

SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:

EX-OFFICIO:	FACULTY:		STUDENTS:
J. Austin	I. Baitz	E. Kam	B. Baum
L. Barnoff	S. Benda	V. Magness	L. Emberson
M. Benarroch	T. Burke	A. McWilliams	S. Faruqi
M. Bountrogianni	B. Ceh	S. Rakhmayil	E. Hysi
D. Brown	K. Church	R. Ravindran	T. Nowshin
G. Craney	P. Danziger	N. Thomlinson	N. Ul Saqib
T. Duever	Y. Derbal	K. Underwood	
C. Falzon	M. Dionne	K. Venkatakrishnan	
C. Hack	S. Dolgoy		
M. Lachemi	H. Doshi		EX-OFFICIO
A. Levin	C. Dowling		D. Lis
J. Mactavish	N. Eichenlaub		Leizl Yance
I. Mishkel	A. Ferworn		
M. Moshé	J. Friedman		
D. O'Neil Green	E. Harley		
S. Zolfaghari	R. Hudyma		

SENATE ASSOCIATES:

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A. M. Brinsmead			J. Makuch
M. Zouri			C. Tam

REGRETS:

ABSENT:

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R. Botelho		C. Antonescu	
I. Coe		B. Arkinson	
S. Liss		S. Asalya	
D. Mason		R. Chumak-Horbatsch	
F. Muto		C. Davenport	
L. Pine		K. Kumar	
C. Shepstone		R. Rezaee	
P. Sugiman		R. Syed	
J. Tiessen			
J. Zboralski			

The meeting started with a Committee of the Whole discussion regarding the draft revision of Ryerson's Freedom of Expression statement. The draft statement was included in the agenda package (pages 46-47). A. McWilliams, Co-Chair of the ad hoc committee currently working on the Freedom of Expression Statement, provided background information on the committee's work, and introduced Jim Turk to speak further to this issue. Senators were asked to consider four questions in small group discussions, each of which was facilitated by a member of the ad hoc committee who took notes. The four questions were:

- 1) Does the proposed language properly state the roles and values of the University?
- 2) Does the proposed language clearly identify the centrality of freedom of expression to the purposes of the University, as well as the limits on freedom of expression?
- 3) Does the proposed language provide appropriate guidance to the President, Provost and Ryerson University administration with respect to issues related to freedom of expression?
- 4) Do you have any concerns that the proposed language may conflict with any of Ryerson's academic or administrative policies? If so, should the statement be revised or should the policies be re-examined in light of the Statement?

The regularly scheduled meeting followed.

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: *That Senate approve the agenda for the March 6, 2018 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved and V. Magness seconded.

Motion Approved.

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion: *That Senate approve the minutes of the January 30, 2018 meeting*

T. Duever moved and R. Ravindran 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

Highlights

President Lachemi announced that the DMZ was ranked the number one university-based incubator in the world by UBI Global. He congratulated the team working at the DMZ.

Last week, there was a panel discussion with the leaders of the provincial political parties at the Sears Atrium regarding participation in elections, especially among youth. The President congratulated the Dean of the Faculty of Arts for hosting this successful event.

Two weeks ago, Ryerson received formal approval of the law school program from the Law Society of Ontario.

The Search committee process is ongoing for a new Chancellor. President Lachemi informed Senators that they can nominate people for the position by going to the website.

Former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, and Premier Kathleen Wynne, will be at the Mattamy Athletic Centre (MAC) on Thursday March 8 to speak about leadership and climate change.

