

1. President's Report

The President updated his written report:

- Ryerson is moving forward on the gallery that is primarily to house the Black Star collection. Diamond Schmitt has been selected as the architectural firm.
- The names of Honorary Doctorate recipients are included in the report even though the list is not complete. Norman Jewison has accepted but as he cannot attend in 2007 he will be honoured at convocation in 2008. There are a few more calls that need to be made.
- In his notes he commented on the remarkable number of first choice applications to Ryerson (an increase of 17.5%). He believes that outside the double cohort year no large university has had such an increase. Other universities have essentially flat line numbers. A large number of students see Ryerson as their choice. Everyone contributes to this and they were thanked.
- The President commented that the issue of the effect of the US Patriot Act on Ryerson, raised by D. Mason at the last meeting, is an issue that needs to be addressed. J Hanigsberg, University General Counsel, will take a serious look at this issue.
- At the last meeting, the Good of the University session was so long that some members left before many of the agenda items were addressed. He proposed the striking of an *ad hoc* committee to look at the Good of the University in the context of the entire agenda. He asked those who wished to join L. Evans (Vice Chair), E. Aspevig and him on the committee to send their name to the Secretary. There should be a student.
- The President introduced P. Stenton who made two presentations: *Looking Forward – Ryerson 2021* and a report on the 2006 NSSE results. The slides on the Looking Forward presentation and the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) report were both distributed. The first report gave a demographic overview of the significant growth expected in the GTA, the relation to public transportation, and the needs for university spaces to accommodate this growth. Ryerson's possible responses to this growth were also presented. The Board has determined that Ryerson should remain a downtown university and not consider a satellite campus.

In response to an item in the report, N. Loreto commented that she was concerned about the amount of time students needed to work.

S. Levy commented that neither York nor U of T is planning to grow. This may mean that there needs to be another university in the GTA or that a college needs to become a university. This is a non-trivial problem for the GTA.

The NSSE is designed to measure good educational practices, not to be a student satisfaction survey. There are five benchmarks of effective educational practice that are measured. NSSE was first administered at Ryerson in 2005 as a dry run for this year. In 2006 all Ontario universities were required to participate. First and fourth year students were surveyed, and there was a 37% response rate. The results are summarized in the report. The comparators for the 2006 survey were more appropriate than the 2005 comparators. The comparative results were summarized. It

takes several years to see meaningful change in results. Consultations will continue on what the key questions are that Ryerson should track. Fifteen questions have been identified. This survey has been used to support the budget, included as a measurement of the quality agenda, and integrated in the Academic Planning process and Multi-Year Agreement. If there are further questions, please email to P. Stenton.

2. Report of Secretary of Academic Council

The Secretary reported on the change in date for the April meeting to April 4, and on the dates for elections.

3. Good of the University

D. Elder informed Council that because of a system problem some CUPE instructors have not been paid and are working without a contract. They are not officially employees and do not have access to technology, class lists, etc. He received his contract today. M. Dewson stated that this was not a system problem, but that the paper work had not entered the system. When Human Resources was made aware of the situation it made arrangements for emergency checks and steps have been taken to ensure that such a problem does not arise in the future.

N. Loreto announced that next week is the National Day of Action, and that the Board of Governors had passed a similar motion to that of Academic Council. She encouraged members to be involved. Materials are available from her.

4. Minutes:

Motion: That Academic Council approve the minutes of the December 5, 2006 meeting.

N. Loreto moved, D. Mason seconded

Minutes approved

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

N. Loreto stated that on page 13 of the agenda there is a mention of a report on fees. S. Levy replied that every university has a penalty for late fees and this is standard practice.

6. Correspondence

The President met with the Premier's office about supporting Ryerson in its attempt to find ways to help Toronto while helping the University. It was suggested that the Mayor should endorse this concept, and the letter from Mayor Miller followed. This letter is important to Ryerson and the Mayor is to be thanked for doing this.

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

7.1 From the Chang School of Continuing Education

E. Aspevig passed the floor to A. Shilton, who reported that Policy 76 dates to 1991. The review process for certificate programs should be comparable to degree programs, and in light of the 2005 review of the Periodic Program Review policy, it was appropriate to

review this policy as well. There is an update of the policy, and procedures that are attached to the policy. This is consistent with the format of other policy revisions. Financial viability considerations have been moved to the procedures. A task group prepared an initial draft which was widely reviewed. A subsequent draft was submitted to APG and ASC. There have been 6 drafts, and this final draft was approved by the School Council.

