

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, November 7, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:	STUDENTS:
J. Austin	C. Antonescu	E. Harley
M. Benarroch	I. Baitz	R. Hudyma
M. Bountrogianni	S. Benda	E. Kam
C. Hack	R. Botelho	K. Kumar
M. Lachemi	B. Ceh	V. Magness
I. Mishkel	K. Church	D. Mason
M. Moshé	P. Danziger	A. McWilliams
S. Murphy	Y. Derbal	S. Rakhmayil
C. Shepstone	S. Dolgoy	N. Thomlinson
P. Stenton	H. Doshi	J. Tiessen
P. Sugiman	C. Dowling	K. Underwood
	N. Eichenlaub	K. Venkatakrishnan
	A. Ferworn	
		EX-OFFICIO
		A. Najibzadeh
		D. Lis
SENATE ASSOCIATES:		ALUMNI:
A. M. Brinsmead		J. Makuch
M. Zouri		C. Tam
REGRETS:		ABSENT:
L. Barnoff	R. Ravindran	J. Friedman
T. Burke	J. Winton	L. Pine
R. Chumak-Horbatsch	J. Zboralski	V. Tanveer
I. Coe	S. Zolfaghari	
M. Dionne		
T. Duever		
C. Falzon		
S. Liss		
J. Mactavish		
D. O'Neil Green		

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the November 7, 2017 meeting*

The Chair suggested amending the agenda in order to add Item 7.6, to be discussed after the results of the election described in Item 7.4.3.3 are known. Item 7.6 will be:

Motion: *That Senate approve the following three Senate members as representatives on the Chancellor search committee*

(A. McWilliams moved; D. Mason seconded.)

Motion approved

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the October 3, 2017 meeting*

D. Mason moved; I. Baitz 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 congratulated Steven Murphy, Dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management (TRSM) on his new appointment as President Elect of the Ontario University of Technology (UOIT), due to start on March 1, 2018.

The President reported that there were six Fall convocation ceremonies, which took place on October 10, 11 and 12. He provided some details on the number of graduates, reminded Senate that Honorary Doctorates were awarded to Helen Vari and Frank Iacobucci, noted that Ryerson now has approximately 189,000 alumni, and thanked all Senators who participated in the ceremonies. [NOTE: A full convocation report will be submitted for information in the December 5, 2017 Senate meeting agenda.]

The President also thanked staff from University Advancement, and other staff, faculty and students who helped organize and welcome approximately 900 visitors to Ryerson's Alumni weekend on October 14 and 15, culminating in the Alumni dinner and Achievement Awards night, which had about 600 people at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC). Videos were created to showcase the award winners; one of the videos was presented at this Senate meeting, and the others will be presented at subsequent meetings.

President Lachemi also noted that on November 28, 2017, at the MAC, the Economic Club of Canada will host an event – *The Economics of Equality: Advancing Women and Girls to Change the World — A Conversation with Former First Lady, Michelle Obama*.

He updated Senate that the search for a new Vice President, Administration and Operations is going well, and that he will keep Senate posted on the search committee's progress.

President Lachemi reported that Ryerson received approval of its law school proposal from the Ontario Universities Council on Quality Assurance (“the Quality Council”), and that we are now waiting to hear from the Federation of Law Societies of Canada. He thanked the team that has worked on the initiative to this point, including Anver Saloojee, Provost Benarroch, and many others.

The President announced that Ryerson has signed its Strategic Mandate Agreement 2 (SMA 2) with the provincial government, but that details cannot be released until all universities have signed their SMAs. He mentioned that there are ongoing concerns regarding funding for Masters-level enrollment, but that a process for discussing those concerns has been arranged.

Regarding Ryerson's response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations, President Lachemi reminded Senate that a working group was formed in 2016, headed by Denise O'Neil Green, and that Senate will be updated as the University continues to work on its response.

