

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, June 5, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

The meeting started at 10:10 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the June 5, 2017 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; D. Checkland seconded.

Motion Approved.

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting*

C. Falzon moved; D. Mason 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 highlighted a few items from his Report.

The 2017 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences, hosted by the Faculty of Arts from May 27 to June 2, was a great success, with more than 10,000 attendees. President Lachemi thanked Dean Pam Sugiman, faculty members, organizers and volunteers for their dedication and hard work, and congratulated them for such a successful event.

President Lachemi encouraged faculty members to attend the Spring convocation ceremonies, starting June 6, 2017.

Carol Shepstone appointed Chief Librarian. President Lachemi thanked M. Lefebvre for her dedication and achievements throughout her term as Chief Librarian. Her term will end in September, 2017.

Ian Mishkel appointed Vice-President Advancement and Alumni Relations, effective July 31, 2017. President Lachemi thanked Interim Vice-President, Rivi Frankel, for her contributions during her interim period; she will continue in her position as Assistant Vice-President, Advancement.

Janice Winton, Vice-President, Administration and Finance, has announced that she will retire by the end of 2017. President Lachemi will provide details of the search process when they become available.

Regarding the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process, the University is waiting for further information from the provincial government. Senate will be updated at its next meeting.

Regarding the Brampton initiative, some meetings have taken place, but no agreement has been signed. The President will keep Senate informed about next steps.

A four-person advisory committee has been struck to review and make recommendations regarding the AAA Policy. Anver Saloojee has been appointed Chair; other members include Julia Shin Doi, General Counsel and Secretary of the Board of Governors, and Senate members David Checkland and Andrew McWilliams. S. Zolfaghari gave a brief update on the AAA revision process in general, including that a town hall was held on May 9, that 29 submissions have been received from individuals and groups, as well as additional feedback from the RFA. This information will be shared with the advisory committee. D. Checkland provided further information about the committee's discussions so far, and stated that there will be a meeting today (June 5) and tomorrow (June 6). P. Danziger asked if the final version of the document will be available before it goes to the Board of Governors for approval. M. Lachemi confirmed that it will be made available.

President Lachemi followed up on his commitment to provide a report to Senate regarding an event held in the Alumni Lounge at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC) on March 22. Tony Conte, Interim Director of Integrated Risk Management, gave an update on this matter, including that the University's procedures for such events will be revisited and revised, and that input from stakeholders will be solicited as part of that process. A. McWilliams referred to Ryerson's current Statement on Freedom of Speech as it relates to such events taking place on campus, and suggested that the Statement be reviewed in the next academic year. The President agreed that a review should be undertaken by the appropriate Senate committee. K. Underwood mentioned that RFA Equity Committee will address this issue during Social Justice Week in the Fall.

There was a video presentation regarding the donation of the McGraw-Hill Ryerson Press Collection to the library. The presentation was titled: "The Ryerson Press Collection – A Brief History - 1862-1970."

7.2 Report of the Secretary

7.2.1 Update on Senate and committee vacancies

The Secretary of Senate brought forward names to fill vacancies on Senate, AGPC, and SPC

D. Checkland moved; D. Mason seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3 Committee Reports

7.3.1 Report #W2017-4 of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): M. Moshé

7.3.1.1 Law program proposal

Motion: *That Senate approve the law program proposal as described in the agenda package, contingent on approval by the Federation of Law Societies of Canada, and contingent on the establishment of a Faculty of Law at Ryerson*

M. Moshé moved; D. Mason seconded

Some discussion ensued, including comments about the challenges current law students face securing articling positions, how the proposed program might intersect with existing Ryerson programs, and how a new program would be affect current space and resource demands.

Motion Approved.

President Lachemi congratulated the team who worked on the Law program, and Senate members for providing their support.

7.3.2 Report #W2017-4 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC): C. Evans

7.3.2.1 Policy 152: Graduate Student Academic Consideration and Appeals

Motion: *That Senate approve the revisions to Policy 152 (Graduate Student Academic Consideration and Appeals), as described in the agenda package*

C. Evans moved; A. McWilliams seconded

K. Church commented on some issues regarding the process for students to submit medical documentation. C. Evans and M. Moshé replied that Policy 152 is still among the policies under review by the ad hoc Academic Policy Review Committee, and that the issues raised will be considered as part of that process.

D. Checkland suggested that the APRC consider alternative wording to the statement in the Goals and Principles section that reads, “It should be understood that students can only receive grades which reflect their knowledge of the course material.” It was understood that the APRC will look into the matter.

Motion Approved.

7.3.2.2 Department Council Bylaws for Philosophy

Motion: *That Senate approve the Departmental Council Bylaws for Philosophy*

C. Evans moved; M. Bountrogianni seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.2.3 Department Council Bylaws for Criminology

Motion: *That Senate approve the Departmental Council Bylaws for Criminology*

C. Evans moved; D. Mason seconded

Motion Approved.

7.3.2.4 Update regarding Recommendation #2 in the Ombudsperson's 2015-2016 Report on additional requirements to pass a course

C. Evans stated that on May 12, 2017 the Provost's office circulated a memo to Chairs, Directors and Deans on this topic. The memo describes a process by which the Academic Standards Committee will review proposals for courses to include additional requirements to pass. Proposals should be submitted by June 2018, in order to be eligible for approval by November 2018.

7.3.3 Report #W2017-3 of the Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC): M. Moshé

7.3.3.1 DRAFT Policy 2: Undergraduate Curriculum Structure was provided for information to Senate. A formal revision is expected to come to Senate for approval in the 2017-2018 session. The email address to be used for submitting information regarding curriculum structure is cic@ryerson.ca.

8. Old Business

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business – None

P. Danziger asked about institutional targets and metrics in the University's submission for the Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) process. President Lachemi provided a brief summary of the University's submission; P. Stenton advised that he will follow up with further details to Professor Danziger.

D. Checkland suggested that Senate establish a committee next year to re-examine the Senate Bylaw, especially if a Faculty of Law is created at some point.

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Update on the 2014-2019 Academic Plan (*Our Time to Lead*) and from the Office of the Vice President Research and Innovation
(OVPRI) See: http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2017/Academic_Plan_Update_June_2017.pdf

11.2 Senate Learning and Teaching Committee report

12. Prior to Adjournment, President Lachemi thanked Senate members for their hard work and dedication during the 2016-2017 session, and specifically acknowledged M. Lefebvre for her accomplishments as Chief Librarian, and C. Evans for his work as Interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic. The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.