

**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, November 4, 2008**

Members Present:			
<u>Ex-Officio:</u>	<u>Faculty:</u>		<u>Students:</u>
K. Alnwick	A. Bal	M. Panitch	M. Abadir
S. Boctor	D. Checkland	R. Ravindran	K. Chadha
C. Cassidy	P. Corson	D. Rose	M. Malik
G. R. Chang	Y. Derbal	J. Saber	S. Martin
D. Doz	A. El-Rabbany	C. Stuart	J. McIntosh
J. Hanigsberg	S. Espin	N. Thomlinson	H. D. Mwendwa
U. George	P. Goldman	D. Tucker	M. Piacente
L. Grayson	R. Hudyma	J. Turtle	D. Sookram
A. Kahan	G. Kapelos	K. Webb	C. Sule
H. Lane Vetere	D. Lee	A. Wellington	N. Williams
M. Lefebvre	A. Levin	J. Zboralski	P. Yoon
S. Levy	A. Lindgren		
A. Shepard	J. Macalik		
P. Stenton	D. Mason		
A. Venetsanopoulos	A. Mitchell		
M. Yeates	Z. Murphy		
<u>Regrets:</u>	<u>Absent:</u>		<u>Alumni:</u>
M. Dewson	M. Anthony		
S. Dhebar	M. Haider		
K. Jones	R. Keeble		
R. Rose	Y. T. Leong		
A. Sharif	C. Gouldson		
A. Singh	T. Hassan		
J. Lassaline	A. Walker		
	K. Zeppieri		

1. **President's Report:** The President commented that it was hoped that the Senate meeting did not go long given the interest in the US election.

President Levy reported on the fiscal situation. The operating budget of the University is made up of half tuition fees and half grants. Tuition fees are set under the last year of the policy that limits annual tuition raises to 5%. There is little information from the government on operating grants. There is a good estimate of expenses for next year, and a number of universities have agreed that it is prudent to slow down on new academic appointments to avoid being accused of not being able to afford them later. Those who wish the University to take more risk in these hires should realize that the risk will fall on the most vulnerable in the community. Ryerson's operating budget is one of the strongest in the system. We have low exposure on endowments because we do not have that many. Those which support student bursaries and scholarships will be honoured. Ryerson's pension is a defined benefit plan, and therefore the current financial situation has no effect on anyone's pension. Other institutions with defined contribution plans have a problem as those who wished to retire may no longer be able to do so. Ryerson's pension is very strong and as long as the market turns upward in the next few years, the pension will remain strong. Enrollments remain strong. It was asked about the implications of the financial situation on the construction of new buildings. The President replied that the money was already in the budget for the gallery and the Student Learning Centre.

2. **Report of the Secretary of Senate** – there will be a Senate Consultation on the revised By-law on November 27, 2008 from 3-4. An email with the location will follow.
3. **Good of the University** – A. Mitchell chaired.

K. Alnwick reported that flyers were distributed related to the "Friday is Monday" on November 28. He also reminded Senate that the SAS upgrade is about to occur. The exam schedule will be posted on Friday.

R. Ravindran stated that he was pleased to attend a function today in celebration of research. It is a positive move for Ryerson. Other universities are already making use of our labs.

M. Piacente invited students to an event at TRSM for Pathways, a program to assist students in getting an education.

D. Mason noted that the random seating does not seem to be working, and asked that there be more intermingling.

4. **Minutes**

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting.*

D. Mason moved, R. Ravindran seconded.

D. Checkland asked that the names of the members of the Presidential Advisory Review Committee be listed in the minutes. The Secretary will amend the minutes.

Motion approved.

5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** – There was none.
6. **Correspondence** – There was none.
7. **Reports of Actions and Recommendations of Departmental and Divisional Councils**
There were none.
8. **Reports of Committees**
 - 8.1 **Report of the Awards & Ceremonials** – Presented for information.
 - 8.2 **Report of the Composition and By-laws Committee**

Motion: *That Senate approve the By-laws of the School of Early Childhood Education Council*

D. Checkland moved, P. Corson seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3 **Report of the Academic Standards Committee** – A. Shepard reported that Motion 8.3.2 is to be taken of the table.

A. Shepard moved all the motions. M. Zeytinoglu gave a short summary of each.

8.3.1 **Motion #1:** *That Senate approve the proposed curriculum changes in the Criminal Justice program.*

C. Cassidy seconded

Motion approved.

8.3.3. **Motion #3:** *That Senate approve the proposed curriculum changes in the Midwifery Program.*

U. George seconded

Motion approved.

8.3.4. **Motion #4:** *That Senate approve the proposed Midwifery 2-year stream for health care professionals.*

M. Panitch seconded.

A question was asked about the academic standing variation which is completely general regarding the School's ability to allow students to be in placements. M. Zeytinoglu explained that there is a more complete statement that explains the criteria.

Motion approved.

8.3.5. **Motion #5:** *That Senate approve the proposed changes to admission requirements for the Biology, Chemistry, Contemporary Science, Mathematics and Its Applications, and Medical Physics programs.*

C. Sule seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.6. **Motion #6:** *That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Mathematics Minor.*

A. Bal seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.7. **Motion #7:** *That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Entrepreneurship Major.*

U. George seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.8 **Motion #8:** *That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Global Management Major.*

M. Piacente seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.9. **Motion #9:** *That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Marketing Management Major and the Marketing Minor.*

M. Abadir seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.10. **Motion #10:** *That Senate approve the proposed Law and Business Major.*

A. Levin seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.11. **Motion #11:** *That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Finance Minor.*

R. Hudyma seconded.
Motion approved.

8.3.12. **Motion #12:** *That Senate approve the proposed Sales Management and Service Quality Minor.*

J. Saber seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.13. **Motion #13:** *That Senate approve the proposed curriculum revisions in the Retail Management program.*

A. Levin seconded
Motion approved.

8.3.14. **Motion #14:** *That Senate approve the proposed Retail and Services Management Minor.*

A. Levin seconded
Motion approved.

9. **New Business** – there was no new business.

10. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Schulman, PhD
Secretary of Senate