

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, May 2, 2017

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

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the May 2, 2017 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 April 4, 2017 meeting*

D. Checkland clarified the issue he raised at the April meeting regarding the academic home for some Chang School certificates. He explained that certificate programs with primarily degree-credit courses are housed in academic departments, and those with primarily non-degree-credit courses are often housed in the Chang School.

D. Checkland moved; E. Hysi 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 announced the following:

- Congratulations to Dr. Denise O'Neil Green who was appointed Ryerson's first Vice President, Equity and Community Inclusion. Related to the announcement of this appointment, Ryerson has been voted one of Canada's best diversity and inclusion employers for the third consecutive year.
- It was reported in Maclean's magazine that Ryerson was ranked among the Top 10 Best Engineering Universities and the Top 10 Best Business Universities in Canada. President Lachemi congratulated Dean Duever from FEAS and Dean Murphy from TRSM for these achievements. He also recognized the School of Interior Design, the Department of Psychology, the School of Social Work, and TRSM for renewals of their accreditation status.
- Dean Falzon from FCAD and A. Saloojee, Assistant Vice President International, were recognized for their team's work in forging a new partnership with the Canadian University of Dubai.
- Regarding the possible creation of a Law School at Ryerson, President Lachemi reported that a formal submission was made to the Federation of Law Societies of Canada on April 28, 2017. As well, a site visit has been conducted, the preliminary feedback from which was very positive. A full proposal is being prepared and will come to Senate in the near future.

- The provincial budget was announced last week. With no growth money for universities, Ryerson will keep its enrollment close to current levels for next year. For students, improvements to the OSAP program were announced, as well as new investment in Career Kickstart strategies.
- The 2017-18 Ryerson Budget was approved by the Board of Governors on April 27. President Lachemi noted that the budget is balanced, and provided some details about its implications for next year.
- The President noted that the process for revising the AAA policy is ongoing. He announced that a community town hall will be held on May 9, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in POD 250 to discuss the policy revision. An email will be sent to all faculty members; comments can also be submitted to provost@ryerson.ca. The draft policy revision, entitled “Appointment of Academic Administrators: Rights and Obligations of Ryerson University Search Committee Members: Hiring Guide” was circulated in advance to members and will be posted on the Provost’s website.
- The 2017-18 funding formula is still a work in progress. More information will be provided at the next Senate meeting, if it becomes available.
- Ryerson is also still waiting for the provincial government to announce the next phase of the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process; there will be more consultation with the Ryerson community as soon as possible.
- Regarding the proposal for a Ryerson site in Brampton, a meeting was held with the Ministry and another is scheduled for May. Ryerson has not been asked to provide a full proposal yet, so we are waiting for the government to notify us of next steps.
- Regarding a discussion raised at the previous Senate meeting, an investigation is underway regarding the event that took place on campus at which Ezra Levant was invited to speak. Further information is expected to be announced at the June 5 Senate meeting.
- Ryerson received a collection of historical books from McGraw Hill Ryerson – a donation worth an estimated 1 million dollars. President Lachemi thanked Chief Librarian M. Lefebvre and Rivi Frankle, Interim Vice President Advancement for their collaboration on this significant donation.
- Finally, President Lachemi reminded members about the upcoming Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences to be held at Ryerson from May 29-June 2. He encouraged Senators to volunteer and/or attend.

On behalf of the RFA, P. Danziger thanked President Lachemi for the opportunity to provide input on the AAA policy at the May 9 town hall.

7.2 Achievement Report

7.3 Report of the Secretary

7.3.1 Update on Senate election and vacancies. J. Turtle announced that Neil Thomlinson was nominated to replace D. Checkland on Senate. The remaining Senate membership vacancies, as well as the membership for AGPC and SPC, will be filled by the June 5 Senate meeting. The election for a Faculty of Science student representative on Senate will be re-run early in the Fall 2017 term.

