

**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, October 7, 2008**

1. President's Report – the President recognized the recipients of the 2008 Ryerson Teaching Awards. Provost Shepard introduced Rena Mendelson, Corinne Hart, Stephen Swales, and Lawrence Altros who were present. Carole Fine, Katarina Valenin, Alan Sears and Don McKay were unable to attend.

The President introduced P. Lukasiewicz, Chair of the Board, who would be addressing Senate later in the meeting.

The Registrar's office and all others in Admissions were congratulated for the enrollment process and meeting the undergraduate target. It was noted that Ryerson now enrolls over 2000 graduate students. FCAD was congratulated for representing Ryerson at Nuit Blanche.

The President commented that the current state of the economy is of concern to everyone. Little has been heard from the provincial government but the province is likely to be in deficit. The impact is unknown, but it is likely there will be one. Ryerson begins in good fiscal shape compared to many other universities. There has been an initial meeting with Deans to plan strategies to buffer the University. Good plans, along with being in good shape, should work in Ryerson's favour. He will keep Senate updated.

The President stated that a motion, which was distributed at the meeting, would be addressed before item 7 in the agenda instead of as a New Business item as he is planning to leave before New Business because of the nature of the nominations for the Presidential Advisory Review Committee.

2. Report of the Secretary of Senate - The Secretary stated that A. Mitchell is the Vice Chair of Senate by acclamation. She also announced that the Committee to Review the policy on Accommodation of Student Religious Observance Obligations will begin to meet soon to discuss the policy.

3. Good of the University – A. Mitchell chaired. She reminded members of the two-time limit and the total time limit of 20 minutes.

R. Rose invited Senate to the David Suzuki talk on October 14.

R. Ravindran congratulated University Advancement for the new banners around campus and the “archway” on Gould Street. It has a positive feeling.

M. Lefebvre stated that the Student Centre is moving forward. In one day in September there were 10,000 people coming through the door of the library, setting a record.

K. Alnwick thanked everyone who came to the University Fair. There was an increased attendance.

4. Motion that Senate approve the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2008 – D. Mason moved, P. Corson seconded.

Motion approved.

5. Business arising from the minutes – S. Dhebar reported on the first RUAA meeting which was held two weeks ago. There are By-laws and plans to build on the great constituency. S. Dhebar was thanked for representing Senate.

6. Correspondence – There was no correspondence.

New Business Item moved from section 9

The motion re Provincial Day of Action to Drop Tuition Fees (RSU & CESAR) was distributed at the meeting.

R. Rose moved T. Hassan seconded.

R. Rose stated that there was a misprint on international student debt. It is \$13,000. She announced that there are 7000 signatures to increase student funding, convert loans to grants and drop fees. Ryerson's students are engaged and participate in events. There are endorsements from student groups. There is a demonstration on November 5 to support this and other Senates have passed similar motions to inform faculty. The motion asks that faculty refrain from penalizing students for missed attendance. She asked that Senate support the motion.

The President stated that there was a statement in the motion that debt is on average \$28,000, whereas this is actually the maximum debt. He noted that a similar motion was passed in 2006.

T. Hassan spoke in favour of the motion, saying that students should not be penalized and should be allowed to participate. CESAR believes that if there is more funding they could participate more fully. A similar motion was passed in 2006.

K. Webb asked if there was a substantial difference between this motion and the one in 2006. The Provost stated that there is not, as they both ask faculty to allow students to participate where possible.

D. Mason raised the issue of the \$28,000 debt, arguing that the debt is larger. The student access guarantee requires the University to cover debt over the \$7,000 covered by OSAP. This is a change in policy. R. Rose refers to the amount of OSAP. The average in Ontario is \$25,000.

N. Williams spoke against the motion saying that it is in support of Canadian Federation of Students (CFS), which spends students' money in ways that may not be the most efficient. The motion supports CFS and not just students' right to speak.

M. Antony spoke about the timing of the day and the motion, as course outlines have been distributed. The President stated that is why it is encouraged only where possible.

The motion was carried 29 to 15.

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

7.1.1.1 Motion #1: That Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a Master of Arts in Philosophy (MA) to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

Motion moved by M. Yeates and seconded by C. Cassidy.

It was explained that the program will not be launched unless there is funding.

Motion approved.

7.1.1.2 Motion #2: That Senate approve the submission of the proposal for a Master of Professional Communication (MPC) to the Ontario Council on Graduate Studies for Standard Appraisal.

Motion moved by M. Yeates and seconded by D. Doz.

Motion approved.

8. Reports of Committees –

8.1 Report #F2008-1 of the Composition and By-laws Committee

8.1.1 Motion #1: That the election procedures for 2009 be implemented in accordance with the Report of the Senate Review Committee approved at the June, 2008 meeting of Senate.

D. Checkland moved, D Mason seconded.

The Secretary explained that the elections motion need to be approved in advance of the changes to the Senate By-law to support the Senate membership which was approved in the Senate Review. It was asked why the election cannot be after the approval of the By-law. It was explained that there is a need to have the election in February with the memo distributed in November. The By-law changes will not come to Senate until after November. R. Rose expressed her concern about the at-large members, as she believes that larger Faculties will have more members than smaller Faculties.

Motion approved.

8.1.2 Motion #2: That Senate approve the By-laws of the Department of Politics and Public Administration Council.

D. Checkland moved, N. Thomlinson seconded.

Motion approved.

8.2 Report #F2008-1 of the Nominating Committee

8.2.1 Motion #1: That Senate approve nominees to Senate and Senate Standing Committees as presented in this report.

M. Panitch moved, M. Abadir seconded.

Motion approved.

8.2.2 Presidential Advisory Review Committee

The President then relinquished the Chair to the Vice Chair, A. Mitchell to chair.

Chair of the Board, P. Lukasiewicz, addressed Senate. He explained that the President has expressed a desire to be reappointed for a second term. According to policy, a Presidential Advisory Review Committee (PARC) will be struck. Four members are to be elected by Senate, and there are a variety of constituencies identified that are identical to that of the Search Committee. The process needs to be completed so that the President can determine if he wants to be appointed by the end of January. The Board at its next meeting will appoint 7 members.

8.2.3 Motion #2: That Senate approve the nominees to the Presidential Advisory Review Committee as presented in this report.

Presidential Advisory Review Committee: Senate Nominees

Ken Jones, Dean, Ted Rogers School of Management

George Kapelos, School of Architecture

Annick Mitchell, Chair, School of Interior Design

Melanie Panitch, Director, School of Disability Studies

C. Sule moved, A. Walker seconded.

Motion approved.

9. New Business

There was no new Business

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Schulman, PhD
Secretary of Senate