Motion: That Academic Council approve the revisions to Policy 76: Revised Policies and Procedures pertaining to Certificate Education at Ryerson.

A. Shilton moved, A. Mitchell seconded

J. Morgan noted the name “Chang School” is used in the report to refer to the School of Continuing Education, and that the name “Chang School” does not, by itself, reference the function and activities of that school.

Motion to amend: That the name be changed throughout to “The Chang School of Continuing Education”

J. Morgan moved, R. Rose seconded

In the ensuing discussion it was pointed out by R. Hudyma that the official name is the G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education and that that should be the name used throughout the policy. J. Morgan agreed to amend.

Motion to amend the policy to replace the “Chang School” with the “G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education”.

Motion approved

7.2 From Graduate Studies

Motion #1: That Academic Council approve the submission of the proposal for a Master of Science in Applied Mathematics to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

M. Yeates moved, J. Morgan seconded

M. Yeates stated that this is a 2-year research oriented program

Motion approved.

Motion #2: That Academic Council approve the submission of the proposal for a MA/PhD in Psychology to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

M. Yeates moved, J.P. Boudreau seconded

M. Yeates stated that this is a 2-year Masters and a 3-4 year PhD program. The MA would be commenced first, and the PhD 2 years later. Accreditation from the American and Canadian Psychological Association will be necessary so that students can practice officially.

J.P. Boudreau clarified that there are number of fields in the Master's program. The members of the committee which developed the proposal were recognized.

J. Morgan asked if there were US Patriot Act issues involved with the American Psychological Association accreditation of the program.

Motion approved.

S. Ferrando was thanked for his work on the math proposal.

The items for information were presented.

J. Morgan asked about the difference between items that need to be discussed and those that are for information, particularly in regard to the removal of the oral defense in International Economics. M. Yeates stated that not requiring an oral defense was always an option.

8. Reports of Committees

8.1 Report of the Composition and By Laws

8.1.1 Motion #1: That Academic Council approve the proposed changes to its By-Laws with respect to the composition of the Learning and Teaching Committee.

S. Levy presented the motion and O. Falou seconded.

S. Levy commented that it was appropriate to have the Vice Provost Students on the Learning & Teaching Committee.

R. Rose asked about the difference between ex-officio voting and non-voting. It was the recommendation of the committee that this be a voting position. The wording of the composition will be corrected to read "Twenty" instead of "Nineteen".

Motion approved.

8.1.2 Motion #2: That Academic Council approve the proposed changes to its By-Laws with respect to the composition and terms of reference of the Awards & Ceremonials Committee

D. Mason moved, L. Brown seconded

S. Levy stated the Awards & Ceremonials Committee took all of the input received about convocation. One of the suggestions was that there is a student on the committee. The

proposal is that there is an undergraduate and a graduate student. He himself proposed that the Committee be chaired by the Provost, as he wanted it to be clear that the work of the Committee is academic. It is also clarified that the Committee makes awards on behalf of Academic Council.

J. Morgan stated that it is inappropriate for the committee to approve awards on behalf of Council, and that Council should meet *in camera* to approve the awards. The President stated that there is no procedure for *in camera* meetings in order to have a confidential conversation. There have been very strong processes put in place for the Committee.

The word “diploma” will be removed from the Terms of Reference.

D. Mason stated that the word “*ex officio*” means by virtue of office and that stating it is redundant. The composition should, however, state if the position is voting or non-voting.

Motion approved.

8.1.3 Motion #3: That Academic Council approve the By-Laws of the Department of Civil Engineering

D. Mason moved, N. Loreto seconded

The President stated that the By Laws met the requirements of Policy 45.

Motion approved.

8.2 Report of the Nominating Committee:

8.2.1 Motion: That Academic Council approve the nominees for the Standing Committees as listed in the report.

M. Dionne moved, O. Falou seconded

Motion approved.

8.3 Report of the Academic Standards Committee

8.3.1 Motion #1: That Academic Council approve the proposed revisions to admission requirements for the Direct Entry (full- and part-time) program in Child and Youth Care.

E. Aspevig moved. C. Stuart seconded.

Motion approved.

Addendum: Motion #2: That Academic Council approve the proposed revisions to admission requirements for the Fashion Communication, Fashion Design, Graphic Communications Management and Interior Design programs

E. Aspevig moved, J. Morgan seconded

Motion approved.

9. New Business

D. Mason asked that the Composition and By Laws Committee look into what is required for *in camera* meetings.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Secretary of Academic Council