

MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING
TUESDAY, March 31, 2009

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

1. President's Report

The President reported that he was delayed due to a meeting with the Minister of MTCU. The Provost reported on the appointment of Gervan Fearon as the Dean of the Chang School, and related his experience. He will begin on July 1, 2009.

The President reported that all universities have been working on the federal infrastructure project. The competition included a requirement for matching funds by the province. Ontario set aside a \$780M matching fund for its portion. He outlined the requirements for the submission. The projects submitted were ones which saved money for the University further down the road. The President reported on the Ontario budget. He stated that next year there is a new Senate Priorities Committee which will be able to assist Senate with its input and understanding of the budget. The Ontario government has allocated \$150M in one-time-only money. There has been no detail in the budget on the particular allocations for specific institutions. It is expected that universities will get \$90-\$100M of that. Regarding base money, the government gave \$199M to colleges and universities, and \$100M of that is for universities. There are many things included in that money, leaving about \$3.5-\$4M of new money. As a result of these two amounts of money, the budget reduction will not be the anticipated 5%, it will likely be about 3.5-4%. There is no way that this cut can be calculated to be 0% - no combination of numbers gives this result. It is very good news, and given the economic circumstances, this is a better outcome than anticipated. The money will be passed on to the community. Ryerson has a strong fiscal situation as it has not run a deficit and is not planning to run one for 2009-10.

It was asked if the new money can be used for maintenance, and the President stated that this is difficult. The infrastructure projects may free up some of the institutional money to be used on such maintenance. This is part of the proposed infrastructure submission. It is difficult to tell how much money there is as this is a competition between universities across the country, and perhaps those in emergency situations will be favoured. There were three projects of \$30M each submitted.

It was commented that the assumption was that there would be a 3-5% cut this year and a possible 3% cut next year as well. The President replied that there is no way to know how to deal with the upcoming year cuts. Other universities have a 15% problem now and are spreading that problem over three years. It was asked about the need to plan for deeper cuts for next year, and the President responded that there is no way to know, as the government does not come out early on these matters.

The budget for next year is not yet finalized. Cuts will be based on the difference between cost and revenue.

2. Report of the Secretary of Senate

The Secretary reported on the results of the Senate elections to the Senate Priorities Committee for 2009-10 and for the Search Committee for an Associate Librarian.

3. Good of the University

A. Mitchell chaired.

K. Alnwick confirmed that the calendar for the coming year is on the Ryerson website.

4. Minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the March 3, 2009 meeting of Senate.*

N. Thomlinson moved and D. Mason seconded.

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

The School of Graduate Studies presented program changes for Communication and Culture, for information only.

8. Reports of Committees

8.1 Report #W2009-1 of the Awards and Ceremonials Committee

8.1.1 Motion: *That Senate approve Policy 160: Approval and Presentation of Posthumous Academic Awards, effective April 1, 2009.*

A. Shepard moved and K. Alnwick seconded.

A. Shepard stated that on a rare occasion students who are deceased are granted awards. Most universities have a policy on how these can be handled to treat families with as much compassion as possible. It was confirmed that this was not for Honorary Doctorates.

Motion approved.

8.2. Report #W2009-2 of the Composition and Bylaws Committee

8.2.1 Motion #1: *That Senate approve the amendment of the Bylaw of the Urban and Regional Planning School Council.*

A. Mitchell moved and N.M. Lister seconded.

Motion approved.

8.2.2 Motion #2: *That Senate approve the revised Bylaw of the Civil Engineering Department Council.*

A. Mitchell moved and D. Lee seconded.

Motion approved.

8.3 Report #W2009-1 of the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee

J. Britnell presented an interim report. There is usually an annual report, but the committee believed it was important for Senate to know what the large committee and its sub-committees were doing. She presented the content of the report.

There were two questions that the committee wished to get some feedback on: Are there other issues that should be addressed by the committee, and are there ways in which the committee can better communicate between the committee and the community. She would be pleased to get feedback from Senate now, or via email or later input.

A. Mitchell commented that one new thing at the university this year is the new technology classroom in the Podium. There should be a committee on effective learning environments, with someone from Architecture and/or Interior Design. J. Britnell responded that she would be delighted to take this idea back to the committee.

8.4 Report #W2009-2 of the Academic Standards Committee

A. Shepard moved Motions 1-4. Motion 5 was delayed for the next meeting.

8.4.1 Motion #1: *That Senate approve the periodic program review of the Occupational and Public Health program with the recommendations listed in the ASC Evaluation section.*

Seconded by S. Martin.

A. Shepard commented that the periodic program review called for an increase in faculty complement, and he is pleased to announce that there has been an increase in faculty lines in this school. N. Thomlinson asked about what the course reduction would be in this program, and would like to see the balance of P/PR/LS maintained. M. Zeytinoglu commented that the number of courses is above the norm, and the reduction will be to the Professional category to bring the program closer to 40 courses.

Motion approved.

8.4.2 Motion #2: *That Senate approve the periodic program review of the International Economics and Finance program.*

Seconded by S. Dhebar.

Motion approved.

8.4.3 Motion #3: *That Senate approve the periodic program review of the Disability Studies program with the recommendations listed in the ASC Evaluation section.*

Seconded by C. Stuart.

Motion approved.

8.4.4 Motion #4: *That Senate approve the Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice.*

Seconded by D. Tucker.

Motion approved.

9. New Business

There was none.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6.50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Schulman, PhD
Secretary of Senate