

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, October 4, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:	STUDENTS:
M. Bountrogianni	C. Antonescu	R. Hudyma
I. Coe	S. Benda	E. Kam
T. Duever	R. Botelho	L. Kolasa
C. Evans	T. Burke	K. Kumar
C. Falzon	B. Ceh	A. Mathews-David
U. George	D. Checkland	D. Mason
M. Lachemi	R. Chumak-Horbatsch	A. McWilliams
H. Lane Vetere	K. Church	N. Naghibi
M. Lefebvre	P. Danziger	L. Pine
J. Mactavish	Y. Derbal	S. Rakhmayil
M. Moshé	H. Doshi	C. Schryer
S. Murphy	C. Dowling	J. Tiessen
P. Stenton	N. Eichenlaub	K. Underwood
P. Sugiman	A. Ferworn	K. Venkatakrishnan
	J. Friedman	S. Wehbi
	E. Harley	J. Zboralski
SENATE ASSOCIATES:		EX-OFFICIO STUDENTS:
A. M. Brinsmead		V. Morton
		J. Rodriguez
REGRETS:	ABSENT:	ALUMNI:
L. Barnoff		
R. Frankle		
C. Hack		
D. O'Neil Green		
M. Rodrigues		
R. Rodrigues		
J. Winton		
S. Zolfaghari		

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the October 4, 2016 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; M. Lefebvre seconded.

Motion Approved.

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the May 31, 2016 meeting*

M. Lefebvre moved; J. Rodrigues seconded

Motion Approved.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes - None

6. Correspondence - None

7. Reports

7.1 Report of the President

7.1.1 President's Update

President Lachemi thanked all those who organized and attended his installation as Ryerson's President on September 30.

President Lachemi also announced the following:

- Over 1200 alumni attended activities for Alumni Weekend, which demonstrates the strong relationship that Alumni share with the Ryerson community. A short video from the Alumni Weekend program was presented to Senate, featuring Ben Barry, Instructor, School of Fashion. Three other videos featuring faculty members and their scholarly work will be shown at upcoming Senate meetings.
- The Universities Fair was well attended, both by Ryerson faculty, staff and current students, as well as prospective students. He thanked the faculty, staff and students who volunteered at this event, especially Charmain Hack, Registrar.
- At an event honouring Accomplished Black Canadian Women, Akua Benjamin (Social Work), Jennifer Clarke (Social Work), Paulette Kelly (Fashion), and Carol Sutherland (Office of the Registrar) were recognized.
- The Federal Finance Minister visited Ryerson to announce \$31.9M from the Federal Government and another \$4.7M from the Provincial Government for the Strategic Investment Fund. More details are available on the OVPRI website at <http://www.ryerson.ca/research/news/media/2016/0929/>
- Ryerson's MBA program was ranked among the top 10 in Canada. The President congratulated Dean Murphy and his team for this recognition.
- The President will update Senate as progress is made on the three searches underway in his office: Vice President Research and Innovation, Provost and Vice President Academic, Vice President Advancement. He thanked the members of the search committees for their time and commitment.

- Peter Gilgan will receive an Honorary Doctorate at the TRSM convocation ceremony on Oct. 19; Carole and Howard Tanenbaum will receive Honorary Doctorates at the convocation ceremony for the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Communication and Design on Oct. 20.

7.2 Achievement Report

7.3 Report of the Secretary

7.3.1 Update on Senate and Standing Committee membership

Eric Harley, Computer Science, is the new Chair representative on Senate from the Faculty of Science Chair. There will be a by-election soon to fill the at-large faculty vacancy.

7.4 Committee Reports

7.4.1 Report #F2016-1 of the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC)

7.4.1.1 Update on policy revisions resulting from the Ontario Human Rights Commission (OHRC) guidelines, approved on behalf of Senate on August 15, 2016: H. Lane Vetere and J. Turtle

Senate was reminded that an overview of the OHRC guidelines was presented at the May 31 2016 meeting. As mentioned then, SPC needed to exercise its authority to act on behalf of Senate over the summer months to approve small revisions to Policies 134, 151, 152 and 159 in order to be in compliance with the guidelines by September 6 2016.

