

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, January 31, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:			
EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:		STUDENTS:
L. Barnoff	S. Benda	N. Naghibi	P. Gusciora
M. Bountrogianni	R. Botelho	L. Pine	P. Haastrup
I. Coe	T. Burke	S. Rakhmayil	E. Hysi
T. Duever	B. Ceh	C. Schryer	A. Latchman
C. Evans	D. Checkland	J. Tiessen	M. Masood
C. Falzon	K. Church	K. Underwood	A. Robb
U. George	H. Doshi	K. Venkatakrisnan	P. Santhanarasa
C. Hack	C. Dowling	J. Zboralski	F. Y. Zhang
M. Lachemi	J. Friedman		
M. Lefebvre	E. Harley		
J. Mactavish	R. Hudyma		
M. Moshé	E. Kam		
S. Murphy	L. Kolasa		
D. O’Neil Green	K. Kumar		
P. Stenton	D. Mason		
J. Winton	A. Mathews-David		
S. Zolfaghari	A. McWilliams		
SENATE ASSOCIATES:			EX-OFFICIO STUDENTS:
A. M. Brinsmead			V. Morton
M. Zouri			J. Rodriguez
REGRETS:	ABSENT:		ALUMNI:
R. Chumak-Horbatsch	C. Antonescu	E. Tadesse	M. Rodrigues
N. Eichenlaub	P. Danziger	S. Wehbi	R. Rodrigues
A. Ferworn	Y. Derbal	A. Wong	
H. Lane Vetere	R. Frankle		
N. Piragic	W. Fraser		
	Y. Helmy		
	A. Latif		
	P. Sugiman		

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum
2. Approval of Agenda
Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the January 31, 2017 meeting*
A. McWilliams moved; C. Falzon seconded
Motion Approved.

J. Rodriguez requested that a minute of silence be observed in honour of the victims of the attack at the Islamic Cultural Centre in Quebec City on January 29. The meeting agreed and a minute of silence was observed.

3. Announcements
4. Minutes of Previous Meeting
Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the December 6, 2016 meeting*
A. McWilliams moved; D. Checkland 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

President Lachemi provided some brief information about student applications to Ryerson for next year, and indicated that the numbers are consistent with the University's expectations.

The President announced that Senators M. Lefebvre and C. Schryer are the recipients of the 2017 Errol Aspevig Award for Outstanding Academic Leadership.

The President also announced that the provincial government is considering some expansion of universities in the Peel region (i.e., Brampton and Milton, which have high rates of population growth) and has asked for expressions of interest by early March, with final decisions to be made by the end of 2017. Ryerson has been approached by the city of Brampton to work with them on this project, but at this point the University has not made any commitment.

Ryerson will be hosting the 2017 National Women's Volleyball Championship from March 17-19 at the Mattamy Athletic Centre. President Lachemi encouraged Senate members, and all members of the Ryerson community, to attend.

President Lachemi announced that two statements were disseminated to the Ryerson community regarding U.S. President Trump's Executive Order on Immigration, especially regarding any students and faculty who have been affected by it.

President Lachemi mentioned that he has sent his and Ryerson's condolences to the family and colleagues of the Laval University faculty member who was a victim of the shooting at the mosque in Quebec City.

The 4th video presentation for this term featured Dr. Linda Maxwell from the Biomedical Zone, who works in collaboration with St. Michael's Hospital. President Lachemi invited members to contact him if they have suggestions for similar videos to be presented at the start of future Senate meetings.

7.2 Report of the Secretary – Election schedule. The Secretary of Senate announced that nominations for the upcoming Senate elections open on February 6, and that voting begins on March 6.

7.3 Update Regarding the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process: P. Stenton - The Deputy Provost and Vice Provost, University Planning mentioned that there were no further details from the government, but he provided a general overview of the process, and mentioned that Senate will be engaged when more information becomes available. He said that there will also be town halls for further discussion with the Ryerson community. The government is expecting the process to be finalized by June, 2017

J. Rodriguez inquired if there was any information about the meetings between Ryerson and the government to date, and what kind of mechanisms will there be for students to give feedback, especially about possible fee increases. President Lachemi responded that no further information can be provided at this time, but that the process will be opened to the Ryerson community when more information is available, and P. Stenton mentioned that an email address will be provided so that faculty and students can offer suggestions.

7.4 Ombudsperson's Report: N. Farrell

Ryerson's Ombudsperson verbally presented some aspects of her report, hard copies of which were distributed at the meeting. A web version is available at http://ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2017/Ombuds_report_January_2017.pdf

D. Mason commented on the Report's recommendation regarding additional expectations to pass some courses. He suggested that the University's response provide a reasonable timeline for programs to comply with any requirements that result from the recommendation.

