

**MINUTES OF SENATE MEETING**

**Tuesday, December 6, 2011**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>Ex-Officio:</b>	<b>Faculty:</b>		<b>Students:</b>
K. Alnwick	T. Antimirova	A. Rauhala	U. Asagwara
J. P. Boudreau	R. Banerjee	D. Rose	S. Bentley
W. Cukier	M. Braun	J. Saber	K. Brown
C. Evans	D. Chant	A. Saloojee	S. El-Tawil
G. Fearon	D. Checkland	C. Schryer	N. Hamzavi
J. Hanigsberg	R. Church	M. Sharpe	A. McAllister
G. Hauck	M. Coomey	J. Turtle	G. Morshed
J. Isbister	M. Dionne	N. Walton	S. Ortiz
K. Jones	D. Elder	K. Webb	M. Palermo
A. Kahan	L. Fang	A. Wellington	L. Salvador
M. Lachemi	A. Ferworn	Z. C. Zhuang	R. Zanussi
H. Lane Vetere	A. Furman		
M. Lefebvre	L. Lavallée		
S. Levy	V. Lem		
A. Shepard	J. Martin		
P. Stenton	K. Raahemifar		
<b>SENATE ASSOCIATES:</b>			<b>ALUMNI:</b>
M. Lee Blickstead			C. Demetriades
A. M. Brinsmead			
J. Girardo			
F. Tang			
<b>REGRETS:</b>	<b>ABSENT:</b>		
R. Boyagoda	H. Alighanbari	D. Mason	
G. R. Chang	T. Barnett	A. Miri	
D. Denisoff	H. Canas	V. Ovoian	
U. George	K. El Sayed		
J. Mactavish	S. Gasparitsch		
R. Ravindran	W. Manzoor		

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda  
M. Palermo moved; K. Alnwick seconded

**Motion approved.**

3. Announcements - None
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting  
**Motion:** *That Senate approve the minutes of the November 1, 2011 meeting*  
A. Furman moved; G. Hauck seconded

**Motion approved.**

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes
6. Correspondence
7. Reports:
  - 7.1 Report of the President
    - 7.1.1 President's Update
    - 7.1.2 Achievement Report
  - 7.2 Dean's Report – Gerd Hauck, Communication and Design
  - 7.3 Report of the Secretary  
Senate Elections 2012-13 – Redistribution of membership to include Faculty of Science
  - 7.4 Committee Reports
    - 7.4.1 Report #F2011-3 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee:

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the name change of School of Radio and Television Arts to RTA – School of Media.*

G. Hauck moved; A. Furman seconded

**Motion approved.**

- 7.4.2 Report F2011-2 of the Senate Priorities Committee –  
Senate Presentations
- 7.4.3 Report of the Nominating Committee  
**Motion:** *That Senate approve the nominees for Standing Committees as presented in this report.*  
M. Lefebvre moved; M. Palermo seconded

**Motion approved.**

- 7.4.4 Report of the Awards and Ceremonials Committee

- 7.4.5 Report F2011-2 of the Academic Standards Committee  
**Motion:** *That Senate approve the proposed revisions to the Minor in Sociology.*  
C. Evans moved; M. Braun seconded

**Motion approved.**

**8.** Old Business

- 8.1 Report from the Registrar – 12-week semester  
8.2 Report from the Faculty of Engineering, Architecture and Science - 12-week semester committee

**9.** New Business as Circulated

**10.** Members' Business

- 10.1 Motion from Students  
M. Palermo moved all motions.

**Motion #1:** *That Senate instruct the Provost to send a letter to staff and faculty asking that they provide academic accommodation for students who wish to partake in the National Day of Action on February 1st, 2012, including but not limited to:*

- *Encouraging all course instructors to refrain from penalizing missed attendances or setting academic deadlines for tests, assignments, and exams on February 1st;*
- *Encouraging all course instructors to provide reasonable access to materials covered in class on February 1st;*
- *Encouraging all course instructors to provide opportunities to make accommodations for missed labs or practicum placements on February 1st.*

Friendly amendment to change “instruct” to “request”.

**Motion #1 as amended:** *That Senate request the Provost to send a letter to staff and faculty asking that they provide academic accommodation for students who wish to partake in the National Day of Action on February 1st, 2012, including but not limited to:*

- *Encouraging all course instructors to refrain from penalizing missed attendances or setting academic deadlines for tests, assignments, and exams on February 1st;*
- *Encouraging all course instructors to provide reasonable access to materials covered in class on February 1st;*
- *Encouraging all course instructors to provide opportunities to make accommodations for missed labs or practicum placements on February 1st.*

K. Brown seconded

**Motion approved as amended.**

**Motion #2:** *That Senate encourage the University administration to join forces with students' unions and labour unions on campus in writing a letter to the provincial government calling for greater investments in post-secondary education.*

D. Elder seconded

**Motion approved.**

**Motion #3:** *That Senate endorse the National Day of Action on February 1st, 2012, which calls for the adoption of a federal Post-Secondary Education Act and significant investments in post-secondary education to increase per-student funding in Ontario to the national average.*

Amended to read:

*That Senate supports the students' call for an affordable system of post secondary education at the National Day of Action on February 1, 2012.*

R. Zanussi seconded.

**Motion approved as amended.**

11. Consent Agenda [see: <http://www.ryerson.ca/content/dam/senate/agenda/2011/course-change-forms-Dec-06-11.pdf>]
  - 11.1 Course Change Forms from:
    - Arts:** Economics, Politics & Public Administration, Liberal Arts
    - Communication and Design:** Fashion, Image Arts, Interior Design, Journalism, Radio & Television Arts, Theatre School,
    - Community Services:** Early Childhood Education and Midwifery, Nutrition and Food, Occupational & Public Health, Social Work
    - TRSM:** Global Management, Entrepreneurship
    - Engineering, Architecture & Science:** Aerospace Engineering, Chemistry & Biology, Computer Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Physics
    - G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education:** Child & Youth, Disability Studies

12. Adjournment 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane R. Schulman, Ph.D.  
Secretary of Senate