

**SENATE MINUTES OF MEETING (Amended)**

**Tuesday, November 6, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

| <b>EX-OFFICIO:</b> | <b>FACULTY:</b> | <b>STUDENTS:</b> |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| L. Barnoff         | D. Androutsos   | N.Chen           |
| M. Benarroch       | R. Babin        | J.Circo          |
| M. Bountrogianni   | A. Bailey       | A.Jagayat        |
| D. Brown           | T. Burke        | F. Khan          |
| D. Cramb           | D. Checkland    | J. Marriott      |
| G. Craney          | Y. Derbal       | S.Mehmood        |
| I. Crookshank      | K. Dermody      | A.Rahunathan     |
| T. Deuver          | M. Dionne       | S. Rattan        |
| C. Falzon          | S. Dolgoy       |                  |
| C. Hack            | R. Hudyma       |                  |
| M. Lachemi         | C. Kular        |                  |
| S. Liss            | K. Kumar        |                  |
| M. Moshé           | V. Magness      |                  |
| D. O'Neil Green    | D. Mason        |                  |
| A. Saloojee        | A. McWilliams   |                  |
| C. Shepstone       | R. Meldrum      |                  |
| P. Sugiman         | A. Miransky     |                  |
| D. Taras           | P. Moore        |                  |
| S. Zolfaghari      | S. Rakhmayil    |                  |

**SENATE  
ASSOCIATES:**

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

**REGRETS:**

| <b>REGRETS:</b> | <b>ABSENT:</b> |
|-----------------|----------------|
| C. Antonsecu    | F. Abdulrahman |
| A. El-Rabbany   | N. Allou       |
| R. Kucheran     | S. Benda       |
| J. Mactavish    | S. Faruqi      |
| I. Mishkel      | E. Ignagni     |
| J. Tiessen      | A. Nguyen      |
| A. Yazdani      | A .Sharma      |

1. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum

2. Approval of the Agenda

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

R. Ravindran moved; A. McWilliams seconded

**Motion Approved.**

3. Announcements – None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the minutes of the October 2, 2018 meeting*

A. McWilliams moved; R. Babin

**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 discussed the 4 convocations held on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> that awarded two honorary doctorates. One went to Maria Campbell from FCAD and the other to Hassan Yussuff from TRSM. He then thanked faculty and staff for their volunteering.

President Lachemi commented that it is too early to decide next steps in relation to the Provincial Government's decision on the Brampton campus project. He announced the establishment of a National Centre for Cyber Security in Brampton. The Chang School is also planning to offer programming in Brampton.

President Lachemi discussed the Future Skills Centre proposal. Ryerson submitted a proposal to the federal government to establish this. It is a national competition. He thanked S. Liss and the VPRI team for their dedicated and hard work on this proposal. The budget that was allocated for this initiative is estimated at \$370M for 5-6 years. The government will announce the winner by the end of November, 2018.

The Board approved the naming of the Student Learning Centre (SLC). It will be The Sheldon and Tracy Levy Student Learning Centre. The naming ceremony will take place on November 27, 2018 at the SLC.

A video was shown about the Ryerson rooftop gardening project which was initiated by students.

7.2 Communications Report – As presented in the agenda.

## 7.3 Report of the Secretary

### 7.3.1 Update on Student Senator Elections

The Secretary presented an update on Student Senators. The candidates were chosen by election and the results were finalized on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

The results are as follows: Faculty of Communication & Design representative - Naomi Chen  
At-Large representative - Simran Rattan

## 7.4 Committee Reports

### 7.4.1 Report #F2018-1 of the Yeates School of Graduate Studies Council

#### 7.4.1.1 Urban Health PhD Program – New Program proposal

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the new program proposal for the Urban Health PhD Program as described in the Senate Agenda.*

N. Walton moved; V. Magness seconded

Cory Searcy, Associate Dean, Programs, YSGS, spoke to this agenda item. Regarding the PHD report in Urban Health, it would be the first degree to explicitly focus on urban health in Canada. It is a 4-year program that will be housed in the Daphne Cockwell School of Learning. Initially the plan will accept five students per year and up to 20 students after four years. The program would require the addition of five courses. Four of these would be new core courses, and one would be an elective selected from existing courses. The program would commence in September, 2019. The feedback from the proposal has been positive with a total of 23 recommendations. He thanked those who were involved on developing the proposal.