7.2 Achievement Report

7.3 Report of the Secretary

The Secretary reported that the process for bringing council bylaws to Senate was discussed at the most recent meetings of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC) and the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC), with the aim of streamlining that process. He also noted that, in general, Senators are encouraged to contact him in advance of a Senate meeting if they notice any errors in the agenda or in any of the agenda documents.

7.4 Committee Reports

7.4.1 Report #F2017-2 of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): M. Moshé

7.4.1.1 TRSM proposal to use CMN 279 (Introduction to Professional Communication) as the required Professional Communication course for all TRSM students

Motion: *That Senate approve the TRSM proposal to use CMN 279 (Introduction to Professional Communication) as the required Professional Communication course for all TRSM students, as described in the Senate agenda*

M. Moshé moved; S. Murphy seconded.

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.2 Urban and Regional Planning: Removal of PLG 700 (Contemporary Urban Issues)

Motion: *That Senate approve the Urban and Regional Planning proposal to remove PLG 700 (Contemporary Urban Issues) as described in the Senate agenda*

M. Moshé moved; D. Lis seconded.

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.3 Midwifery Education Program (MEP) proposal for changes to its admission requirements.

Motion: *That Senate approve the Midwifery Education Program proposal for changes to its admissions requirements as described in the Senate agenda*

M. Moshé moved; S. Liss seconded.

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.4 Computer Science proposal for a minor in Computer Science.

Motion: *That Senate approve the proposal for a Minor in Computer Science as described in the Senate agenda*

M. Moshé moved; D. Mason seconded.

Motion Approved.

7.4.1.5 School of Interior Design curriculum revisions

Motion revised to read: *“That Senate approve the proposal for curriculum revisions in the School of Interior Design as described in the Senate agenda, with the following correction: At page 27, the paragraph under “Phasing in-out of Curriculum” be deleted and replaced with: “The new curriculum will be implemented for new admissions starting in the Fall 2018. All other cohorts will complete the former version of the curriculum.”*

M. Moshé moved and A. McWilliams seconded the revised motion.

Revised Motion Approved.

7.4.1.6 School of Creative Industries proposal for a minor in Communication Design

Motion: *That Senate approve the proposal for a Minor in Communication Design as described in the Senate agenda*

M. Moshé moved; A. McWilliams seconded

K. Church asked how the Faculty of Community Services, especially the School of Disabilities Studies, can potentially be involved in the minor, in terms of including some its courses in the minor and having its students take the minor.

M. Moshé responded that all programs can add courses from the new minor to their list of electives. J. Nadler confirmed that his department is interested in including courses from other programs. President Lachemi encouraged those in charge of the minor to bring any suggested changes back to Senate.

Motion approved.

7.4.2 Report #F2017-2 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC):

M. Benarroch

7.4.2.1 Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC) update: M. Moshé provided an update on the committee's work, including the launch of a pilot program in TRSM for an online Academic Consideration Request (ACR) system, which is planned to be expanded to perhaps one more Faculty in Winter 2018, before being rolled out to the rest of the University. The committee plans to bring feedback on the exam policy (#135) to Senate soon, as well as a report from the Registrar on exam scheduling.

7.4.2.2 Update on the Review of [Ryerson's Freedom of Speech statement](#)

Provost Benarroch provided a brief update on the committee's meetings so far. V. Magness referred to the last sentence of the current Statement on Freedom of Speech, which reads: "The university may act when speech on campus is used in a way that is itself unlawful or prevents the lawful exercise of free speech by others." She inquired as to how the university decides what type of speech constitutes a threat to" the lawful exercise of free speech by others." President Lachemi responded that the committee will discuss this issue as part of its process, including consultation with the Ryerson community, and report back to Senate.

7.4.2.3 Update on Review of [Senate Bylaws](#)

Provost Benarroch reported that the composition of a committee will be discussed at the next AGPC meeting, and that further information will be brought to the next Senate meeting.

