.

N. Loreto reported that the RSU Multi-Cultural show was well attended.

N. Loreto commented that Ryerson came out last for large class sizes for third and fourth year students in the Macleans report. . The President noted that in the Globe and Mail survey Ryerson did quite well, and that Macleans used year-old data comparing it to university data that was less than a year old. Although the data are suspect, that does not mean there is not an issue. The result would be better if this year's information was in it. P. Stenton commented that Globe and Mail places Ryerson in the large university category, and we are second in that survey. Macleans categorizes Ryerson as a medium university.

N. Loreto commented on complaints about class noise and the lack of faculty control over their classes.

N. Loreto stated that students are not adequately informed that they can opt out of using Turnitin.com. She stated that there is no mention of the opt out on the Turnitin.com page on the Ryerson site. D. Schulman noted that the opt out is required on all course outlines when Turnitin.com is used and that it is so noted on the website. R. Rose noted that there is a concern about the use of Turnitinc.com as integrated with Blackboard. D. Mason stated that he is concerned about the use of Turnitin.com as there is concern with the US Patriot Act. He understands that many faculty like to use the service. The President stated that the use of Turnitin.com is Academic Council policy.

D. Androutsos asked if it was possible to have a class composite picture. The President stated that this is apparently a FIPPA issue and there will be a report back.

D. Elder asked that CUPE and the community be kept apprised of public- private partnerships and that these not drive academic policy.

D. Mason commented on the reorganization of the Faculty of Business and asked when this will be made clear to the community. E. Evans replied that K. Jones is ill this evening and not in attendance. This will be brought back to Council next month.

N. Loreto commented that Ryerson requires that 100% of tuition fees be paid, and those who do not get their OSAP in time incur late fees. K. Alnwick responded that this would require a change in University policy and practice.. There needs to be further discussion, and there will be a report back to Council.

N. Loreto claimed that graduate students are denied work study as only undergraduate students in province are qualified. L. Grayson stated that the Ontario work study program requires students to be Ontario residents but that Ryerson operates a parallel program for non- Ontario students. The province has its own criteria, but the Ryerson program does not exclude graduate students.

A. Ashraf asked about the scheduling of two exams in his program on the same day, especially on Saturday, as students work part time and are full time students. K. Alnwick observed that there are 23,000 students to schedule and space problems that add to the problem. The departments received an advance copy of the schedule, and the problem referred to was not indicated. Exams must be scheduled on Saturday to get through the exam period. It is impossible to spread out the exams for all 23,000 students, and the policy does not preclude two exams in one day. Students are welcome to consult with their instructors.

L. Brown raised an issue about a biochemistry course in Nutrition, which had been rescheduled due to a faculty conflict. One hour of the course ended up online, and there are issues with that component. E. Aspevig asked for more information on this matter.

J. Morgan commented that the University should take on a greenish – or environmental- view, and asked if there been any thought to solar power or green roofs. L. Grayson stated that in the selection process for the master planners this was a factor. There is a green roof on the Engineering building and on the RAC. The University has taken several initiatives which can be viewed on her website, and has received an award for waste minimization. There is a long way to go, but the University takes environmental issues seriously. The University has not investigated solar power, but the cooling for the new Business Building comes from the lake, and steam is used for heating. D Mason reported there will be an RFA seminar of Eco-University.

4. Minutes

The minutes will be amended to correctly spell the name of O. Falou. A. Ganuelas is an alumnus, not a student.

Motion to approve: O. Falou, A. Shilton seconded.

Motion approved.

5. **Business Arising** – There was no Business Arising
6. **Correspondence** – There was no Correspondence.
7. **Reports of Actions and Recommendations of Departmental and Divisional Councils**

7.1 From Arts:

Motion # 1 *That Academic Council discontinue the Diploma in Arts.*

C. Cassidy moved, JP Boudreau seconded.

L. Yung asked how many diploma programs would be left, and it was reported that there would be none.

Motion approved

Motion #2 and #3 were combined – *That Academic Council approve the separation of the School of Criminal Justice from the Department of Politics and Public administration as of January 1, 2007, and that the Department be named the Department of criminal Justice and Criminology.*

C. Cassidy moved, J.P. Boudreau seconded.

Motion approved

C. Cassidy asked M. Moshe to stand to be recognized for her over 10 years of work on this program.

7.1.4 - for information only. J. Morgan commented on the duplication of course names on page 29 (HST110 and HST210). HST 210 should be “American History: Reconstruction to World Power”. He also noted that there is a repetition of courses on page 35

7.2 From Business - for information

7.3 From Communication and Design

Motion: *That Academic Council discontinue the two-year Bachelor of Journalism program for university graduates (post-baccalaureate program), effective end of Winter 2008.*

D. Doz moved, A. Shilton seconded.

N. Loreto asked, considering that a master’s program is more theoretical, will it mirror what was required in the 2 year degree. P. Knox stated that the master’s program is a professional program is similar and will be taught at a much higher level.

Motion approved.