D. Checkland referred to recommendation 14 on page 81 of the agenda (“ It is....one major course”). He was concerned that the responses to recommendations of reviewers was simply a reiteration of what had been originally stated and did not sufficiently respond to the feedback. He expressed it raised a red flag for him and might be problematic for the Quality Council as well.

Suzanne Fredericks, Master of Nursing Program Director, YSGS responded. She stated that the issue of how to respond to the feedback had been thoroughly discussed. They decided to address this concern by having students proceed with the required number of courses originally stated in the proposal. However, depending on the student feedback received from the dissertation committee, individuals in the program may be required to take additional electives that address any gaps in their knowledge. On an ongoing basis, the program will be reviewed in order to identify whether or not it requires additional theoretical or methodological approaches.

N. Thomlinson inquired about the relationship of this program to others. For example, in the proposal it mentions Geography and Urban Sustainability as possible collaborators. However, he expressed surprise as there was no mention of the PhD program in Policy Studies. Upon asking the graduate director and program administrator about this, it appeared it had not been discussed. He then referred to the response to the reviewers’ comments regarding advanced methods and theory (found on page 106). He stated that this proposal did not come before the Graduate Council of Policy Studies and wanted to know why.

Cory Searcy replied that there had been extensive consultation taken with this proposal. He stated that the community had the opportunity to provide feedback as part of the LOI, from which all comments were responded to substantially by the program. He commended Suzanne Fredericks

for her efforts in reaching out to faculty and staff on campus. He stated that this proposal is quite distinct from the Policy Studies program but acknowledged that there may be potential for students in the Urban Health program to take methods based courses that may be housed in Policy Studies. However, this is not a requirement for this proposal as it is primarily designed for students in the Nursing program.

N. Thomlinson replied that this did not answer his question regarding the consultation that did not take place with the Graduate Council of Policy Studies.

Suzanne Fredericks then replied to these comments. She stated that there had been some discussion with the previous Graduate Program Director of Policy Studies and that they will continue to have discussion with the new GPD. It was also mentioned that there are students committed to being enrolled in specific courses outside of the Urban Health program, however, the program will still be considering the potential for the courses that N. Thomlinson mentioned. The courses outside of Urban Health that are available to students will be chosen based on an individual basis so as to ensure the same methodology is applied across the board and that there is a dedicated number of spaces held within the program.

President Lachemi advised that the two departments meet to collaborate on this issue.

Pamela Robinson commented that she had talked with the Graduate Program Director of Policy Studies, Ronald Vogel, to discuss how to ensure students would not be confused when choosing which learning pathway was better for them. The admission process for a PhD in Urban Health will focus on selecting candidates with a keen interest in clinical urban health issues and that students have a policy orientation focus.

M. Dionne commented that funding is an important consideration when implementing Graduate programs. Though it is exciting and valuable to continue to implement new Graduate programs at Ryerson, it seems that the consideration of funding occasionally takes the back seat. It becomes very difficult for students to live in Toronto when funding hasn't improved. In particular, the students that it effects most are unrepresented who are vulnerable in marginalized populations. The target for funding in this proposal was originally set at \$18,000 a year for three years though it appears to be a four-year program. This is a prominent issue in these proposals where funding is often not extended for the full length of the program. The reviewers suggested that \$27,000 for four years would be a better target. By improving funding, the program can better attract top students. This issue of funding applies to Ryerson in general. The question of funding also leads into the topic of governance. When funding does come in, it is important to consider the membership of the program because this funding is created by a combination of RAs, TAs, and fellowships from YSGS which the funding of \$18,000, let alone \$27,000, will scarcely cover. Therefore, the remaining funding will need to come from faculty members with grants. Though this may be able to support the initial number of approximately five students, as the numbers increase this may become an issue. One of the problems that arises here is that some top students may not be allowed into the program if there is only a certain number of vacancies who, for the sake of funding, are selected by faculties that are able to provide funding.