7.4.2.4 Notice that the FLD grade designation will be implemented for Fall 2017 as per Policy 46 ("the GPA policy"): C. Hack noted that the details of this move are provided in the agenda document related to this item, and briefly highlighted that this is a grade category already included in policy, but not previously implemented. She noted that students in the past have not been disadvantaged by the lack of the grade's use, but that using it from now on will clarify that a failure in a Pass/Fail course does not affect a student's GPA.

7.4.3 Report #F2017-1 of the Senate Priorities Committee: M. Lachemi

7.4.3.1 Notice from the Awards and Ceremonials Committee (AWCC) that Spring convocation ceremonies are moving to the Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC), starting in June 2018. The move will allow students to invite more guests, and will likely reduce the total number of ceremonies, as well as the length of each one.

7.4.3.2 Recommendation from the Awards and Ceremonials Committee (AWCC) to add an alumni representative to the AWCC membership

Motion: *That Senate approve the recommendation from the Awards and Ceremonials Committee (AWCC) to add an alumni representative to the AWCC membership*

Provost Benarroch moved and A. McWilliams seconded.

Motion Approved.

7.4.3.3 Election of Senate representatives to the Chancellor search committee. See SPC report in the agenda package for details.

The President noted that A. McWilliams (faculty representative) and M. Bountrogianni (*ex officio* representative) were already listed in the agenda as the sole nominees in their categories, and that there are two nominees in the student representative category: R. Rezaee and D. Lis. The President asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor; none were received. Ballots were distributed to Senators to cast their vote for one of the two student nominees.

Results of the vote for a student Senator representative on the Chancellor Search Committee:

45 ballots cast

1 invalid vote

29 votes for D. Lis

15 votes for R. Rezaee

D. Lis elected

7.4.4 Report #F2017-1 of the Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC): M. Moshé The Committee is providing **three** Notices of Motion for items to be considered at the December 5, 2017 meeting of Senate. Supporting documentation is provided in the November 7 agenda for Senators to consider prior to the December meeting. M. Moshé stated that two information sessions have been scheduled to discuss these motions prior to the December Senate meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of implementing the curriculum structure changes. It was suggested that the issues be raised at the upcoming information sessions and/or at the December Senate meeting when the motions will be brought for approval.

7.4.4.1 **Notice of Motion:** That Senate receive for information the December 5, 2017 Curriculum Implementation Committee Report to Senate; and, That Senate request the Vice-Provost Academic to report semi-annually on whether and how each of the recommendations in the Report has been addressed.

7.4.4.2 **Notice of Motion:** That Senate approve the proposed Policy 2: Undergraduate Curriculum Structure.

7.4.4.3 **Notice of Motion:** That Senate approve the proposed Implementation Plan; and, That the Timeline contained in Appendix I of the Plan be accepted as a guideline, with

milestones and any divergences reported and explained to Senate throughout the implementation process.

7.5 Report #F2017-1 of the Yeates School of Graduate Studies (YSGS)

7.5.1 New program proposal for the Master of Health Administration (Community Care)

Motion: *That Senate approve the new program proposal for the Master of Health Administration (Community Care) program as described in the Senate agenda.*

J. Tiessen moved; V. Magness seconded

Discussion ensued regarding funding of the new program, as well as potential overlap between the new program and existing programs, especially Disability Studies. President Lachemi clarified his earlier comments about the status of funding for graduate programs at Ryerson – that there is not a shortfall, but that the University is working with the provincial government on the exact number of funded Masters slots. J. J. Tiessen stated that the Faculty of Community Services was consulted as part of the new program's development, and that further discussion on the evolution of the program with interested parties is welcome.

Motion Approved.

7.6 **Motion:** *That Senate approve the following three Senate members as representatives on the Chancellor search committee:*

Student Representative: D. Lis

Faculty Representative: A. McWilliams

Ex-officio Representatives: M. Bountrogianni

M. Benarroch moved; E. Kam seconded

Motion Approved.

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business - None

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Course changes from Faculty of Arts:

(see http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2017/Course_Change_Forms_Nov2017.pdf)

English; Arts & Contemporary Studies; Criminology; and Geography & Environmental Studies

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6.32 p.m.