7.3.2 - for information

7.4 **From Community Services** - for information

7.5 **From Engineering, Architecture and Science** - for information

7.6 **From School of Graduate Studies**

Master of Health Science (MHSc) in Nutrition Communication -

Motion: *That Academic Council approve the submission of the proposal for an MHSc in Nutrition Communication to the Ontario Council of Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal*

M. Yeates moved L. Brown seconded

Motion approved

R. Mendelson and J. Chappell were thanked for their work in developing the graduate program.

7.6.2 - for information

8. Reports of Committees

8.1.1 Report of the Nominating Committee

Motion: *That Academic Council approve the new members of The Academic Standards Committee and the Composition and By-laws Committee*

M. Dionne moved, J. Morgan seconded

Motion approved

8.2 Report #F2006-1 of the Academic Standards Committee – E. Aspevig made all motions.

8.2.1 Motion #1: *That Academic Council approve the new Minor in English.*

C. Cassidy seconded.

Motion approved

8.2.2 Motion #2: *That Academic Council approve the proposed curriculum changes in the Midwifery Education Program.*

N. Loreto seconded.

Motion approved

8.2.3 Motion #3: *That Academic Council approve the proposed curriculum changes to the Electrical Engineering and the Computer Engineering programs.*

S. Boctor seconded.

Motion approved

8.2.4 Motion #4: *That Academic Council approve the proposed curriculum changes in the Journalism program.*

N. Loreto seconded.

J. Morgan stated that the change represents a drop of 50% in professionally related courses, which he believes is a serious diminution in this area. The minor approved in English calls for 7 courses and students will have to take an extra course to get this minor. For the sociology minor, they may be two courses short. M. Zeytinoglu stated that the current minors policy states that students may need to take additional courses to access a minor and this is not unusual. J. Morgan stated that this policy should be reviewed. M. Zeytinoglu stated that ASC reviewed the curriculum, and as a whole, approves the merits of what is proposed. J. Morgan stated that if there are to be drastic cuts the Faculty of Arts needs to be informed so that it can plan.

R. Rose asked how the streams will work. M. Zeytinoglu explained that in the new curriculum there is no requirement to select a stream but students can structure a program to essentially get the same stream they get now. P. Knox state that the program is designed to create greater flexibility. There will be a variety of new options that are not currently offered and more preparation fro graduate studies.

Motion approved.

8.2.5 Motion #5: *That Academic Council approve the proposed revision to the academic standing variations in the Journalism program.*

O. Falou seconded.

Motion approved

8.2.6 Motion #6: *That Academic Council approve the proposed curriculum changes in the Image Arts program.*

R. Hudyma seconded

Motion approved

8.2.7 Motion #7: *That Academic Council approve the proposed revisions to admission requirements for the programs in the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science.*

O. Falou seconded.

K. Alnwick noted that this and the following motions reflect the changes to the High School Math curriculum

Motion approved

8.2.8 Motion #8: *That Academic Council approve the proposed revisions to admission requirements for the programs in the Faculty of Business.*

K. Alnwick seconded.

Motion approved

8.2.9 Motion #9: *That Academic Council approve the proposed revisions to admission requirements for the International Economics and Finance program.*

C. Cassidy seconded.

Motion approved

8.2.10 Motion #10: That Academic Council approve the proposed curriculum revision in the Optional Specialization in Management Sciences.

O. Falou seconded.

Motion approved

8.2.11 Motion #11: That Academic Council approve the proposed revisions to the Minor in Human Resources Management.

G. Hunt seconded.

C. Stuart asked if the change is immediate. K. Alnwick will report back, but when there is an enabling change it is normally immediate.

Motion approved

8.2.12 Motion #12: That Academic Council approve the proposed clarification to the academic standing variation in the nursing programs.

U. George seconded

Motion approved.

9. New Business

9.1 Motion as stated on page 133.

N. Loreto seconded G. Alivio

N. Loreto stated that February 7 is the student day of action, in support of more funding for postsecondary education, and lower tuition fees, depending on the province. Faculty and administration need to support this action. She noted that there are some concerns about the wording of the motion, which direct the faculty as to what they should do. A similar motion was passed at the University of Ottawa.

E. Aspevig commented that he had a discussion with N. Loreto on the motion. His concern was that there may be labs and studios on that day, and that relatively few of the students would be away. He supports the idea that government be made aware of the issues. He is proposing wording that is the same as that in the note he sends to faculty in regard to the Student Picnic in September.

**Motion . that the wording of the last section of the motion be amended to read:
Be It further resolved that the Provost communicate to faculty that they should make every effort to accommodate students while maintaining the integrity of courses.**

E. Aspevig moved, K. Alnwick seconded the amendment.

J. Morgan asked for clarification of the statement. E. Aspevig stated that faculty have the authority to determine what is reasonable. It was clarified that it is the professor's judgment and that this would not be an appealable matter.

Motion to amend approved.

The motion as amended was discussed. N. Loreto stated that the support of faculty and administration is appreciated.

Motion approved.

Further New Business

E. Aspevig reported that the Chief Librarian, C. Matthews, was struck with a serious illness last February. As her recovery is taking some time she believes that it would be appropriate to seek a replacement. She does hope to return to the library. L. Bishop has been acting as Chief Librarian, supported by the senior library management team, and that approach will continue in the meantime. The committee will be struck as soon as possible with an appointment by June 30, or sooner. The process of establishing a search committee requires nominations from Academic Council. E. Aspevig will inform C. Matthews of Academic Council's good wishes.

D. Mason asked if it would be appropriate to make the announcement of the Vice Provost Student Services, and E. Aspevig stated that he was not prepared to do so at this time.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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