Suzanne Fredericks explained that they have, and will continue to work closely with FCS to discuss funding and address these issues. She then thanked M. Dionne for raising these concerns.

A. Bailey referred to page 49 of the agenda and stated that the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing will be the accreditor for this program. The Urban Health program is not a nursing

degree, but a collaboration with other programs. She then asked if there is the potential for issues to arise from Nursing accrediting this degree when it will house other students from other programs.

Suzanne Fredericks clarified that it is not a collaboration with other programs and explained that it should not affect accreditation.

K. Kumar asked if they have a figure of dropouts from PhD and Masters Programs within their faculty.

Suzanne Fredericks replied that their completion rates are high with a very small number of dropouts. Furthermore, a significant number of their Masters students go on to complete a PhD.

President Lachemi elaborated by stating that Ryerson's Nursing program is highly competitive with the admission cutoff for 2018 sitting at 92%.

M. Vahabi indicated she had a concern similar to D. Checkland. The responses to the reviewers have not been completely addressed. In particular, they suggested that the number of courses assigned should be increased, however, the only response to this is that students will be able to take some elective courses. Given the complexity of the subject matter, is there a reason the number of courses would not be increased?

YSGS representatives replied that the length of the program in proportion to the required and elective courses that are taken, is designed to be most appropriate for the subject of urban health. In cases where students require additional theory, students will work with the supervisory committees and may then be able to take additional theory courses.

### **Motion approved.**

#### 7.4.1.2 Building Science PhD Program - New Program proposal

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the new program proposal for the Building Science PhD Program as described in the Senate Agenda*

T. Duever moved; V. Magness seconded

Cory Searcy provided a brief overview of this proposal. He stated that it would be the first PhD program in Canada focused explicitly on Building Science. It's targeted as a four-year program housed under the Department of Architectural Science. The program can initially accept two students and eventually a maximum of eight. In addition to the dissertation, the program contains four required courses. One of these would be a new core course created for PhD students and the other three would be drawn from existing MSc electives. No new resources are required for this program and it is intended to commence in September 2019. Both a desire for this program and the need for graduates of this program in the working field has been identified. Overall, the program was thoroughly reviewed and the feedback was positive. There were a total of six recommendations and all of them have been addressed by the program. He thanked everyone involved in the process.

### **Motion approved.**

#### 7.4.1.3 Literatures of Modernity Graduate Program – Periodic Program Review

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review for the Literatures of Modernity Graduate Program as described in the Senate Agenda*

V. Magness moved; M. Vahabi seconded

**Motion approved.**

7.4.1.4 Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Graduate Programs – Periodic Program Review

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the Periodic Program Review for the Mechanical and Industrial Engineering Graduate Programs as described in the Senate Agenda.*

R. Ravindran moved; T. Duever seconded

**Motion approved.**

7.4.2 Report #F2018-1 of the Academic Standards Committee (ASC): M. Moshé

7.4.2.1 Ted Rogers School of Business Management Foundational Quantitative Curriculum Modification

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the TRSM Foundational Quantitative Curriculum Modification*

M. Moshé moved; V. Magness seconded

**Motion approved.**

7.4.2.2 SOPHe Major Curriculum Modification

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the SOPHe Major Curriculum Modification*

M. Moshé moved; N. Walton seconded.

**Motion approved.**

7.4.2.3 School of Accounting & Finance Co-op Resequencing Proposal

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the School of Accounting & Finance Co-op Resequencing Proposal*