H. Doshi commented on the Ombudsperson's observation that make-up exams are sometimes claimed to be more difficult than the original exams. The Ombudsperson said her observation is based on some professors apparently making announcements to that effect in class and/or on their course outlines.

On behalf of Senate, President Lachemi thanked the Ombudsperson for her thorough report and thoughtful recommendations.

7.5 Committee Reports

7.5.1 Report #W2017-1 from the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC): C. Evans

7.5.1.1 Update from the *ad hoc* Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC): M. Moshé provided a brief verbal report on the APRC's progress in the Fall 2016 term; a written version was provided in the agenda. She advised that the committee has conducted surveys and held town halls with students and faculty. A main focus of the committee's work has been on Ryerson's medical/health certificate. More information will be distributed to the Ryerson community as the committee continues its work.

R. Botelho asked if the committee considered conducting a pilot project prior to full rollout of a new medical/health certificate. J. Friedman, Co-Chair of the APRC, responded that a pilot project is under consideration, but that there are logistical challenges to be addressed.

7.5.2 Report #W2017-1 from the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): M. Moshé

7.5.2.1 Certificate in Advanced Accounting

Motion: *That Senate approve the Chang School Certificate in Advanced Accounting as described in the ASC report*

M. Moshé moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved.

7.5.3 Report #W2017-1 from the Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC): M. Moshé

M. Moshé presented a brief verbal report on the CIC's progress; a written version was provided in the agenda, including the committee's draft principles and goals as requested at a previous Senate meeting. She stated that the committee received positive feedback about open electives, and some challenges were highlighted. In general, students want more open electives, and more advice on which courses to take to achieve their education goals.

D. Checkland suggested that there will be implementation issues. He asked if there will be an implementation proposal by June, 2017. M. Moshé responded that she hopes a revised policy will be available by June, but that the implementation date is yet to be determined as there are a number of issues to be ironed out.

7.6 Report #W2017-1 from the Yeates School of Graduate Studies (YSGS): J. Mactavish

7.6.1 Professional Masters Diploma in Management of Technology and Innovation

Motion: *That Senate approve the PMDip in Management of Technology and Innovation Program and forward to Quality Council for approval*

J. Mactavish moved; I. Coe seconded

Motion approved

7.6.2 Periodic Program Review for Masters of Nursing Program

Motion: *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review of the Masters of Nursing Program*

J. Mactavish moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved.

7.6.3 Periodic Program Review for Masters of Documentary Media Program

Motion: *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review of the Masters of Documentary Media Program*

J. Mactavish moved; C. Falzon seconded

Motion Approved.

7.6.4 Periodic Program Review for Aerospace Engineering Graduate Programs

Motion: *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review of the Aerospace Engineering Programs*

J. Mactavish moved; T. Duever seconded

Motion Approved.

7.6.5 For Information: Curriculum Modification (Minor)

On January 12, 2017 YSGS Council approved the removal of BE8002 Seminar as a requirement for MEng students in the Biomedical Engineering program.

7.6.6 For Information: Curriculum Modifications (Minor)

Name changes for PMDip programs approved at the October 2015 Senate meeting

7.6.6.1 Canadian Business for International Students and New Canadians changed to Canadian Business

7.6.6.2 Chartered Financial Accountant changed to Accounting

7.6.6.3 Certified Financial Analyst changed to Financial Analysis

7.6.6.4 Finance and Social Innovation changed to Finance for Social Innovation

8. Old Business

9. New Business as Circulated

10. Members' Business

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Academic Integrity Office (AIO) 2015-2016 Report

The written report is in the agenda package, but D. Checkland indicated at the outset of the meeting that he wanted to discuss this item, so it was considered to be part of the meeting agenda. He mentioned that it was the first report since the implementation of the revised Policy 60. He highlighted the data on the number of cases in which the new grade-reduction penalty was applied; the number of cases from the Chang School, which possibly reflect three changes in the revised policy; and the number of cases in which two instances of academic misconduct led to a penalty hearing – that used to be an automatic outcome under the old policy, but now a review is conducted to determine if a penalty hearing is warranted.

11.2 Periodic (5-Year) Review of the Ryerson Centre for Immigration and Settlement (RCIS)

11.3 Course Change Summary Forms:

http://ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2017/Course_Change_Forms_Jan_2017.pdf

Faculty of Arts: *Languages, Literatures and Cultures; Philosophy*

Faculty of Community Services: *Child and Youth Care*

Faculty of Science: *Computer Science*

Ted Rogers School of Management: *Human Resources Management/ Organizational Behaviour*

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.