President Lachemi read out the names of Honorary Doctorate recipients for 2018:

- Faculty of Arts: Michael Tulloch – Justice, Ontario Court of Appeal; Doctor of Laws
- Faculty of Communication & Design: Alanis Obomsawin – Indigenous filmmaker, artist and activist; Doctor of Laws
- Faculty of Community Services: Rabbi Elyse Goldstein – Founder of City Shul (Reform); Doctor of Laws
- Faculty of Engineering & Architectural Science: Mohamad Fakhri – Entrepreneur and philanthropist, CEO and President of paramount Fine Foods; Doctor of Laws
- Faculty of Science: David Johnston – Former Governor General of Canada; Doctor of Laws
- Ted Rogers School of Management: Brian Porter – President and CEO, Scotiabank; Doctor of Laws
- The G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education: Radna Omidvar – Senator for Ontario, the Senate of Canada; Doctor of Laws

The President thanked everyone involved in the process, especially the Awards and Ceremonials Committee, and noted that the recipients he contacted were very appreciative of the honour. There will be a gala dinner on May 10 to honor the recipients.

Spring convocation this June will be held at the Mattamy Athletic Centre. That venue provides more space than the Ryerson theatre, which means that there will be fewer ceremonies and that each student will get four tickets for guests instead of the two tickets that have been available to them previously.

7.2 Communications Report

7.3 Report of the Secretary

7.3.1 Senate elections update

The Secretary updated members on the progress of the election that is underway from March 5 to March 8. He noted that voting this year is only for the student positions on Senate, as the faculty positions were acclaimed.

7.4 [Ombudsperson's Report](#): N. Farrell

N. Farrell explained the Ombudsperson's role. She commended the people and offices who provided information for the report, and stated that she received very useful data from the Registrar's Office.

She highlighted the ongoing work of the Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC), and commended its co-chair, J. Friedman, who played a major role in the ongoing pilot project for students in the Department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering to use a 'self-declaration' instead of submitting a health certificate to request academic accommodation. She also commended A. Goss for his major role in the ongoing pilot project for TRSM students to submit their academic consideration requests online. And she commended the Secretary of Senate for spearheading the online submission of grade and standing appeals, which is currently under development.

The Ombudsperson reviewed the progress on her recommendations from last year's report, and described her recommendations in this year's report.

Regarding the difficulty level of makeup exams, S. Rakhmayil commented that students' impressions of exam difficulty are subjective, and don't necessarily mean that makeups are actually more difficult. N. Farrell responded she is not relying solely on students' impressions, but that some faculty members explicitly state to their classes that those makeup exams should be more difficult, since the students writing them have more time to study.

7.5 Committee Reports

7.5.1 Report #W2018-2 of the Senate Priorities Committee (SPC): M. Lachemi

7.5.1.1 The establishment of a Faculty of Law at Ryerson

Motion: *That Senate approve the establishment of a Faculty of Law, pending approval by the Board of Governors, with the hiring of a Dean of the Faculty of Law*

Given the historical significance of this motion, M. Lachemi invited all Senators to move and second it. Many did, and the following names were recorded: A. Levin, A. McWilliams, E. Kam, L. Emberson, D. Lis, T. Nowshin, R. Ravindran, T. Burke, and A. Ferworn.

M. Benarroch spoke to the motion. He noted that the law school curriculum proposal was approved by Senate at its June 2017 meeting; highlighted the contributions of C. Evans, A. Saloojee, J. Shin Doi, and many others; reviewed the approval process to date; and confirmed that graduates from this program will be able to apply to practice law in Canada.

P. Danziger stated that the report in the agenda lists two criteria: Appropriate and adequate funding from the province, and assurances from the Provost that it would not negatively affect current Faculties and programs. He noted that we have not received any funding from government, and that space for the new school is a major issue. He also asked how the composition of Senate will be changed to accommodate the new Faculty.

President Lachemi responded that the target for implementation of the Law Faculty is 2020, so funding will be addressed in the University's Strategic Mandate Agreement (SMA) 3. There is strong support for the new Faculty at Ryerson, and in the legal community, and the University will work hard to secure appropriate funding. He also said that the new Faculty will not drain funding from other Faculties.

M. Benarroch informed members that the School of Nursing area is only a temporary space, which is not adequate for the law school in the long run, so the University is working to find permanent space, which will eventually allow for the 4th floor POD space to be re-allocated. Regarding resources, the program is built on a model of being self-sustaining, if necessary. Regarding the composition of Senate, the Provost will report back to Senate on the plan for new Dean.