M. Moshé moved; S. Rakhmayil seconded

**Motion approved.**

7.4.2.4 RTA School of Media's Discontinuation of Concentrations in the New Media Program

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the RTA School of Media's Discontinuation of Concentrations in the New Media Program*

M. Moshé moved; P. Shannon seconded

**Motion approved.**

7.4.2.5 School of Fashion's Major Curriculum Modifications

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the School of Fashion's Major Curriculum Modifications*

M. Moshé moved; C. Falzon seconded

**Motion approved.**

#### 7.4.2.6 16 Course Proposals for Addition to the Liberal Studies Elective Table

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the 16 Course Proposals for Addition to the Liberal Studies Elective Tables.*

M. Moshé moved; A. McWilliams seconded

**Motion approved.**

#### 7.4.3 Report #F2018-2 of the Academic Governance and Policy Committee (AGPC): M. Benaroch

##### 7.4.3.1 Chemistry and Biology Bylaws

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the Chemistry and Biology Bylaws as described in the Senate Agenda*

A. McWilliams moved; K Dermody seconded

V. Magness referred to page 284 of the agenda. She stated that there was no language around secret or paper ballots and asked if this should be addressed in the bylaws. A. McWilliams said the committee has never had a request for secret ballot and can suggest to the Council that this matter be dealt with in the next revision.

M. Dionne inquired about membership of technical staff personnel and voting privileges. A. McWilliams indicated that the technical specialist representation as outlined is consistent with past and recent practices of the department.

**Motion approved**

##### 7.4.3.2 Senate Bylaws Discussion and Q&A

D. Checkland provided an update on the committee's revisions so far and referred to the Summary of proposed changes. He asked members to review the summary of changes and send feedback to the committee.

D. Mason raised concerns about the position of Vice Chair of Senate being only available to a faculty senate member and not a student Senate member. D. Checkland replied that the main reasoning behind this change is that student attendance to Senate Priorities Committee' meetings usually sees a high degree of fluctuation. Overall, both the demand of time and preparedness for these meetings are typically too much for students. For this reason, students have rarely held this role and upon consultation, most people seemed unanimous with the decision to simply decree this role to faculty Senate members only.

D. Checkland stated that he was hoping to meet with the Aboriginal Education Council to discuss indigenous representation on Senate and that he would then reach out to the other members of the committee to discuss the different ways to approach this. He then encouraged people to review the bylaws and give any feedback they may have.

##### 7.4.3.3 Ryerson's Freedom of Expression Statement

**Motion:** *That Senate approve the Freedom of Expression Statement as described in the agenda*

*Package.*

A. McWilliams moved; T. Burke seconded

A. McWilliams provided an introduction to this statement and began speaking about the timeline of the review of this statement.

Note: A large group of student protesters loudly entered the POD250 room where Senate was being held and proceeded to disrupt A. McWilliams which prevented him from completing his report.

**Motion to move the question.**

N. Thomlinson moved; M. Dionne seconded.

Note: Due to the interruption of the student protesters to the Senate room, Senators ability to proceed with business was impacted and Senate was unable to complete the agenda as planned.

**The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.**

8. Old Business - None

9. New Business as Circulated - None

10. Members' Business - None

11. Consent Agenda (For information)

11.1 Progress Indicators – November, 2018

[https://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2018/Progress\\_indicators\\_November\\_2018.pdf](https://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2018/Progress_indicators_November_2018.pdf)

11.2 Course Changes from:

[https://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2018/Course\\_Change\\_Forms\\_November\\_2018.pdf](https://www.ryerson.ca/senate/agenda/2018/Course_Change_Forms_November_2018.pdf)

- Faculty of Arts: Department of English; Department of History; Department of Politics and Public Administration
- Faculty of Communication & Design: School of Image Arts