

**SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

<b>EX-OFFICIO:</b>	<b>FACULTY:</b>		<b>STUDENTS:</b>
I. Crookshank	R. Babin	V. Magness	N. Allou
C. Evans	A. Bailey	D. Mason	J. Circo
G. Craney	T. Burke	A. McWilliams	A. Jagayat
C. Hack	D. Checkland	A. Miransky	F. Khan
M. Lachemi	Y. Derbal	P. Moore	R. Kucheran
S. Liss	K. Dermody	S. Rakhmayil	A. Rahunathan
J. Mactavish	M. Dionne	S. Sabatinos	
M. Moshé	S. Dolgoy	N. Thomlinson	
D. O'Neil Green	A. El-Rabbany	J. Tiessen	
A. Saloojee	R. Hudyma	M. Tiessen	<b>EX-OFFICIO</b>
D. Taras	C. Kular	M. Vahabi	F. Abdulrahman
		A. Yazdani	S. Faruqi

**SENATE  
ASSOCIATES:**

A. M. Brinsmead			
M. Zouri			

**REGRETS:**

		<b>ABSENT:</b>
D. Androutsos	S. Mehmood	C. Antonescu
M. Benarroch	R. Meldrum	S. Benda
L. Barnoff	I. Mishkel	E. Ignagni
M. Bountrogianni	R. Ravindran	J. Makuch
D. Brown	P. Shannon	J. Marriott
T. Duever	C. Shepstone	A. Nguyen
C. Falzon	P. Sugiman	A. Sharma
K. Kumar	N. Walton	C. Tam
J. Makuch	S. Zolfaghari	J. Zboralski

**Committee of the Whole Discussion:** The Learning & Teaching Office has partnered with Facilities Management & Development in a project to develop a new set of standards for renovating and building new classrooms on campus. These standards are part of a 10-year plan to improve learning environments at the university. The first step in this process is a set of community consultations. There will be a total of five town halls for students, staff, faculty, and instructors. An online survey was sent out to the entire Ryerson community along with notification of the town halls. The town halls and survey will gather feedback from the Ryerson community on the existing classrooms on campus, any gaps that exist, and thoughts on how they can be improved.

## Overall Discussion

1. There are a lot of rooms in bad condition, and that sends a bad message - deferred maintenance doesn't make students feel welcome. A gradualist approach is needed to fix those things and make small upgrades rather than major renovations.
2. Inclusiveness - moveable furniture and walls, adaptable rooms, accommodate different learning and teaching styles. Thinking about how to balance that with large classes - how to scale flexible classrooms into larger units? This has potentially been done at the University of Toronto.
3. Classrooms beyond the four walls - how to create an urban classroom that can bring together different institutions and community organizations? Create a super course to bring together students from different programs. Everyone wants to be proud of spaces and people feel encouraged to contribute to maintenance. Different levels of seating for visibility and flexible space for TAs and instructors to meet students.
4. Flexibility in size, layout, technology, and structure. Accessible, checked for dead zones, future proofed. Set a protocol to add or retrofit based on emergent needs. Upgrades every 3-5 years. Gather information needed for all programs to build flexible space: SLS, Students, Media Services, etc.
5. Providing options - Flexible configuration in space, technology, time table. Flexibility played into all the other values. Faculty feel frustration in the lack of options and control.
6. Need for a standardized document listing what should go into classrooms. Prioritize fixing what we already have. Someone to be in charge of custodial like markers and chalk.

The Committee of the Whole Discussion ended at 5:45pm. The Senate Meeting followed.

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1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the agenda for the October 2, 2018 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; A. El-Rabbany seconded

**Motion Approved**

3. Announcements - None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the minutes of the May 29, 2018 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; D. Checkland seconded

**Motion Approved**

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

As a matter of follow-up, D. Bell stated that there was no meeting scheduled between J. Turtle and R. Rezaee regarding her concern that some of the issues she raised in the May 1, 2018 meeting were not included in the minutes. Based on this, there was insufficient information available to address the issue and move it forward.

D. Bell also stated that, in regards to the member's business, R. Babin provided a notice of motion to occur at the next (being the present) Senate meeting. D. Bell, M. Moshé, and JP. Foxe met with R. Babin to discuss changes and he has agreed to withdraw his notice of motion.