7.4.2 Report #F2016-1 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC)

7.4.2.1 Update on the *ad hoc* Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC): M. Moshé informed Senate about the membership of the APRC, as well as the consultations, focus groups, and town halls with students, faculty and staff held over the summer months and planned for the fall term. Further information is available at

<http://ryerson.ca/senate/StandingCommittees/APRC/>. Community members can contact their representative on the committee to provide input and/or write to the committee at policyreview@ryerson.ca

7.4.2.2 Update on the Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC):

M. Moshé stated that this report (beginning on p. 21 of the agenda) is an overview of the curriculum renewal initiative, which started in 2011 and was re-initiated in April 2016. She asked Deans to notify their Chairs/Directors of the Committee's work, so they can offer input and can be updated. She also noted that Senate can expect to see a proposed policy on concentrations within programs at the Nov. 1 Senate meeting.

D. Checkland asked about the dates for the implementation of curriculum renewal initiatives, and suggested that guiding principles for curriculum renewal be brought to Senate prior to a complete draft omnibus curriculum policy.

M. Moshé explained it's too early to give a definite answer to implementation dates, but that Senate will be updated as progress is made; she mentioned that principles have been developed and agreed to share them with Senate soon. President Lachemi agreed that it is a good idea to update Senate regularly on the CIC's progress.

7.4.3 Report #F2016-1 of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC):

7.4.3.1 School of Creative Industries, Faculty of Communication and Design - Elimination of the Performance Studies Module

Motion: *That Senate approve the elimination of the Performance Studies module from the Creative Industries program.*

Marcia moved; C. Falzon seconded

Motion Approved.

7.5 Report #F2016-1 from the Yeates School of Graduate Studies (YSGS): J. Mactavish

7.5.1 Proposal for an MA in Criminology and Social Justice

Motion: *That Senate approve the proposal for an MA in Criminology and Social Justice*

J. Mactavish moved; S. Murphy seconded

D. Checkland asked about the proposed program's broader connections to social justice issues, noting that they are not limited to the criminology area.

K. Varma from Criminology agreed that social justice issues cross a variety of disciplines, and that the proposed program addresses them mostly from a criminology perspective.

In response to a question about the proposed launch date for the program, J. Mactavish stated that it is hoped to launch in Fall 2017 if all approvals can be secured in time.

M. Lefebvre asked if the library was asked to give a report on the proposal. K. Varma confirmed that they had been contacted as part of the proposal development.

Motion Approved.

8. Old Business

Update on the Law School initiative (note that a summary of the initiative's White Paper was distributed to Senate via email on Oct. 3 2016).

C. Evans noted that this item is under Old Business because Senate has been informed previously about the Law School initiative. He noted that the approval process for this program is different from others as it needs input from external bodies, such as the Law Society of Upper Canada and others. Some next steps are that the Letter of Intent will be available on the Provost's website for 30 days for community members' input, town halls are planned for later in the fall term, there will be stories in Ryerson Today, and the complete White Paper will be posted.

Discussion ensued regarding the role of indigenous justice issues and faculty members in the law school curriculum. It was pointed out that there is a required course on aboriginal law, and that related issues will be addressed in other courses in the curriculum.

In response to a question about ongoing funding for a law school, President Lachemi reiterated that implementation of the initiative is dependent upon adequate government funding.

J. Rodriguez suggested that there should racialized persons and persons with disabilities teaching in the proposed program.

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business

J. Rodriguez requested that the Provost issue a letter encouraging instructors to accommodate students wishing to participate in the National Day of Action on November 2, 2016. The Provost agreed to issue such a letter in the coming weeks.

I. Coe announced the upcoming Ada Lovelace Day, in recognition of the first computer programmer. The event will be celebrated on October 11, 2016, as part of a global celebration for women in Science and Technology.

President Lachemi recognized and thanked Dean Coe for her work regarding women in science.

11. Consent Agenda – None.

12. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.