J. Turtle welcomed the new student union representatives - Daniel Lis, Vice-President,

Education, RSU; and Arezoo Najibzadeh, Vice-President, Internal, CESAR.

7.3.2 Reminder about the next Senate meeting: MONDAY, June 5 at 10:00 a.m.

7.4 Committee Reports

7.4.1 Report #W2017-3 from the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): M. Moshé

7.4.1.1 Chang School Certificate in Gerontology: Review

Motion: *That Senate approve the review of the Chang School Certificate in Gerontology*

M. Moshé moved; Marie Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved

7.4.1.2 Chang School Certificate in Gerontology: Course Additions/Course Deletions; Revision to Certificate Name

Motion: *That Senate approve the course additions, course deletions, and name change for the Chang School Certificate in Gerontology*

M. Moshé moved; A. McWilliams seconded

Motion Approved

7.4.1.3 Chang School Certificate in Facility Management: Review

Motion: *That Senate approve the review of the Chang School Certificate in Facility Management*

M. Moshé moved; Marie Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved

7.4.1.4 Chang School Certificate in Facility Management:

Implementation of Certificate Review Recommendations

Motion: *That Senate approve the implementation of review recommendations for the Chang School Certificate in Facility Management*

M. Moshé moved; A. McWilliams seconded

Motion Approved

7.4.1.5 Chang School Certificate in Disaster and Emergency Management: Course Deletions; Course Additions

Motion: *That Senate approve the course additions and course deletions for the Chang School Certificate in Disaster and Emergency Management*

M. Moshé moved; E. Kam seconded

Motion Approved

7.4.1.6 Chang School Certificate in Energy Management: Course Deletions; Course Additions

Motion: *That Senate approve the course additions and course deletions for the Chang School Certificate in Energy Management*

M. Moshé moved; Tara Burke seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.7 Chang School Certificate in Local Economic Development: Proposal

Motion: *That Senate approve the proposal for the Chang School Certificate in Local Economic Development*

M. Moshé moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.8 For Information: Chang School Certificates – Revisions (March 2017; April 2017)

7.4.2 Report #W2017-3 from the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC):

M. Moshé, Vice Chair of AGPC

7.4.2.1 Update regarding the *ad hoc* Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC). The new Health Certificate, previously provided to Senate, has been finalized and there is a plan to pilot it in the Fall 2017 term. The committee has been working largely on articulating the grounds for academic consideration requests, including physical and mental health grounds, and compassionate grounds. The committee is also working with CCS regarding an automated, online system for the submission and processing of academic consideration requests, as well as academic standing and grade appeals. It is expected that this automation will result in a more timely and efficient process for students, staff and faculty. YSGS is working on revisions of Policy 152 (Graduate Student Appeals), which might come to Senate for approval at the June 5 meeting.

7.4.2.2 Update regarding Recommendation #2 in the Ombudsperson's 2015-2016 Report on additional requirements to pass a course. Policy 46 and Policy 127 require that such grading variations need Senate approval. This issue has been discussed at Academic Governance and Policy Committee, Senate Priorities Committee, and Academic Planning Group (i.e., Deans and Vice Provosts). An email explaining the process for obtaining Senate approval will be sent to Chairs, Directors and Deans in the next week or so. This process will bring the variations into compliance with Senate policies, with plenty of time provided for programs to do so.

7.4.3 Report #W2017-2 from the Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC): M. Moshé

7.4.3.1 Update regarding timeline for the new omnibus curriculum policy (Policy 2)

The Committee has created a draft omnibus policy. It plans to submit it to Senate for information in June, and hopes to bring it for Senate approval in the Fall 2017 term.

D. Checkland commented that there will be new Senators in the Fall, so they will have to be brought up to speed with the issues when the revision comes to Senate for approval.

President Lachemi thanked M. Moshé and the members of APRC and CIC for their dedication and hard work.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business - None

11. Consent Agenda - None

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.