6. Correspondence - None

7. Reports

7.1 Report of the President

7.1.1 President's Update

**Highlights:**

President Lachemi welcomed the new Secretary of Senate, Donna Bell. The new appointments of the Dean of TRSM, Daphne Taras; Interim Vice-Provost Students, Ian Crookshank; Interim Dean of FOS, Chris Evans. The recruitment of a new Dean of Record for the Law School will soon be underway. Until then Anver Saloojee holds this role. Ryerson has appointed a new Chancellor. She is the 5<sup>th</sup> Chancellor and Ryerson's 1<sup>st</sup> female Chancellor. Janice Fukakusa will begin her role as Chancellor on October 10<sup>th</sup>. The appointment of Mitch Frazer, Chair of the Board; and Tony Staffieri, new Vice Chair of the Board.

President Lachemi stated that enrollment for the school is just over 43,000, including both full-time and part-time. For Graduate students, the student enrollment numbers are 2,700.

The President recognized the achievement of School of Image Arts professor, Robert Burley; along with Lorraine Janzen Kooistra and Ruth Panofsky, professors of English as named Fellows of the Royal Society of Canada's Academy of the Arts and Humanities.

Last month Ryerson hosted TIFF and presented 8 films directed by FCAD alumni, including a feature length film.

In August, with help from A. Saloojee, Ryerson hosted an international conference as part of the WC2 Network and there were over 300 participants from major cities in 6 continents.

In terms of faculty and staff engagement, last spring staff and faculty were invited to participate in the Ryerson Employee Survey in which there was a 66% participant rate, average level of engagement was 72%, and the average level of job engagement was 77%.

Upcoming convocation ceremonies - 2 Canadians will be awarded honorary doctorates. The first Maria Campbell and the second is Hassan Yussuff.

Two videos shown: 1) Highlights from Ryerson men's basketball game versus Duke University  
2) New Ryerson residency (HOEM) which has 570 students.

7.2 Communications Report - None

7.3 Report of the Secretary

7.3.1 Vice Chair election results

D. Bell provided the Vice Chair election results. Congratulations given to A. McWilliams who officially began his position with this meeting by leading one of the two Committee of the Whole discussions.

7.3.2 Update on committee memberships

D. Bell stated that all standing committee positions for Graduate and Undergraduate students have been filled but there are two vacancies for student senator positions. Requests for nominations of these two roles will commence in the upcoming week. Updates will follow at the next Senate meeting.

7.4 Committee Reports

7.4.1 Report #F2018-1 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC): M. Benarroch

7.4.1.1 Academic Policy Review Committee (APRC) – M. Moshé

**Motion:** *That Senate approve Policy #135, Final Examinations, as described in the agenda package.*

M. Moshé; A. McWilliams seconded.

M. Moshé stated that Policy #135 is one of five policies reviewed by the Academic Policy Review Committee. The review began about a year ago and the APRC asked a subcommittee to be struck, comprising stakeholders from across the university to provide feedback on areas of the policy that may require revision. The subcommittee also conducted an extensive environmental scan of similar policies at other universities. M. Moshé acknowledges the work of these subcommittee members, particularly the chair of the subcommittee, Michelle Green. The revisions made are included in the report and notably include conforming to the new Senate policy framework and the now clear definitions of an exam conflict versus an exam overload and the procedures to follow if either of those occur for a student. If Senate approves the policy, the proposed implementation would be December, 2018 exam period.

**Motion Approved.**

7.4.1.2 Update on Ryerson's Freedom of Speech Policy

President Lachemi clarified that a working group was implemented over a year ago to work on this statement.

A. McWilliams stated that the committee began its work last October with faculty, administration, and staff working together. An initial draft was brought to a Committee of the Whole the last winter term and a wide variety of feedback was received. The committee requested that a stronger

Ryerson identity be expressed. The version two draft sent to Senate incorporated these revisions but the whole committee has not yet met to finalize these revisions. The committee is to meet Thursday following the Senate meeting and A. McWilliams encouraged comments through the [freedomofexpression@ryerson.ca](mailto:freedomofexpression@ryerson.ca) email.

President Lachemi indicated that the statement regarding Ryerson's Freedom of Speech will be voted on by Senate at the next Senate meeting.

#### 7.4.1.3 Update on the review of the Senate Bylaws

D. Checkland stated that last year a committee of seven people was established to review the Senate Bylaws. The impetus for that was the creation of the Faculty of Law which will have to be included in the bylaws and involves some changes to the membership of Senate. The committee also needed to review the Senate Bylaws since Senate is now ten years old. There are two outstanding issues for possible inclusion that still need to be resolved. In the meantime, the draft will be discussed at the AGPC meeting and the report will come to Senate in November for further discussion.

8. Old Business – none

9. New Business as Circulated – none

10. Members' Business – none

11. Consent Agenda

11.1 Senate Learning and Teaching Committee Report 2017-2018

12. Adjournment at 6:45 p.m.