

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING
TUESDAY, October 7, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:	STUDENTS:
J. P. Boudreau	R. Babin	A. McWilliams
M. Bountrogianni	S. Banerjee	R. Meldrum
I. Coe	R. Botelho	A. O'Malley
C. Evans	D. Checkland	N. Naghibi
C. Hack	P. Danziger	H. Parada
J. Hanigsberg	M. Dionne	D. Rose
G. Hauck	S. Dolgoy	A. Sadeghian
A. Kahan	C. Falzon	B. Tan
M. Lachemi	A. Ferworn	P. Walsh
H. Lane Vetere	A. Goss	C. Zamaria
M. Lefebvre	F. Gunn	J. Zboralski
S. Levy	E. Kam	
J. Mactavish	J. Leshchyshyn	
S. Murphy	J. Lisi	
P. Stenton	V. Magness	
S. Zolfaghari	J. Martin	
SENATE ASSOCIATES:		
M. Lee Blickstead		
A. M. Brinsmead		
REGRETS:	ABSENT:	ALUMNI:
L. Bloomberg	D. Mason	G. Farok
W. Cukier		M. Sarkis
T. Duever		
U. George		
D. Naylor		
D. O'Neil Green		
R. Ravindran		
K. Tucker Scott		
J. Zyfi		

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the October 7, 2014 agenda*

A. McWilliams moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

Motion approved.

3. Announcements

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 meeting*

M. Sarkis moved; A. McWilliams 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

On behalf of Senate, President Levy congratulated Julia Hanigsberg, Vice President Finance and Administration, on her appointment as the new President of Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital. He noted that there will be time for the Ryerson community to celebrate and thank Julia for her many contributions to the University. Janice Winton, currently Ryerson's Chief Financial Officer, will continue in her current role and also serve as Interim Vice President Finance and Administration. President Levy pointed out that normally the search for a permanent replacement would begin soon, but in light of the current search for a new President, that process will be delayed so that the new President can be involved in the process.

President Levy noted that enrollments at Ryerson are strong again this year, at a time when some other universities in the province are experiencing enrollment declines due to changing demographics. Enrollment in the GTA is expected to remain relatively flat for the next few years, at which point an increase is expected.

President Levy attended the Ontario Universities Fair, and thanked those from Ryerson who represented the University there. He noted that Ryerson's booth at the Fair stands out from the others because faculty members from each program are there to answer students' questions.

President Levy noted that over the summer Reza Moridi was appointed the new Minister of Training, Colleges and Universities, and is also the Minister of Research and Innovation. Mr. Moridi is a former advisory committee member in Engineering at Ryerson, and knows Ryerson well.

President Levy noted that the Law Practice Program was successfully launched over the summer, the first of its kind in Canada. He also announced that Professor Ravi Ravindran is ending a successful year as President of ASM International, the world's largest association of scientists and engineers specializing in metal materials. Ravi will be honored at a special symposium of the association.

Finally, President Levy reminded Senate that Ryerson's former Chancellor, G. Raymond Chang, passed away on July 27, 2014. Ryerson was honored to be asked by Mr. Chang's family to host a Celebration of Life, which was extremely well attended at the Mattamy Athletic Centre. President Levy acknowledged the help of many people who organized the event, some coming back early from summer vacation, and the assistance of students who handled the photography for the event and created a video for the family. A few of the photos were presented to Senate in honor of Mr. Chang. President Levy noted that it was mentioned at Mr. Chang's memorial service that, of all the things he was involved in, his role as Chancellor at Ryerson was a highlight.

7.2 Achievement Report

7.3 Report of the Secretary

7.3.1 Update on the January 2013 Senate meeting request for AGPC to develop policy guidelines regarding the creation of new Schools/Departments by the June 2014 Senate meeting (deferred to October 2014 meeting):

Senate Bylaw article 6.2.1.2.6 (Terms of Reference for the Senate Priorities Committee) states: "To explore the implications and sustainability of the creation of new Faculties and/or Departments/Schools, and to advise Senate accordingly".

7.3.2 Update on the October 2013 Senate request for AGPC to develop policy clarifying the definition of an "Academic Director" by the June 2014 Senate meeting (deferred to the October 2014 meeting).

Motion: *That Senate defer discussion of the definition of an "Academic Director" until the November 2014 Senate meeting.*

M. Dionne moved; A. McWilliams seconded

Motion approved.

7.4 In response to a motion passed at the December 2013 Senate meeting regarding the Task Force Report on Interdisciplinary Programs, the Provost and Vice President Academic provided a response to the Report. The Provost noted that he was asked to consider the Report in the preparation of the new Academic Plan, which was done, and to develop strategies to deal with the Task Force's recommendations. On the second point, the Provost announced that, in consultation with the RFA, a five-person committee was established to review the recommendations: The Chair of the committee is the former President of the RFA; the two people appointed by the Provost are the Vice Provost Academic and the Interim Vice Provost Faculty affairs; plus two appointees from the RFA. The committee has agreed that it will provide a final report for Senate's consideration by the end of March 2015.

7.5 Committee Reports

7.5.1 Report #F2014-1 of the Nominating Committee: J. Turtle

Motion: *That Senate approve the nominees to fill vacancies on Senate and on the Standing Committees of Senate, as presented in this report*

M. Bountrogianni moved; E. Kam seconded

Motion approved.

7.5.2 Report #F2014-1 of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): C. Evans

7.5.2.1 School of Journalism, Bachelor of Journalism Curriculum Modifications

Motion: *That Senate approve the School of Journalism, Bachelor of Journalism Curriculum Modifications*

G. Hauck moved; U. Siddiqui seconded

Motion approved.

7.5.2.2 Update on the Curriculum Renewal initiative. The Vice Provost Academic presented a brief overview of the motivation behind the initiative, some data from a pilot project with two programs last year, and discussed some next steps. The PowerPoint presentation is available at:

http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2014/Curriculum_Renewal_Senate_Update_Slides_Oct_2014.pdf

8. Old Business

9. New Business as Circulated

10. Members' Business

A. Ferworn noted the collaboration among the Yeates School of Graduate Studies, the G. Raymond Chang School, the Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science, and Senate on the creation of the Professional Masters Diploma in Aerospace Design Management.

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Course changes in Disabilities Studies, Journalism, and Mathematics

(see http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2014/course_change_forms_oct_7_14.pdf):

- Disabilities Studies
- Journalism
- Mathematics

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.