N. Thomlinson referred to page 20 of the agenda, inquired about possible cross-appointments of current faculty members, and asked if there will be appropriate "backfill" of any vacated positions that result from those cross-appointments.

M. Benarroch responded that he agrees there will likely be current faculty members who will be interested either in moving entirely to the Faculty of Law or in a cross-appointment. He said that the intention is to backfill vacant positions if faculty move to the new program.

P. Danziger asked if there is a contingency plan if the new program is not funded by the government.

M. Benarroch responded that, in the absence of government funding, increased tuition fees would be used to cover the shortfall. He went on to say that that would be unfortunate, and would mean

that Ryerson's law school would be the only one in the province not to be funded by the government.

Motion Approved.

7.5.2 Report #W2018-2 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC): M. Benarroch

7.5.2.1 Ryerson's Institutional Quality Assurance Process (IQAP) policies: M. Moshé

Motion: *That Senate approve Ryerson's revised Institutional Quality Assurance Process Policies (IQAP) as described in the agenda package*

M. Moshé moved and L. Emberson seconded

M. Moshé provided an overview of the revisions to the policies, commended Dr. Katherine Penny for her hard work on them, as well as Jennifer MacTavish for feedback and support.

S. Dolgoy related to Senate some discussion at the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC), of which he is a member. He noted that in that committee he asked if there are sufficient resources to support curriculum reviews and changes and, if not, if that might be inhibiting curriculum innovation. He noted that, while Senate is not empowered to allocate financial resources, he is suggesting that Senate advocate for appropriate resources in this area to whatever extent is possible. The President acknowledged that the point has been clearly made, and asked the Provost for further comment. M. Benarroch noted that an additional staff person has recently been hired in this area, and said he would like to see if the process can be streamlined internally before we look at further additional resources.

C. Falzon thanked the Provost for his comments on this issue. He stated that there are time pressures for curriculum changes to be made, at least in FCAD, that streamlining does not necessarily equate to speed, and asked that Senate look for ways to support curriculum changes in the future.

Motion Approved.

7.5.2.2 Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC) update: M. Moshé

M. Moshé reported that the committee has a draft of a new policy on grade reassessment and recalculation, thanked those who have provided their input on the draft, and said that the committee hopes to bring the draft policy to Senate by the end of this term. She also noted that the pilot project for the online submission of academic consideration requests has been expanded from TRSM to most departments in the Faculty of Engineering and Architectural Science, and that the other Faculties are expected to be phased-in in the near future. She also noted that an online academic appeal system is expected to be piloted in the Faculty of Science at the end of the Winter 2018 term.

B. Baum asked if instructors are allowed to use alternatives for makeup exams, such as moving the weight of a missed exam to the final exam. J. Turtle responded that the default is for a makeup exam to be administered, but that there are circumstances in which that is not possible, or appropriate.

7.5.3 Report #W2018-1 of the Academic Standards Committee: M. Moshé

7.5.3.1 Periodic Program Review (PPR) – Urban and Regional Planning

Motion: *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review (PPR) for Urban and Regional Planning as described in the agenda package*

M. Moshé moved and U. Saqib seconded

The Interim Vice Provost Academic summarized the PPR, including compliments from the peer review team regarding the program, and commended the program for an especially well-done review.

Motion Approved.

7.5.3.2 For Information: G. Raymond Chang School of Continuing Education Certificate Revisions

- i. Certificate in Advanced Accounting: Changes to Admission Criteria
- ii. Certificate in Computer Programming Applications: Course Deletion and Addition
- iii. Certificate in Health Informatics: Course Addition
- iv. Certificate in Health Services Management: Course Addition
- v. Certificate in Health Studies: Course Additions and Deletions
- vi. Certificate in Project Management: Course Deletions
- vii. Certificate in Project Management for Technical Professionals: Course Deletions and Addition

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business - None

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Annual Report from the Academic Integrity Office (AIO)

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.