

MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, March 3, 2009

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

1. President's Report

The report was circulated with the agenda. M. Yeates reported that the graduate growth funds were for 2009-12 period. Ryerson was allocated the 6th largest in the province. The most gratifying is the doctoral expansion in year 2000; there were none at Ryerson, and now Ryerson is firmly a doctoral institution. Everyone is to be commended for their efforts toward this end. The President commended Dean Yeates.

The government both federally and provincially will be allocating funds for “shovel-ready” projects to get the economy moving. It is unknown what the exact nature of the program is to be, but soon there will be a competition for infrastructure funds. This will not be operating money.

The President presented the list of those who will be receiving Honorary Doctorates. Those contacted were all extremely pleased and honoured. Those approved are: William Cunningham, John Bickley, Asad Madni, Michael Adams, Michael Guerriere, The Hon. Edward Broadbent and Gina Bohn Browne for Spring 2009, and for Fall, Aditya Chandra Jha and Alan Broadbent.

2. Report of the Secretary of Senate

The Secretary reported on the results of the election, as distributed.

3. Good of the University

S. Dhebar reported on the Ryerson Alumni Association. The alumni dinner was a success last year and this year's is upcoming. There are recent graduates who have started a Facebook group with great participation.

A. Shepard wished to echo the President's praise of Dean Yeates for his leadership as Dean of the School of Graduate Studies. He was able to bring Ryerson to where it is. Dean Yeates thanked P. Stenton who does his job enormously well.

K. Alniwck reported that the exam schedule will be posted on Friday, March 6.

4. Minutes

Motion: That Senate approve the minutes of the January 29, 2009 meeting.

D. Mason moved, S. Dhebar seconded.

Motion approved.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Motion: That Senate approve the amendment of Policy #145: The Course Management Policy, effective September 1, 2009.

J. Dianda moved, A. Levin seconded

J. Dianda stated that he attended the last meeting which addressed the questions raised at the last meeting of Senate, and was impressed with the discussion that dealt with the issues.

Motion approved.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

7. Reports of Actions and Recommendations of Departmental and Divisional Councils (for information only)

There were course changes submitted by Interior Design and the Daphne Cockwell School of Nursing.

8 Reports of Committees

8.1 Report #W2009-1 of the Nominating Committee –

J. Dianda asked what is meant that the email on candidates' practices succeeded only in a limited way. M. Panitch said that there would be issues addressed in the next election.

R. Rose stated that as RSU elections were going on at the same time, she heard that there were complaints about the process. She appreciates that there was a prompt email and that the committee met to discuss this issue. She stated that the integrity of the election was called into question, as that the election results were allowed to stand. She asked how the rules will be enforced in the future, and why it was not monitored more closely. She questioned whether the role of student elections was taken seriously. Why were elections not turned back, and how will it be ensured that it will not happen again. M. Panitch stated that this was taken very seriously and that there was much deliberation. Having emailed all of the candidates, and asking them to write statements and to come before the committee, the committee saw it as a teachable moment, so that students get more knowledge about a democratic process. Candidates will be brought in before the election next year to understand the process.

8.2 Report of the Composition and Bylaws Committee

8.2.1 – Motion: That Senate approve the changes to the bylaw of the Department of Physics Council such that one Postdoctoral Fellow is included in its membership.

Annick Mitchell moved, M. Yeates seconded.

Motion approved.

8.2.2 – Motion: That Senate approve the amendment of Section 5.2 of its bylaw (effective July 1, 2009) to state: “Vice-chair: The Vice-Chair shall be elected by and from elected Senators in conjunction with elections to the Senate Priorities Committee.”

Annick Mitchell moved, D. Mason seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3 Report #W2009 of the Senate Appeals Committee

8.3.1 – Motion #1: That Senate approve the amendment of Policy 134: Undergraduate Academic Consideration and Appeals Policy, as presented to Senate on January 27, 2009, to be implemented for Fall, 2009.

A. Levin moved, R. Hudyma seconded.

Section IIC2 will be amended to be consistent with the procedures section.

Motion approved.

8.3.2 - Motion #2: That Senate approve the amendment of the Student Code of Academic Conduct to replace Faculty Appeals Committees with an Academic Integrity Council, effective September 1, 2009.

A. Levin moved, J. McIntosh seconded.

R. Rose asked about the amendment of the procedures. The Secretary confirmed that there would be a committee established as usual, and any student wishing to serve should let her know.

9. New Business

There was no new business.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.